

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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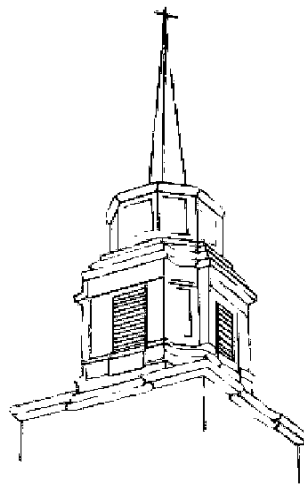
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Music Ministry

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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
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 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

Monday, October 12, 2020

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

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

6:15 PM **Luzonia V. Nunag**, req. by Family

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

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

Thursday, October 15, 2020

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

Friday, October 16, 2020

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

Saturday, October 17, 2020

4:15 PM **John Trumpaitis (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Carol and Andrew Fryc**, req. by Green Island Residents Group

7:15 PM **Rosalina Nacario and Telisa Godines and Birthday Blessings for Liza Louisa Piper**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 18, 2020

8:00 AM **Joe and Joan Crowley**, req. by Family; **Andrew Madonna (23rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Katharina Perduta**, req. by Family; **Shirley Wheeler**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **The Burke, Crawford, Miller, Moran, Pepin and Tringuk Families**, req. by Family; **Martha Scannell Brennan and Elizabeth Brennan**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Skip 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,

Today's Gospel passage in which Jesus instructs the Pharisees and Herodians to "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" – coming ten days before the Presidential election - could not be more timely. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "As far as possible citizens should take an active part in *public life*. *The manner of this participation may vary from one country or culture to another.*" This participation is informed, primarily, by our Catholic faith and the moral and social teaching of the Catholic Church. We are blessed with a vision that includes "both/and" - we value both personal responsibility and a care for the other, especially the one most in need; we cherish both individual rights and the common good. Which means that our participation as Catholics is critically important to our nation. A nation whose discourse is being dominated by "either/or" and "us vs. them."

Every four years, in keeping with the Presidential election cycle, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issues a document to assist us in our discernment process. This year's document is entitled "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." I find it helpful. It is a comprehensive teaching. Which may be the most helpful contribution that the Bishops make. We hear too many people, often priests, claiming that the only faithful vote is this way or that – "us or them?" The USCCB recognizes that our decision must take into consideration "both and."

In the highly polarized situation that we now find ourselves, the Bishops have offered a further assistance. They have offered another teaching titled, "Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate." This call to civil dialogue is needed now more than ever. Allow me to offer a small excerpt. The full text is available at usccb.org:

As Catholics, our strong tradition of social teaching compels us to be actively engaged in the building up of our communities. This is achieved by being involved in the political process—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities.

What is needed is good, honest, civil dialogue. This means that we must treat everyone as worthy of being at the table, worthy of our respect, and worthy of being heard. In short, it means treating everyone as our neighbor.

Providentially, next Sunday's Gospel – immediately prior to Election Day – is Jesus' teaching the Great Commandment.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Ego clamavi, quoniam exaudisti me, Ps. 17: 6, 8
(I have called out because you answer me, O God; incline your ear and hear my words...)

Op.: # 601 The God of Abraham Praise
Ps 96, "Give the Lord glory and honor."

Alleluia: 208

Prep.: # 740 Baited, the Question Rose

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

Comm.: Domine, Dominus noster, Ps 8: 2ab

(Lord, our governor, how admirable is your name in all the earth!)

Cl.: # 614 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 45:1, 4-6

1 Thes 1:1-5b

Mt 22:15-21

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 PM in the Church. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing while waiting.

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

THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UPS will begin on Tuesday, October 27 and run through November 12. Sign ups will only be done over the phone and for residents in the 01604 and 01610 (Vernon Hill) zip codes. Please call the rectory if you would like to donate a basket.

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 Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com. Thank you!

ORGAN CONCERT IN WORCESTER- Wesley Hall will present "Memory and Hope: a Concert for All Souls" on Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester. Featured composers include Bach, Sweelinck, Messiaen and others. The concert is free and open to the public. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed. The links for livestream and virtual access can be found at <https://blessedsacrament.us>. Wesley Hall, a graduate of Yale University is Minister of Art and Music at First Baptist Church, Worcester.

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 and mailed to all our Daily Mass supporters.

EMMANUEL RADIO FALL PLEDGE DRIVE-

Emmanuel Catholic Radio will host a live three-day Fall Pledge Drive October 21-23 from 7 am-6 pm. Your tax-deductible gift keeps Catholic radio on the air serving all local parishes/Catholic schools and organizations/charities during this historic Coronavirus Pandemic. To donate call (508) 767-1230; online at 1230radio.com; or mail to Emmanuel Radio, P.O. Box 20027, Worcester, MA 01602. For quality Catholic programming tune to 1230AM, 970AM or 101.1FM Emmanuel Radio on your radio dial, stream shows live at www.1230radio.com. Like us on Facebook.

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 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. All are welcome to join.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND NOVENA TO OUR LADY UNDOER OF KNOTS-

Join us for nine Tuesday evenings from October 13 thru December 8 at 6:45pm at St. Mary Church, 640 Main St., Shrewsbury during Eucharistic Adoration which will take place from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. During the nine weeks of the Novena to Our Lady Undoer of Knots, we will lift up the "knots" in our lives to Mary and pray that God's grace and mercy will untangle them.

VIRTUAL TRIVIA AND THEOLOGY FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

- All high school youth are invited to join in for the next *Trivia & Theology* night! Join us on the Sunday, November 1 from 7-8pm via Zoom. We will start with some miscellaneous trivia (top score gets a \$20 Dunkin gift card!). We'll then continue with the next part of our apologetics series which will be a discussion on the topic "Why be a Christian?" We will explore the differences between Christianity and other world religions and discuss who Jesus really is and why it makes sense to follow Him. Our guest speaker will be Derek Mobilio, one of our seminarians. To sign up to receive the Zoom link or for more information, go to <https://neworchester.org/trivia-and-theology>.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7211.90. We have also received:

Online- \$10,286.47	Parking- \$70.00
Stipends- \$265.00	CCD- \$352.00
Donation- \$100.00	

Total- \$18,285.37 Unrestricted- \$18,285.37 Restricted- \$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$50 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$15 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$100 IMO Joe Pusateri; \$50 IMO Maryann Kupstas

Expenses- \$13,070.88

Schola (1841.80) Altar (295.74) Administration (5004.69) Advertising (228.20) Church Water and Sewer (152.85) Rectory Water and Sewer (2038.00) Ascension Water and Sewer (106.38) House (179.85) Federal Payroll Taxes (917.72) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Church Electric (482.93) Rectory Electric (1050.35) Church Alarm (120.77)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$4613.34

Expenses- \$4043.51

This weekend's second collection is for the Propagation of the Faith.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Fr. C Romeo Lamothe, Joe Morgan and Robert Donahue who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“Returning violence for violence multiplies violence adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.