

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

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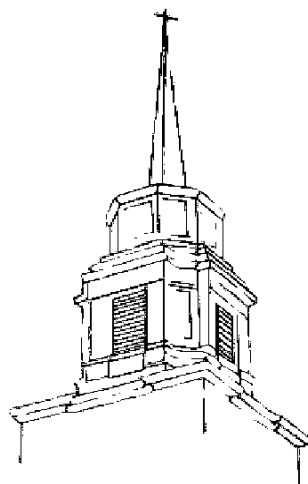
Donna Mastrovito  
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**Ascension Clothing Center**

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 10, 2020

4:15 PM **Birthdays 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

Monday, October 12, 2020

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

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

6:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

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

Thursday, October 15, 2020

6:15 PM **Walter and Kathleen Gallivan**, req. by Family

Friday, October 16, 2020

6:15 PM **Paul Campbell (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family

Saturday, October 17, 2020

4:15 PM **Rocco A. Fresolo, Sr. and Dorothy Fresolo**, req. by Family; **Barbara Ann Luva** req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Joseph V. Kane**, req. by Wife Barbara; **Brian O'Connell (1st Anniv.)**, req. by a Friend

Sunday, October 18, 2020

8:00 AM **Jonathan Favreau**, req. by Family; **Brian A. O'Connell (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Lorraine Laurie  
10:15 AM **Dori Morgan Houston**, req. by Family; **Anthony Miner and deceased members of the Miner Family**, req. by Danute Miner  
12:15 PM **Barbara Ann Luca**, req. by Family; **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife Helen and Family  
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Bishop McManus sent us a Thank You letter a few weeks ago. We are publishing it below, finally.

Before doing so, I wanted to highlight a change in procedure related to the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. The time – Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. – will remain the same. However, the sacrament will now be celebrated in the Church. As with Mass, you can enter, with a facemask on, through the front doors. Please remain socially distanced in the back pews. Three chairs will be spaced out in front of the altar. The priest will be in the middle chair, one side will be designated for face-to-face confession and the other side for “private” confession. You can exit through either side door. My thought first was to use the church hall downstairs. This was announced, by my request, in Flocknotes. However, the hall does not have enough ventilation to safely conduct confession. Thank you. Now, from the Bishop:

*My brothers and sisters in Christ,*

*I wish to express my gratitude to the parishioners of St. John Parish for their generosity to the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. As you know, your parish has exceeded its goal. In light of this important accomplishment, I offer my deepest appreciation.*

*This year, our theme for the Partners in Charity 2020 appeal is Envision Faith in Action. As we plan to provide for the needs of thousands of people in the Diocese of Worcester in the year ahead, we are reminded that charity is the very heart of the Christian Life. Your support of 26 charitable, educational, and pastoral programs is an excellent witness of your own Christian generosity. I cannot imagine what it would have been like these past few months if these agencies and ministries had not been able to respond to so many needy people. Unfortunately this crisis isn't over.*

*I am very grateful for the efforts of Rev. John F. Madden who helped to promote the annual appeal at St. John's in Worcester. Please be assured of my appreciation for the goodness of those parishioners who joined as partners in the ministry of our Diocesan Church to enable us to achieve this accomplishment.*

*Please be assured of my prayers for your health and safety and that of all your loved ones during these challenging months to come.*

*With every prayerful best wish, I remain  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Rev. Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester*

## THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Si iniquitates observaveris*, Ps 130: 3, 4  
(O Lord, if you were to take into account our iniquities, who would withstand the test?..)

Op.: # 689 O God Our Help in Ages Past  
Ps 23, "I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 953 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!

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

Comm.: *Aufer a me opprobrium et contemptum*, Ps 119: 22, 24

(Remove from me all scorn and contempt, for I have kept your commandments; for your law is the object of my meditations.)

# 709 The Living God My Shepherd Is

Cl.: # 636 Let All Things Now Living

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 25:6-10a

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14

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.

### REMINDER:

Holy Communion will be distributed at 11:30 AM on Sunday morning. Please enter off of Harding Street and proceed behind the rectory and church to the communion station. Please wear a mask at all times and remain in your vehicle.

Confessions will now be heard on Saturday from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. in the Church.

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*

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 teachers for grades 7-9. If interested, please contact Diane at [dhgustowski@gmail.com](mailto: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 [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.

### TV MASSES WILL END ON SPECTRUM CH 193-

The Daily and Sunday TV Masses, Family Rosary and other programs produced by the Diocese will no longer be available on Charter/Spectrum Channel 193 after October 23. If you watch on a non-Spectrum cable company like Clinton or Shrewsbury, there is no change. If you watch on the internet, nothing has changed. TV Ministry is working to get on more local access stations over the next few weeks. It could mean a simple change to channel 194 in towns that have Spectrum cable. Before October 23, an updated list will be available online at [worcesterdiocese.org](http://worcesterdiocese.org) and mailed to all our Daily Mass supporters.

### 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 by October 15. The form is can be found at [worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass) 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.

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

**CALENDAR RAFFLE BENEFIT-** Tickets now on sale for our fun Nov. Calendar Raffle benefitting St. James Parish. They are available at all weekend Masses and on the website at [stjamesgraffton.com](http://stjamesgraffton.com). \$5000 worth of great prizes, 30 chances to win. Prizes including two 50" smart TV's, wine baskets, \$\$, lottery basket, dine in- take out basket and so many more. View some of the prizes, and calendar on our website. Tickets will be drawn each day in Nov and the winner will receive prize of that day. Winning ticket will be re-entered. All this for just \$10 per calendar ticket. All tickets must be returned by Oct. 25, with payment to St. James 89 Main St. So Grafton, MA 01560. Please mark envelope as Calendar.

**HUGE YARD SALE IN OXFORD-** St. Roch Parish, 334 Main St., Oxford is holding a HUGE Yard Sale on Saturday, October 17 from 8 AM to 2 PM. Treasures Galore! Come join us, all are welcome.

## **Financial Report**

Last weekend we received \$6588.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$522.00	Restoration- \$238.00
Parking- \$35.00	Stipends- \$540.00
Days Pay- \$350.00	

**Total-** \$8273.16 **Unrestricted-** \$8035.16 **Restricted-** \$238.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$10 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$70 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$20 IMO Florence Trapasso; \$50 IHO Bill Riley's Birthday

**Expenses-** \$15,444.54

Schola (584.09) Altar (825.68) Administration (5052.03) Ascension Phone (122.99) Clergy Benefit Plan (1057.00) House (1182.24) Stipends (1000.00) Haitian Apostolate (562.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (860.12) Funeral (76.40) Ascension Electric (407.12) Office (67.71) Church Live stream (3029.00) Copier (668.16)

**Food for the Poor**  
Expenses- \$5080.02

This weekend's second collection is A Special Offering for CCD.

## **Our Parish Community...**

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Robert Gibson, Edward Ford, Edward Lodewijk Van Halen, and Mary Ann Kupstas who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Jack Rhett Rasmussen who has entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

## **Word of Life**

**“The tribulation of the end time is like God’s rising sap that will make us supple and ready to bear new fruit in a new season—for a new age inaugurated by the Second Coming of Jesus. But unlike the predictable ripening of figs, the end time is God’s secret and surprise because it is God’s plan for humanity and the cosmos. What we can be confident about is that the harvester Christ, at that future time, will be near ‘at the gates,’ holding them open for the entry of the faithful into the kingdom. We have the assurance of Jesus’ abiding word that this will come to pass.”**

**–Sr. Verna Holyhead**