

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Assisting Priests

Fr. Jean Robert Simbert Brice
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**Coordinators of
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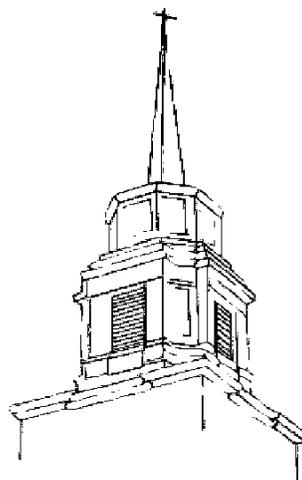
Donna Mastrovito
Dianne Gustowski

**Director, After-School Program
and Ascension Clothing Center**

Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
Lucia Clemente Falco, Asst. Dir.



MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 & 7:15
PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 10:15 AM,
12:15 PM & 7:15 PM

Weekdays

Monday-Friday 6:15 PM

Holy Days

Vigil 6:15 p.m.
Holy Day 12:15, 6:15 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
stjohnsworc@gmail.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon.-Thurs.-6:45 pm
Saturday- 3 pm

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office
at least one year prior to
planned date of marriage

Sacrament of Baptism

Please visit the parish website
under the "Sacraments" tab

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office

**Monthly Mass for Healing
Followed by the Celebration
Of the Sacrament of the Sick**

4th Tuesday of the month
6:15 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 8, 2020

4:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Friends

Sunday, August 9, 2020

8:00 AM **Jim and Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**, req. by Isabel Swalec, **Health and Intentions of John Malvarose**, req. by Wife
12:15 PM **Lawrence Seymour (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Marie Young**, req. by Dave Young

Monday, August 10, 2020

6:15 PM **Frederick Rhodes, Jr.**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

6:15 PM **Gervais Larochelle**, req. by Family

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

6:15 PM **James Elliott Marcus (7th Anniv.)**, req. by daughter Sarah

Thursday, August 13, 2020

6:15 PM **Henry W. Burak (23rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Friday, August 14, 2020

6:15 PM **Justin Horton**, req. by Family

Saturday, August 15, 2020

4:15 PM **Anna Naum**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family; **Health and Intentions of Peggy, Andy and Michael Sokolowski, George Roix and Birthday Blessings for Patricia Roix**
7:15 PM **Marianne Consolmagno**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 16, 2020

8:00 AM **James Gannon and Christopher Johnson**, req. by Family; **Leo Martella**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Edward B. Swalec, Sr.**, req. by Isabel Swalec, **Health and Intentions of John Malvarose**, req. by Wife
12:15 PM **James Elliott Marcus (7th Anniv.)**, req. by daughter Sarah; **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by wife Helen and Family
7:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Friends

The Rosary is prayed each weekday **beginning with the Angelus at 5:50 p.m.**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As baptized Christians, we are called to care for our brothers and sisters in need. This personal mission of each disciple of Jesus Christ is also reflected in the mission of the Church, including our parishes and our diocese. We are reminded daily of our mission to serve one another just as the world has been challenged to protect and preserve human life in the face of this Coronavirus.

In our own diocese, we are responding to people in need, in large part, through the 25 agencies and ministries supported by Partners in Charity. Donors who make a pledge or gift recognize that they, too, are responders by enabling others to do this work, whether specialized during this crisis, or simply made more poignant due to the pandemic. Consider for example,

- A special **COVID team of 20 priests** has been assembled and trained by the **Office for Divine Worship** to be available to give the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to those critically ill with the virus across our diocese.
- A team representing various ministries including **Worship, Communications, Catholic Schools and Fiscal Affairs** developed COVID Response procedures to keep our parishes and schools up-to-date and informed regularly about the ever-changing realities of COVID – from following health guidelines to re-opening for public liturgies including funerals for our deceased loved ones
- **Catholic Charities** and **Pernet Family Health Service** responded to families facing hunger or other needs. Catholic Charities also continued its programs in Worcester and Leominster with recovery programs for men and women dealing with substance abuse, as well as shelter services for homeless families.
- The **Development Office** and the **Fiscal Affairs Office** have been offering ongoing guidance to parishes and schools and assisted in accessing PPP loans through the CARES Act.
- **Religious Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Marriage and Family** all adapted their programs for online support to keep people engaged, informed, and on track with sacramental preparation.
- **TV Ministry** expanded programming when churches were closed and continues to bring the Sunday Mass in English and Spanish as well as Daily Masses to homebound and quarantined parishioners via cable TV and the internet.

These ministries, and so much more, are made possible thanks to the thousands of annual donors to Partners in Charity. If you are one of the 11,025 donors who have made a pledge or gift toward the 2020 appeal, please accept my sincere thanks.

If you have NOT yet made a pledge or gift, now is the time. With only a few weeks left, we need your help. I cannot imagine what it would have been like these past few months if these agencies and ministries had not been able to respond. *This crisis isn't over.* We need every gift to assure that we can continue to respond after September 1 when our new fiscal year begins.

As Christians, we give out of gratitude to God so that we can be witnesses of God's love to others in need. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenged his disciples to share their five loaves and two fish in order to feed thousands of people. As Christian stewards, when we share our treasure in thanksgiving we too can respond to the needs of others in miraculous ways for, with God's help, all things are possible. Whether you make a pledge or gift of \$50 or \$5,000, today is your chance to offer relief to those in need. Please use the attached card or go online to partners-charity.net and be counted as a Partner in Charity.

