

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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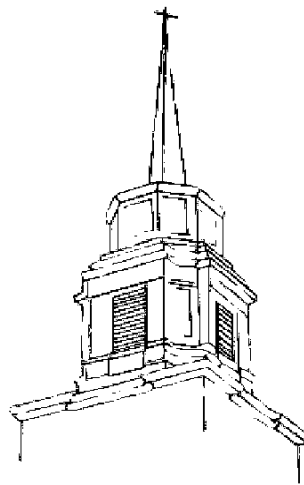
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Music Ministry

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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
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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, September 12, 2020

4:15 PM **Alphonse Krusas**, req. by Family; **Hannah-Mary O'Connell**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 13, 2020

8:00 AM **The Gannon and Spurr Families**, req. by Family; **Alexander "Al" Drisco**, req. by Patty, Nancy, Lorraine and Friends at VAAH

10:15 AM **Helen M. Reilly**, req. by Ursula Arello and Eleanora; **Joseph Donovan, Sr. (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **John Belanger (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Milton Joseph Pepim, Sr.**, req. by Wife Helen and Family

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

Monday, September 14, 2020

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Ron Abraham**, req. by Family

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

6:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

6:15 PM **Rose and Joseph Pezzella**, req. by Family

Thursday, September 17, 2020

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

Friday, September 18, 2020

6:15 PM **Patrick, Della and David Dillon**, req. by Family

Saturday, September 19, 2020

4:15 PM **Bill (5th Anniv.) and Robert (Month's Mind) Abbruzzese**, req. by Family; **Joseph V. Kane**, req. by Wife Barbara

7:15 PM **Frances and David Vautrain**, req. by Niece Barbara Thompson

Sunday, September 20, 2020

8:00 AM **Eddie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Peggy Palmer (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Health and Intentions of John Malvarose; Stasey Vaitkunas**, req. by Daughter Danute

12:15 PM **Anthony and Florence Polito**, req. by Ursula Arello and Eleanora Winston

7:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Fr. Gerhard Lohfink, a German theologian, has become one of my favorite authors. If I actually understood more than a third of what he writes I may or may not be able to still say so! His latest book is *Prayer Takes Us Home: The Theology and Practice of Christian Prayer* just arrived, and I look forward to doing my best with it. In 2012, our Catholic Book Club explored his *Jesus of Nazareth: What He Wanted, Who He Was*. It was a challenge, but we were all happy that we gave it a try. Whenever I come across Gospel passages like we hear today, I am reminded of his book. Particularly, the subtitle. The truth is that often enough, the listen to him, observe him and try to explore his mission and understand his identity.

In today's passage from Matthew's Gospel, then, Peter approaches Jesus with a question. He had listened, observed, and pondered such that it was he who professes Jesus to be "the Christ, the Son of the Living God." From there is the prediction of the Passion, the Transfiguration, the Parable of the Lost Sheep and a plan for communal correction. All of which gives Peter a deeper understanding, and so he asks: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" It is an understandable question. God is merciful by nature. For us it is more of a question. The parable which follows answers the question clearly. Given that we are not merciful by our very nature, it is critical that we accept this is who Jesus is and what Jesus wants of us. Only then, can we prepare ourselves for the grace needed to forgive the one who sins against us seventy-seven times.

We have renewed our sponsorship of Darwens through the Be Like Brit Foundation. For those of you on Flocknote, you may have seen the update that we were provided on Darwens' progress.. We are always happy to support this extraordinary mission as a parish community. I know that many of you also sponsor a child as a family. I encourage everyone, especially in this challenging time of the pandemic, to consider a sponsorship, too.

Two quick notes:

The Annual Novena in Honor of St. Therese will begin on Wednesday, September 23rd and conclude on the Feast Day of the Little Flower, Thursday, October 1st.

The Parish Council will meet on Monday, September 21st in the St. Francis Xavier Center at 7 p.m. We will be discussing the results of the Parish Survey.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER SHEETS AND BULLETINS are available at the back of the church. Please remember you must take them with you when you leave. Please do not leave them in the pews. The prayer sheet contains the Gloria and the Creed, the Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel and the Prayer in Time of Pandemic.

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Int: Da pacem, Domine, Sir 36: 18

(Grant peace to those who are waiting for you, O Lord...hear the prayers of your servant and of your people, Israel.)

Op.: # 616 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Ps 103, "The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion."

Alleluia: # 208 Gregorian

Prep.: # 967 Forgive Our Sins

Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, common tone
"Amen", # 311

Comm.: Tollite hostias, Ps 96: 8, 9

(Bring up your sacrifices and come into his courts; adore the Lord in his holy temple.)

812 O God of Every Nation

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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sir 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

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

THE US CENSUS BUREAU will be at all Masses THIS weekend, September 12 and 13. If you have not already registered with the Census, please feel free to see the Census 2020 personnel.

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.

LECTORING AT MASS- Anyone wishing to continue as a lector, please see Dolores before or after Mass in the sacristy to work out a schedule. Thank you.

RESPONDING TO RECENT NATURAL DISASTERS-

In solidarity with our brothers in sisters who are struggling to recover from natural disasters in Louisiana and California, Bishop McManus along with his brother Bishops are asking Catholics around the country to donate to the Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund which funds relief efforts led by Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services. If you would like to make a donation to help those impacted by recent disasters including Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires, please visit worcesterdiocese.org for more information on where to send a check or to make an online contribution. Please keep all the families who have lost everything as a result of these disasters in your prayers.

THE VILLAGE AT ASCENSION HEIGHTS, located at 42 Vernon Street in Worcester, is now accepting applications for its open waiting list. Applicants must be 62 years of age or older and meet HUD low income guidelines. All apartments are one bedroom. For more information or an application please call (508) 752 -5590.

2000 HAIL MARY'S- On Wednesday, October 7, join us virtually in praying 2000 Hail Mary's through the recitation of all the mysteries of the Holy Rosary (Glorious, Joyful, Luminous and Sorrowful). You can join at any time of the day from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. You can go to our parish website stjohnsworcester.org and sign up for your prayer time slot for an hour or as many hours as you would like. Because of the Pandemic, we will be praying the rosary at home instead of in Church. We will do this in thanksgiving for graces we received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary during this difficult time and for her protection from Covid -19 through the power of the Holy Rosary. The schedule is 8:00 AM - Start of the Rosary; 3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet (resume the Rosary immediately after); and 7:00 PM - End of the Rosary. As part of this celebration, you can hear Mass via live stream or in Church at 6:15 PM, and also send a free will offering. You may donate online or send your check to St. John's, 44 Temple Street, Worcester, MA 01604. All are welcome to join.

In Our Catholic Community...

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish began its Miraculous Medal Novena Tuesday, September 1st and will run 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.

EXODUS 90: YOUNG ADULT MEN'S PROGRAM- Attention Young Adult Men! Are you looking to revamp your prayer life, grow in self-discipline, and find community with other men striving to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ? If so, then we invite you to join us for Exodus 90, a 90 day spiritual program focused on prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. If you are interested, we will have an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30 PM on Zoom. The program itself will begin on September 26. To get the Zoom link for the meeting and for complete details on the program, go to neworchester.org/exodus-90.

VIRTUAL CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD EVENT- On October 26 at 6 PM Bishop McManus will host a Virtual Celebrate Priesthood gala to continue to raise needed financial support for Retired Priests' Care. Please see the attached letter for more details and share with parishioners in your bulletins at Mass, on your website and in your emails/Flocknotes to parishioners. Thank you.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5316.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$696.00	Restoration- \$242.00
Parking- \$70.00	Stipends- \$375.00
Donation- \$100.00	Days Pay- \$60.00
School Rent- \$4833.72	

Total- \$11,692.88 **Unrestricted-** \$11,450.88 **Restricted-** \$0242.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$205 IMO Kevin Brenner; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$75 from a friend; \$100 IMO Jean Sullivan; \$100 IMO Barbara Donoghue

Expenses- \$8060.46

Schola (421.60) Elevator Inspection (337.50) Administration (4394.21) Clergy Benefit Plan (1057.00) Advertising (200.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (954.34) Locksmith (66.55) Ascension Electric (349.26) House (280.00)

Food for the Poor
Income- \$4647.73
Expenses- \$1954.08

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekend's second collection is the One Day's Pay Collection.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Nicole Bergeron, Dianna Rigg and Scott Bishop who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“Bear with one another; Forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as God has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect,”

Colossians 3:11-14