

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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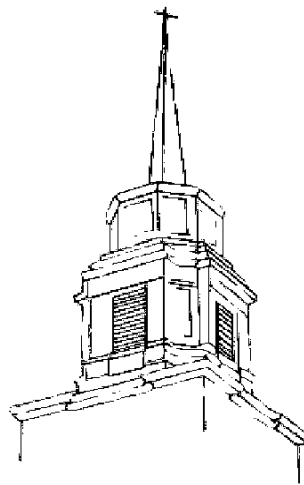
Donna Mastrovito
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**Director, After-School Program
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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 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

Monday, August 17, 2020

6:15 PM **Helen Largess Crewe**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

6:15 PM **Paul Murphy (100th Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Murphy Family

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

6:15 PM **Joan Hickey**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family; **Bill Pugliese and John Gingras**, req. by Family

Thursday, August 20, 2020

6:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

Friday, August 21, 2020

6:15 PM **Francisco Austriaco**, req. by Family

Saturday, August 22, 2020

4:15 PM **John Michael Cahill, Jr. (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Frank Wright**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 23, 2020

8:00 AM **The O'Keefe Family**, req. by Family; **Ellie Gaudette and Jeff Calcagni**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Edward B. Swalec, II**, req. by Isabel Swalec

12:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for Matthew Garofoli**, req. by Family; **Lolita Catalan**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Dan Best**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

For me, it is the weekends which are most difficult. As we all know, nothing is like it used to be. Yet, I am finding the weekdays are not too bad. It is different; there is the ever-present concern and uncertainty; but not too bad. The weekends, though, are rough. I miss having everyone around. In response, I am trying to remain and, even, deepen my gratitude for our parish community. St. John's is a great parish. Which is to say, that St. John's is a communion of wonderful, faith-filled people. What I appreciate, perhaps most of all, is the uniqueness of St. John's. In so many different ways, thanks to so many different people, we are a unique parish, perhaps the most unique of all.

An excellent example of this reality is that we are blessed with our very own Biblical Scholar-in-Residence. As you know, for the past several years, Dr. Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, now a professor in the Religious Studies Department at Holy Cross, has led our parish bible study. We began with a lectionary-based program. Meaning, of course, that we prayed with reflected on and studied the readings for the coming Sunday Mass. We used this method for four years. Progressing through the three-year cycle plus one. I personally found it a terrific and helpful experience. I know that I was not alone.

Now, this unique St. John's experience is available on a much wider scale. Each week Mahri would provide us with a two-page study guide which included the readings themselves, notes on each of the readings and questions to ponder. Liturgical Press has been wise enough to publish those guides (with her edits and updates) as part of its Little Rock Scripture Study series. So, I join you in congratulating Mahri on the publication of her book, *Ponder: Contemplative Bible Study for Year B*. The First Sunday of Advent, November 29 begins Year B. Following them, of course, will be books to ponder for Years C and A.

When I give thanks to God for St. John's, your generosity is always included with your uniqueness. In that spirit, Mahri has donated several books to us. If you would like a copy, just contact the rectory so we can decide on the best way to get a copy to you. The book's Introduction is beautiful, you will find it familiar and appreciate it. The Bible study itself will help you, too. Indeed, you will be able to come to see the Scriptures, to quote Mahri, as "gorgeous."

Speaking of generous, we have surpassed our goal for Partners in Charity. In this difficult time, I am especially grateful to those who have donated. If you would like to donate, the drive lasts through this month.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Int.: *Protector noster aspice*, Ps 84: 10, 11
(Behold, O God our protector, and consider
the face of your Anointed...)

Op.: # 689 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Ps 67, "O God, let all the nations praise you!

Prep.: # 818 Help Us Accept Each Other
Comm.: *Domus mea*, Mt 21: 13

(My house will be called a house of prayer,
says the Lord; everyone who asks here will re-
ceive, he who seeks ill find...)

#663 Seek Ye First

Cl.: # 824 In Christ There Is No East or West

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 56:1,6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

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 com-
munion 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 im-
portant updates. We encourage you to use the com-
menting feature on Flocknote to share your
thoughts, concerns, and prayers - so our communi-
ty 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 approxi-
mately ninety minutes long and will include reflection, direc-
tion and presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday eve-
nings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester at 6:30pm, adjacent to
Clark University. Information nights: St. Peter's lower church
on Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30pm, 929 Main St., Worcester
and Tuesday, August 25^h at 6:30pm at St. Joseph's Church, 10
H Putnam Rd. Extension, Charlton. To read about The Spiritu-
al Exercises, information and application forms are available
at www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworchester.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 be-
reaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a
child is welcome to attend. Meetings are held the second Mon-
day of the month at St. George Church, 40 Brattle St. The next
meeting will be held September 14 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.

PICKING UP THE PIECES: Evangelizing During the Pan-
demic (Zoom.com Sharing Session) - Many Catholics are step-
ping 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 oucherjohn@hotmail.com by Au-
gust 18 to receive Zoom video session link. (Zoom account not
required.) Hosted by Worcester Parish Renewal and Evangeli-
zation Committee.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL HEALTH,

Central Mass is offering a free on-line (Zoom) 8 week Family
to Family program that offers education, support, advocacy and
resources for family caregivers and friends of individuals with
severe mental illness. It discusses treatments, teaches skills fami-
lies need and much more. The class will run for 8 straight
Monday nights from 9/28-11/16 from 6:30 to 9 PM. To enroll
please email Robin at robinbahr1@gmail.com or Ben at [ben-
cortes619@gmail.com](mailto:ben-
cortes619@gmail.com) and place F2F in the subject line along
with your name, phone number. All are welcome.

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 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 web-sites.

CAR DONATION PROGRAM- Visit our website to donate your vehicle online at www.ccworc.org or call 1-888-CAR-7308 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program. The car in your driveway can help us to continue to offer many services to children, families and elders in our community so that they may regain home for a brighter future. Thank you!

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8052.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$201.00	Restoration- \$82.00
Assumption- \$60.00	Stipends- \$1215.00
Donation- \$300.00	Eastern Europe- \$322.00

Total- \$10,232.16 **Unrestricted-** \$9828.16 **Restricted-** \$404.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$395 IMO Bette O'Donnell; \$50 IMO Remigio and Emerentiana; \$50 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$15 from a friend; \$150 IMO Joe and Irene Capurso; \$500 IMO Richard and Eleanor O'Toole; \$100 IMO Jim McDonald; \$50 IMO John McDonald; \$80 IMO Sue Moynagh; \$500 from St. Mary's, Milford; \$300 IMO Jack Mias

Expenses- \$8301.36

Altar (143.77) Administration (4797.48) House (459.15) Envelopes (713.81) Haitian Apostolate (562.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (925.02) Ascension Electric (258.60) Eastern Europe (322.00) Church Alarm (119.53)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$3527.00
Expenses- \$5198.86

This weekend's Second Collection is for the Assumption of Mary.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of James Dacey, James Harris and Cannon Hinnant who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Nicholas Ivan Conrad who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

**"I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts,
then there is no hurt, but only more love"**

-Mother Theresa