Please be assured of my prayers for your health and safety and that of all your loved ones during these challenging months to come.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Int.: Respite, Domine, in testamentum tuum, Ps.
74: 20, 19, 22, 23

(Remember, O Lord, your covenant, and do not abandon forever the souls of the poor...)

Op.: # 616 Praise to the Lord LOBE DEN
HERREN

Ps. 85. "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Prep.: # 675 He Comes to Us as One Unknown REPTON

Comm.: Panis quem ego dedero, Jn 6: 52
(The bread which I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.)

950 I Am the Bread of Life

Cl.: # 610 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

REMINDER:

Holy Communion will be distributed at 11:30 AM on Sunday morning and **Confessions** will be heard on Saturday at 3:00 PM.

For both, please enter off of Harding Street and proceed behind the rectory and church to the communion station/confessional. Please wear a mask at all times and remain in your vehicle.

LIVE STREAMING- Sunday Masses will be live-streamed according the following schedule on the parish Facebook Page:

Saturday Vigil: Live-streamed @ 4:15 PM

Sunday Mass: Live-streamed @ 10:15 AM

JOIN OUR GENERAL FLOCKNOTE GROUP

- We encourage you to stay connected through Flocknote during this challenging time and receive Father Madden's weekly messages and other important updates. We encourage you to use the commenting feature on Flocknote to share your thoughts, concerns, and prayers - so our community as a whole can provide support and prayers as needed.

NOT ON FLOCKNOTE? Simply fill out the short form on the parish website to connect to St. John's on Flocknote. You can choose which groups in the parish you would like to hear from.

PLASTIC BAG DONATIONS are still being accepted and can be dropped off at the St. Francis Xavier Center, the Rectory or left in the back of the church. Thank you.

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN DAILY

LIFE- A 30 week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer. The program will begin in October 2020. Each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes long and will include reflection, direction and presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester at 6:30 PM, adjacent to Clark University. Information nights will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30 PM at St. Peter's lower church, 929 Main St., Worcester, on Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 PM at St. John's upper church, and Tuesday, August 25^h at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H Putnam Rd. Extension, Charlton. To read about The Spiritual Exercises, information and application forms are available ignatianspiritualexercisesworces-ter.com. You can also contact the team by e-mail worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

PIETA-WORCESTER is an ongoing support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at St. George Church, 40 Brattle St. The next meeting will be held August 10 at 7 PM in the church hall. For more information, call Terry Gentile at 508-284-0796 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887, or pieta3@gmail.com.

HOLY HOUR FOR LAY PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR

PRIESTS - On Friday, August 14 from 7 - 8 pm, a holy hour for lay people to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us for this important act of service and prayer for our priests. *Repeats every second Friday of the month.*

PICKING UP THE PIECES: Evangelizing During the Pandemic (Zoom.com Sharing Session) - Many Catholics are stepping up to help others and to share their faith in Jesus Christ with them. Choose one of three FREE 90 min. sharing sessions - Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm; Thursday, August 27 at 7:00 pm; or Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 am. Send time/date, your name, phone, and email to boucherjohn@hotmail.com by August 18 to receive Zoom video session link. (Zoom account not required.) Hosted by Worcester Parish Renewal and Evangelization Committee.

In Our Catholic Community...

SUMMER CHANCERY HOURS- Although the chancery is not yet open to the public, employees have been working in various departments throughout the crisis, both in office and at home. Beginning this Friday, June 19 through August 21 we will be CLOSED on Fridays.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER-

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Let God amplify the love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are September 12-13, 2020 in Medway, MA and Oct 16-18, 2020 in TBD, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET -

If you do not have Facebook and cannot stream the Mass here at St. John's, tune in on Monday through Friday on Charter TV3 on channel 193 at 9 AM for the local Daily Mass on cable celebrated by various priests from around our diocese. Also airs at 4:30 pm in Shrewsbury on Ch. 28, and 5 pm in Clinton area on Ch. 8. In addition Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Family Rosary all continue to stream on the Diocesan website, worcesterdioocese.org, and can be uploaded for automatic updating on eCatholic websites.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL

MISCONDUCT- If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5999.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$695.00	Restoration- \$84.00
Parking- \$65.00	Stipends- \$895.00

Total- \$7738.16 **Unrestricted-** \$7654.16 **Restricted-** \$84.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$50 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$30 IMO Jelena Gorgievski; \$40 IHO Albert Feldman; \$50 IMO Msgr. Tinsley; \$25 IMO Jennifer Lamby; \$100 IMO John M. Shea

Expenses- \$15,353.96

Elevator Repair (360.00) Altar (1500.00) Administration (4438.98) Ascension Phone (152.99) Clergy Benefit Plan (1007.00) State Payroll Taxes (956.84) Federal Payroll Taxes (2510.94) Stipends (1125.00) House (1428.25) Funerals (152.80) Legal Expenses (1053.00) Copier (668.16)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$2569.62
Expenses- \$8035.55

This weekend's Second Collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of David Romeo, Beverly Erickson and Ron Theriault who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

— Luke 14:12-14