

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

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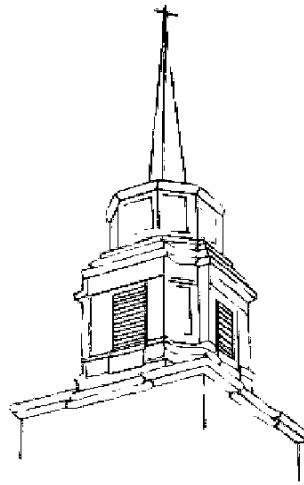
Donna Mastrovito  
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**Director, After-School Program  
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

**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, 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;  
**Health and Intentions of Marianne Kupstas**

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. Coonan (9th Anniv.)**, req. by Denise Boucher Garofoli and Family; **Catherine McGurl**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Michael Gonsalves**, req. by Friends

Monday, October 5, 2020

6:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Family

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

6:15 PM **Rosalie Sedita**, req. by Bob and Donna Mastrovito

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

6:15 PM **Gervais Laroche**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 8, 2020

6:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Friends

Friday, October 9, 2020

6:15 PM **Patricia Starosta**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Saturday, October 10, 2020

4:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for Mary-Ann and Thomas Kirklauskas**, req. by Family;  
**Jane Nelson (1st Anniv.)** req. by Susan Scola  
7:15 PM **Dan Best**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 11, 2020

8:00 AM **Jane and Frank Petrella**, req. by Lorraine Laurie; **John (Jay) Bracken**, req. by Mike Sheehan  
10:15 AM **Jack and Peg Creamer**, req. by Family  
12:15 PM **Walter J. Baldowski**, req. by Wife Lucia  
7:15 PM **Dwight Young**, req. by Dave Young

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Our Annual Novena in Honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus concluded last Thursday, the Feast Day of the Little Flower. My thanks to all who participated in the Novena this year. How necessary and helpful her Little Way is, especially in the face of big things like the pandemic, this terrible election, the social unrest, etc... Allow me to extend our special thanks to Dolores who keeps everything going in the church, to Dan Shaughnessy who keeps us all connected through Flocknotes, the website and Facebook page and to Samantha, Steve, Jessica and the production staff which keeps the stream live.

On Friday, we celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rededication of the Church. According to the information we received through the parish survey, there is a fair percentage of you who were not members then. I can assure you that it was a spectacular ceremony. One which we had waited for over a year. In September of 2004, Labor Day weekend, the interior ceiling of the church collapsed. It was a mess, and a challenging situation. Fortunately – and wisely, I think – Bishop McManus did not hesitate in approving the repair of the ceiling. A renovation of the church was added to the project, as well. For thirteen months we were in the lower church for all liturgies. A wall was taken down, folding chairs were placed in the hall area and off we went – for all the Masses, all the holy days, both Novenas, Confirmation and First Communion and, even, a couple of funerals.

This challenge was added to the already difficult situation we were facing with the removal of our Pastor, Fr. Joe Coonan. Still, thanks to many friends, principally Msgr. Ed Tinsley, along with Ascension parish, Catholic Mutual Insurance, Lauring Construction and others, the repairing and renovating took place not only to the building, but to our spirits and our sense of community. October 2, 2005 was a fabulous celebration and not only of the beauty and majesty of the Catholic Liturgy. It was a celebration of the beauty and majesty of the St. John's community.

There is a parallel to this situation that we face today amidst the distance and disease. I am confident that the beautiful renovations that are all but completed to the church and the rectory are symbolic of the renewal which is quietly underway here and throughout the Church. Last week, the parish council met to begin looking at the important and helpful information that the survey has provided. We were first impressed by the number of surveys that were completed – double the number such instruments normally produce! We identified some of the recommendations that were offered and have begun to work on addressing them. As you know, there is a limit to what can be done at present, but we plan to be ready to hit the ground running when we have defeated the Coronavirus. I wanted to specifically mention that we are grateful to the many people who indicated a desire to volunteer in a variety of ways. We will be in contact with you as soon as we are able.

Today's Gospel parable – one of my absolute favorites – is the assurance of God's presence. No matter the challenges we experience in life, from falling ceilings to novel viruses and everything in between, God does not abandon us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit his Son, Jesus Christ blesses us with all mercy and every grace to continually renew the face of the earth.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

## THE TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 WEEKEND'S HYMNS**

Int.: In voluntate tua, Domine, Esther 13: 9, 10, 11  
Op.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation WEST-MINSTER ABBEY  
Ps. 80, "The Vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel."  
Alleluia: # 208  
Prep.: # 391 City of God, Jerusalem PURPOSE  
Eucharistic Accs.: 214, 215, Amen, 311  
Comm.: In salutari tuo, Ps 119: 81, 84, 86  
# 471 O Sun of Justice JESU DULCIS MEMORIA  
Cl.: # 720 The Kingdom of God LAUDATE DOMINUM

### **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Is 5:1-7  
Phil 4:6-9  
Mt 21:33-43

### **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*

### **HOLY HOUR FOR LAY PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR**

**PRIESTS-** On Friday, October 9 from 7 - 8 pm, a holy hour for lay people to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us for this important act of service and prayer for our priests. *Repeats every second Friday of the month.*

**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](mailto:dhgustowski@gmail.com). Thank you!

**2000 HAIL MARY'S-** This 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](http://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

### **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](http://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.

## In Our Catholic Community...

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish continues its Miraculous Medal Novena 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 October 6, Rev. Jonathan J. Slavinkas; October 13, Deacon Paul Audette; October 20, Msgr. Thomas J. Sullivan; October 27, Rev. Juan D. Echavarria.

**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 [worcesterdioocese.org/celebrate-priesthood-1](http://worcesterdioocese.org/celebrate-priesthood-1). All are welcome to join.

**JOIN THE LIFE CHAIN**- All are invited to join the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Life Chain this Sunday, October 4 from 2 - 3:30 pm. This event of peaceful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life is held annually on Respect Life Sunday across the nation. Life Chain stations will be located at Elm Park/Highland St. and at Denny's Restaurant on Lincoln St. in Worcester and at White City Plaza in Shrewsbury. Signs will be available at the local Life Chain stations. The event will be held rain or shine. All participants must wear masks and observe social distancing guidelines. For more information, contact Louise at 508-756-1150. All are welcome to join in this prayerful effort to help build a Culture of Life.

**PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**- If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$4190.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$100.00	Stipends- \$680.00
Catholic Schools- \$276.00	Days Pay- \$280.00
Donations- \$5100.00	

**Total- \$10626.16 Unrestricted- \$10350.16 Restricted- \$276.00**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** 285 IMO Florence Trapasso; \$100 from a friend; \$1,000 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 IMO Kevin Brenner; \$50 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$100 IMO Paul Dineen; \$50 IMO Msgr. Ed Tinsley

**Expenses-** \$9725.58

Schola (325.84) Altar (433.00) Administration (2094.32) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (645.64) House (219.85) Federal Payroll Taxes (1626.70) Funerals (152.80) Plowing Contract (2000.00) Ascension Plow Contract (750.00) Alarm Monitoring (66.00) Catholic Schools (276.00) Preserve the Flame (242.00) Legal Expenses (737.00) Ascension Alarm (119.53) Rectory Alarm (36.90)

**Food for the Poor**

Expenses- \$2561.46

This weekend's second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

**YEAR TO DATE**- In September, the first month of FY 2020/2021, we had a operating cash loss of \$10,720.14. Thank you for your generosity to St. John's.

## Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Helena Reddy, Jack Creamer and Michael Cox who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Hadley Lisa St. Amand who has entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

## Word of Life

**“Belatedly I loved thee, O Beauty so ancient and so new, belatedly I loved thee. For see, thou wast within and I was without, and I sought thee out there...Thou didst call and cry aloud, and didst force open my deafness. Thou didst gleam and shine, and didst chase away my blindness. Thou didst breathe fragrant odors and I drew in my breath; and now I pant for thee. I tasted, and now I hunger and thirst. Thou didst touch me, and I burned for thy peace.” –St. Augustine**