

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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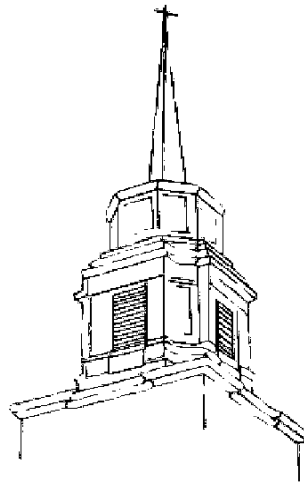
Donna Mastrovito
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**Director, After-School Program
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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, 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 **Paul Letsky**, req. by Friends

Monday, September 28, 2020

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

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

6:15 PM **Patricia Prendiville**, req. by Family

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

6:15 PM **Michael Lewis**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 1, 2020

6:15 PM **Margaret A. Foley**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Friday, October 2, 2020

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

Saturday, October 3, 2020

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Stasia, Anthony and Vincent Savage**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Gervais Laroche**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 4, 2020

8:00 AM **Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Pauline Buckely**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Eleanor Prevoski (6th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Health and Intentions of John Malvarose**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Rev. Joseph A. Coonon (9th Anniv.)**, req. by Denise Boucher Garofoli and Family
7:15 PM **Michael Gonsalves**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The Religious Education staff met to discuss how to proceed with classes this year. We considered both State and Diocesan guidelines and have decided on the following plan. Students in Grades 1-9 will meet once a month from 9 to 10 am in the Main Church. Grades 1 and 2 will meet on the 1st Sunday, grades 3 and 4 on the 2nd Sunday, grades 5 and 6 on the 3rd Sunday. Grades 7 and 8 will meet on the 1st Sunday and grade 9 on the 2nd Sunday from 11:15 am – 12:45 pm in the Xavier Center. The Confirmation class will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Main Church from 6:15 – 9 pm (includes daily Mass). We hope to start the program in the beginning of November. Check the website and Flocknotes for the complete schedule, including when some of the dates change due to Monday holidays or other reasons.

Registration has begun and is available on the website. There is no registration fee. Please register as soon as possible as we need to maintain class sizes which are compliant with the state guidelines. The First Reconciliation/First Eucharist class will begin in January. More information will be available as the date approaches.

We ask that you send your child to class with their own pencils, pens, crayons, markers, glue, etc... because materials cannot be shared between students. If you need help with supplies, please contact the rectory or me at dhgustowski@gmail.com. We would welcome any donations of materials, as well. Thank you.

There is a home study option available to any family who would prefer it. Please email me directly to discuss this option. We will ask that you register as usual and we will mail the materials to you.

As we are all aware, these and all plans are always subject to change. We will keep you informed as we proceed. Please be patient and flexible with us.

We are still looking for several teachers for both the 9 am and 11:15 am classes. Please contact me if you can help. Kudos to our catechists and volunteers. I may be prejudiced, but I believe they are the best in the business! And thank you, dear People of St. Johns, for supporting our young people. I tell the kids constantly how much the parishioners love seeing them at Mass. Know that we love you as well.

Finally, to all the kids: we love you and miss you terribly. You rock our world! And you make Jesus smile from ear to ear.

Peace and Serenity,
Dianne Gustowski

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 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. Echavarria.

HONORING MARRIED COUPLES ON THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY- Due to the restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic, a public celebration of the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will not be held this year. Congratulatory certificates from Bishop McManus to couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2020 will be issued by postal mail. Couples wishing to receive certificates should complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass by October 15 or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

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 \$7517.16. We have also received:
Stipends- \$300.00 Day's Pay- \$1365.00
Donations- \$100.00

Total- \$9282.16 Unrestricted- \$9282.16 Restricted- \$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 Imo Kevin Brenner; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$20 in Thanksgiving; \$100 in honor of Kali Marie Rivera's Baptism; \$800 in memory of Florence Trapasso

Expenses— \$10,409.19
Schola (360.80) Altar (57.25) Administration (5272.27)
Advertising (400.00) Church Gas (19.00) Rectory Gas (72.04) Ascension Gas (19.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (938.86) Funerals (76.40) House (279.51) Office (188.97) Energy Efficiency Project (2725.09)

Food for the Poor
Income- \$2990.00
Expenses- \$3980.62

This weekend's second collection is the Catholic Education offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Deborah Walsh, Sandra Pace, Gayle Sayers and Joseph Laurinaitis who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Zander Cordero Fedelli and Kali Marie Rivera who have entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“Like the young man who asked Jesus what to do, few of us are prepared for Jesus’ shocking invitation to go and sell all... When that loving look of Christ really sets eyes on our soul, we can expect, first, inner turmoil—for we too have many possessions. If we have the courage to stick it out in this loving gaze of God, our hearts will be branded with the Spirit of Life. In that Spirit of the living God we are set on fire with passion and compassion for and in the world.” –Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers

THE TWENTY-SIXTH 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 SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ez 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11

Mt 21:28-32

ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST.

THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS continues through her Feast Day, Thursday, October 1st. We will do the prayers together at the daily 6:15 PM Mass and both livestreamed weekend Masses, as well.

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

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 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.

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!

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 stjohsnoworcester.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

PACK 37 CUB SCOUTS - BOYS K THROUGH 5TH

GRADE- Pack 37 Cub Scouts, chartered through Christ the King Church Worcester meets every Friday at 6:30 PM. Boys in each grade level work on age appropriate skills which include Duty to God, Duty to Country, Outdoor achievements and grow in independence and leadership. Contact cubmaster pack37cubmaster@gmail.com for details in joining. Join us on September 26 on a hike at Broad Meadow Brook at 9:30am. Learn more about the Pack and the wildlife that live in the area. All are welcome to join!