

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Fr. Jean Robert Simbert Brice
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**Coordinators of
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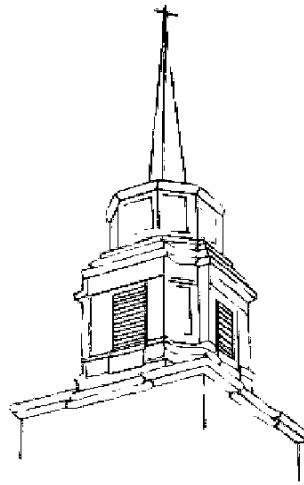
Donna Mastrovito
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**Director, After-School Program
and Ascension Clothing Center**

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 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

Monday, August 24, 2020

6:15 PM **Brian O'Connell**, req. by a Friend

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

6:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

6:15 PM **Peter Campanale**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Thursday, August 20, 2020

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

Friday, August 21, 2020

6:15 PM **Jane Wiedhahn**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Saturday, August 22, 2020

4:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **David Sheehy**, req. by Family; **Anne Peloquin (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Ann Sarasin and Family

Sunday, August 23, 2020

8:00 AM **Rose Johnson**, req. by Family; **Matthew Covello (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Walter and Katharina Perduta**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Andrew Shea (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Sons and their Mother; **Anna Naum**, req. by Daughter Janet and Grandsons

7:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

It was an interesting year for us in Religious Ed! We were blessed with fabulous catechists who are more than dedicated to passing on the faith to our youngest parishioners. The kids, as always, were fabulous, as were their parents. We have the best kids in the world! (I am not exaggerating. I speak with other DREs all the time; we have none of the problems other programs have.) The children participate in serving at Mass, even when class is not in session. I am grateful to the People of St. John's for making them feel welcomed and loved. You have no idea how the simplest acts of kindness and support have the biggest impact on building up the church.

Sacramentally, we again had large classes, 25 students each in First Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation. My thanks to Donna Mastrovito and Dan Shaughnessy for running such great programs. (One less thing for me to think about!) We are starting to see a return on our investment in our teens, as many of them ask to come back and volunteer. Please pray for them. They are so challenged by the world and its pressures. They need our love and support desperately.

I have no idea what our 2020/2021 school year will look like. Fr. Madden and I are paying close attention to the state's guidelines, as they can change on a dime. The Religious Ed team is meeting next week via Zoom to discuss our options. My goal is some sort of in-house presence, even if it is on a limited basis. We will keep you posted. Please check the bulletin and Flocknote for updates. I do know that we will need a lot more volunteers. If you want to help us out, email me at dhgustowski@gmail.com. Thank you.

Eight years ago, Fr. Madden offered me the job of Religious Education Coordinator. I thought he was crazy. This was the absolute last job I ever wanted. He was right, though. This is the best job I have ever had! Seriously, it does not even seem like work at times. My thanks to Fr. Madden and all his support; our catechists – Adele, Liz, Kerri, Carmen, Patti, Sheila, Larry, Tim, Roxanne, and Tara; our volunteers who get us from point A to point B; and you, the People of St. John's. I may live in Holden, but St. John's is my home.

Dianne Gustowski,
Religious Education Coordinator

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Int.: *Inclina, Domine, aurem tuam*, Ps 86: 1, 2, 3
(Incline your ear to me, O Lord, and hear me...)

Op.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Ps 138, "Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake
the work of your hands.

Prep.: # 645 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Comm.: *De fructu operum tuorum*, Ps 104: 13, 14,
15

(The earth will be satisfied by the work of your
hands, O Lord...)

675 He Comes To Us as One Unknown

Cl.: # 631 Father, We Thank You, Who Have Plant-
ed

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

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 pro-
ceed behind the rectory and church to the commun-
ion station/confessional. Please wear a mask at all
times and remain in your vehicle.

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

Saturday Vigil: Live-streamed @ 4:15 PM

Sunday Mass: Live-streamed @ 10:15 AM

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SILUVA

(SPETEMBER 8) will be commemorated at the
4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, September 5. As al-
ways the Mass will be live streamed. The appear-
ance of Our Lady in 1608 in Lithuania is believed to
be the first apparition of the Mother of God in Eu-
rope. It happened at a time when Lithuania was liv-
ing through one of her darkest hours. Our Lady of
Siluva is credited with the re-birth of the Catholic
faith. So, again in these difficult days of pandemic,
our Lithuanian Community - and all of us - rely up-
on the intercession of Mary to draw us closer to her
Son.

JOIN OUR GENERAL FLOCKNOTE GROUP- We en-
courage you to stay connected through Flocknote during this
challenging time and receive Father Madden's weekly mes-
sages 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.

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 se-
cond Monday of the month at St. George Church, 40 Brat-
tle 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
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; Thurs-
day, 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.

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 discuss-
es treatments, teaches skills families 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 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/>.

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 6:30pm, adjacent to Clark University. Information nights: Tuesday, August 25^h at 6:30pm at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H Putnam Rd. Extension, Charlton. To read about The Spiritual Exercises, information and application forms are available at www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworchester.com. You can also contact the team by e-mail worcpex19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5542.89. We have also received:

Online Donations-	\$9780.56	Monthly-	\$10.00
Restoration-	\$55.00	Stipends-	\$350.00
School Rent-	\$4833.72	Assumption-	\$469.00

Total- \$21,041.17 **Unrestricted-** \$20986.17 **Restricted-** \$55.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 IMO Ruth Schelin; \$100 IMO Robert J. Contois; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 IMO Bette O'Donnell; \$20 IMO Dan O'Leary

Expenses- \$15,716.06

Administration (3198.90) Schola (1242.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (823.82) Church Landscape Maintenance (600.00) Ascension Landscape Maintenance (377.77) Funerals (152.80) Church Electric (865.65) Rectory Electric (1431.61) Diocesan Budget Bill (7040.24)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$4077.00

Expenses- \$5081.50

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Suzanne Nicholas and John Coleman who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Sullivan Joseph Laverty who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“In prayer we shift the center of living from self-consciousness to self-surrender. God is the center toward which all forces tend. He is the source, and we are the flowing of His force, the ebb and flow of His tide.”

—Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel