

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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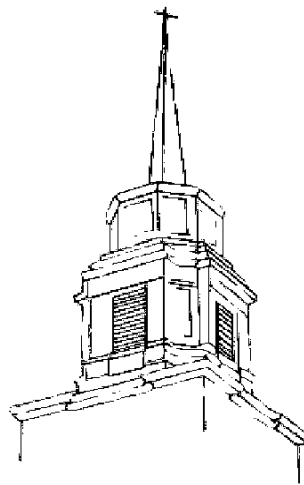
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
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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
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, 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

Monday, September 21, 2020

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

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

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

6:15 PM **Lolita Catalan**, req. by Family

Thursday, September 24, 2020

6:15 PM **Frank Wright**, req. by Family

Friday, September 25, 2020

6:15 PM **Albert B. O'Donnell (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Saturday, September 26, 2020

4:15 PM **George and Elizabeth Snyder and Son George**, req. by Family; **John Trumpaitis (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Friends

Sunday, September 27, 2020

8:00 AM **Eugene Foley (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Mrs. A.B. Sue Moynagh**, req. by Lorraine Laurie

10:15 AM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

12:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for John Garofoli, Nicolina Pasquale and Paloma Garofoli**, req. by Family; **Blanche Richards**, req. by Family

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,

On Wednesday, we begin our Annual Novena in Honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. It concludes on her Feast Day, Thursday, October 1st. We will do the prayers together at the daily 6:15 p.m. and all the weekend Masses. The livestream schedule is the same, as well. If you would like a Novena booklet, contact the rectory. We could send it to you or arrange for you to pick it up.

One of the suggestions that we received through the parish survey (which the Parish Council will be discussing at our meeting on Monday) was that we conduct the Novena in Honor of the Little Flower more in the manner that we do the Novena of Grace in Honor of St. Francis Xavier. I have thought the same thing over the years. However, I wonder if Therese would agree? After all, she championed the Little Way.

Each year, I tape a quote on the cover of my appointment book. It is one that I have come across during the previous year which strikes me as apropos of the time. Next year's quote has not yet come to the fore. Though, I think one from Jesus Himself is a real possibility: "Fear is useless, what is needed is faith" seems to sum up our experience of 2020. The quote I have on the cover now is a reflection by Ronald Knox on the particular gift of St. Therese, "Little t" as Dorothy called her, for the Church:

It was, and is, an overeducated age that needs to sit at the feet of an undereducated saint. We must go to her for lessons in simplicity because our brains are tired out and distracted by the multiplicity of the world in which we live, its clashing interests, its jarring battle cries, its irreconcilable philosophies.

We have got to learn that the way to God for this or that soul is not through comparing or contrasting all these rival claims upon our intellectual adhesion, making a synthesis of them and reducing them to theology.

The way to God lies in turning our backs on these images, shutting our ears to these interruptions, adhering to Him by a simple, personal approach, by cultivating a sense of intimacy by which he makes himself immediately present to the Christian soul."

Or, as Jesus says, what is needed is faith!

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THE TWENTY-FIFTH 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.: *Salus populi ego*, Ps 37: 38, 40, 28

(I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord; from whatever tribulations they cry out to me, I will give heed to them; and I will be their Lord forever.)

Op.: # 601 The God of Abraham Praise LEONI/
YIGDAL

Ps 145, Response: The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Alleluia: Gregorian

Prep.: # 572 I Sing the Mighty Power of God MOZART

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

Comm.: *Tu mandasti*, Ps 119: 4, 5

(You have ordered that your commandments be kept diligently; O that my ways may be guided towards the keeping of your statutes.)

857 For the Fruits of All Creation AR HYD Y NOS

Cl.: # 805 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending RUSTINGTON

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 55:6-9

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16a

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

CCD REGISTRATION is available on the parish website for the 2020/2021 school year. We hope to begin classes in November, both in person and remotely. Even if you plan on completely remote learning, please register your children. Pflaum Gospel Weeklies has a digital version, and a headcount is needed to order. Also, we are in need of several teachers. If interested, please contact Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com. Thank you!

RESPONDING TO RECENT NATURAL DISASTERS-

TERS- 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 worcesterdioocese.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

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 1 f 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 22, Rev. Frederick D. Fraini; September 29, Bishop McManus; October 6, Rev. Jonathan J. Slavinskis; October 13, Deacon Paul Audette; October 20, Msgr. Thomas J. Sullivan; October 27, Rev. Juan D. Echarria.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS- Join us for the traveling holy hour for vocations on Monday, September 21 at 7 PM at Saint Anthony of Padua, 84 Salem St., Fitchburg. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese. Facemasks required.

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. The program 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 Monday, 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. For more information please visit worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood-1. All are welcome to join.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5865.16. We have also received:

Online- \$11,562.65 Parking- \$35.00
Stipends- \$300.00

Total- \$17,762.81 Unrestricted- \$17,762.81 Restricted- \$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$25 IMO David Saarinten; \$450 IMO Kevin Brenner; \$40 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 IMO Joe Morrissey

Expenses— \$21,244.08

Schola (559.28) Administration (5699.33) State Payroll Taxes (974.08) Website (81.70) Altar (311.81) Federal Payroll Taxes (854.78) Rectory Plumbing (115.20) Fire Alarm Monitoring Service (689.93) Church Landscape (600.00) Ascension Landscape (377.77) Church Electric (1143.17) Rectory Electric (1920.50) September Diocesan Budge Bill (7797.00) Church Alarm (119.53)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$3937.14 Expenses- \$4273.10

This weekend's second collection is the One Day's Pay Collection.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Jeannette Belichick, Florence Trapasso, Michael Gasperski and Helen Malick who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Francesca Eve Delvina and Lillian Paul Krasowsky who have entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“Perfect families do not exist. This must not discourage us. Quite the opposite. Love is something we learn; love is something we live... Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows. Love can flourish in men and women who try not to make conflict the last word, but rather a new opportunity... This is a great legacy that we can give to our children, a very good lesson: we make mistakes, yes; we have problems, yes. But we know that that is not really what counts. We know that mistakes, problems and conflicts are an opportunity to draw closer to others, to draw closer to God.”—Pope Francis