

*"To Preserve The Flame"*  
**SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH**

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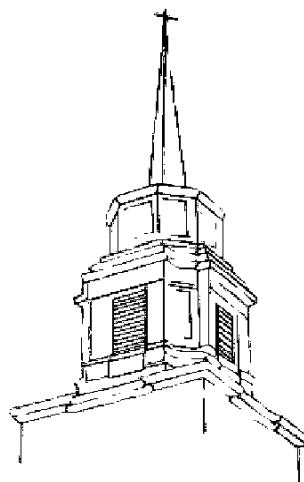
Donna Mastrovito  
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**Director, After-School Program  
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

**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](mailto: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 29, 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 30, 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

Monday, August 31, 2020

6:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by a Friend

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

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

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

6:15 PM **Paul Bottis**, req. by a Friend

Thursday, September 3, 2020

6:15 PM **Pat Gaudette**, req. by Family

Friday, September 4, 2020

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Saturday, September 5, 2020

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Member of F.O.S.S.; For Our Lady of Siluva's Intercession and Protection for the Community of St. John's**

7:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 6, 2020

8:00 AM **Ann Sullivan**, req. by Family; **Carol Santa Maria**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife Helen and Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The work inside the church was completed this week. It is beautiful. Yet another reason I wish that we were all back together again. Here is the recap of the scope of the work: the pews have been refurbished, the flooring underneath the pews, the carpet throughout the main church and the floor treads at the entrance have all been replaced. The walls, where needed, have been patched and painted. Did I mention that it is beautiful? My thanks to Cole Contracting for their cooperation, efforts, and skill. There is still work ongoing. At present, the bathroom in the suite that Fr. Brice will occupy is being redone – and he deserves it! There is also plenty of work about to begin on the exterior of both the church (repairing and replacing gutters and downspouts) and the rectory (repairing part of the roof, replacing and repairing gutters and downspouts and removing the small tree in one of the chimneys).

Obviously, this work costs money. Thanks to your weekly generosity and to a generous bequest that we received this year we are able to afford the cost of maintaining our historic buildings. Indeed, when Fiscal Year 2019/2020 ends on this coming Tuesday we will have a significant operating surplus this year. This is not unusual but given what a struggle that 2020 has been for so many, I am especially grateful for your generosity and kindness. When the year ends, Team Archibald will prepare an annual report for the Finance Committee. After they review and approve it the report will be published. Hopefully, we will all be back together, and you will be able to see it with the bulletin. Either way, it will be available through Flocknote and the parish website, as well. The Annual Report for our Food for the Poor program will also be made available – and will look as good as the parish report, too.

At every Mass since the pandemic began, we have been concluding the Prayers of the Faithful with the Prayer in Time of Pandemic. We will continue to do so. To add more voices to this prayer and others, we are preparing a prayer sheet. It will have the Gloria and the Creed (because I cannot memorize the “new” translation!), the Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel and the Prayer in Time of Pandemic. These sheets will be available beginning next weekend. Since we cannot have the sheets remain in the church, we are asking those attending Mass here on Temple Street take a sheet for yourself and bring it with you in the weeks ahead. Those who attend Mass through the live stream can find the prayers both on the parish website and in the weekly Flocknote emails.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Int.: *Miserere mihi Domine, quoniam ad te*, Ps. 86: 3, 5

Op.: # 705 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Ps. 63, "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you my God."

Alleluia # 208

Prep.: # 761 Take Up Your Cross

Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, Reciting tone 'Amen',  
311

Comm.: *Qui vult venire*, Mt 16: 24

(If someone wishes to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.)

# 712 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Cl.: # 541 O God, Beyond All Praising

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

### 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 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 always the Mass will be live streamed. The appearance of Our Lady in 1608 in Lithuania is believed to be the first apparition of the Mother of God in Europe. It happened at a time when Lithuania was living 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 upon the intercession of Mary to draw us closer to her Son.

### PONDER: CONTEMPLATIVE BIBLE STUDY,

**YEAR B** - This book, the fruit of our parish Bible Study and Professor Mahri Leonard-Fleckman's scholarship and faith, are still available. Please contact the rectory for a free copy. NB: only a few copies remain.

**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.

**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 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](mailto:pieta3@gmail.com).

### 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 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](mailto:robinbahr1@gmail.com) or Ben at [bencortes619@gmail.com](mailto:bencortes619@gmail.com) and place F2F in the subject line along with your name, phone number. All are welcome.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S GROUP IN WORCESTER-

Christ the King Parish will host a new (relatively) men's group meeting for prayer and spiritual development on First Fridays (Sept. 4), 7:30-8:30 p.m., in the Church, 1052 Pleasant St., Worcester The format will vary, but will incorporate prayer, the rosary, spiritual reading and discussion (and maybe get a bite to eat off campus). All Catholic men are invited and welcome.

### In Our Catholic Community...

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA-** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish will begin its Miraculous Medal Novena Tuesday, September 1 for 9 consecutive Tuesday evenings at 7 PM, through October 27. A great opportunity for graces and the tremendous power of intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of our parish. Mark the dates and plan to come and bring a friend. This year's speakers are September 1, Msgr. Stephen Pedone; September 8, Msgr. Robert K. Johnson; September 15, Rev. John F. Madden; September 22, Rev. Frederick D. Fraini; September 29, Bishop McManus; October 6, Rev. Jonathan J. Slavinkas; October 13, Deacon Paul Audette; October 20, Msgr. Thomas J. Sullivan; October 27, Rev. Juan D. Echavarría.

### **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<sup>h</sup> 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](http://www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworchester.com). You can also contact the team by e-mail [worcspex19@gmail.com](mailto:worcspex19@gmail.com) or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

### Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5407.16. We have also received:

Parking- \$175.00      Stipends- \$850.00  
Donation- \$650.00

**Total- \$7082.16 Unrestricted- \$7082.16 Restricted- \$0.00**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$145 IMO Suzanne Nicholas; \$50 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend

**Expenses-** \$11,624.73

Schola (271.60) Administration (5544.27) Rectory Gas (63.94) Church Gas (19.00) Ascension Gas (19.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (1099.46) Funerals (152.80) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Marriage Prep (27.50) Office Supplies and Postage (1309.99) Legal Expense (2170.00) Preserve the Flame (272.00) Rectory Alarm (36.90) CCD (159.27)

**Food for the Poor**

Expenses- \$2651.84

**YEAR TO DATE-** We ended the month of August with a cash operating loss of \$10,861.83. This leaves our cash operating gain for FY 19/20 at over \$80,000. This is remarkable given the struggle that 2020 has been. Thank you for your great generosity to the mission of St. John's. This ends the present fiscal year. An Annual Report will be prepared and published when completed and reviewed by the Fin Com.

### Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Kevin Brenner who has been born into eternal life.

### **Word of Life**

**“Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. ...Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask.”**

**— Jesus' words to St. Faustina as recorded in her Diary**