

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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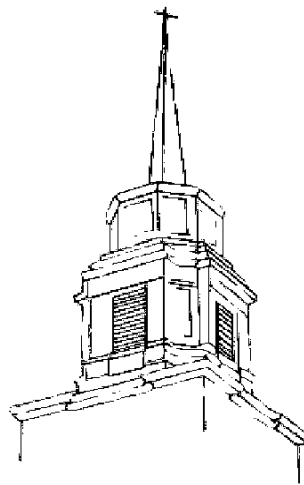
Donna Mastrovito
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Ascension Clothing Center

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

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 24, 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 25, 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

Monday, October 26, 2020

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

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

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

6:15 PM **Alicia Cowan**, req. by a Friend

Thursday, October 29, 2020

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

Friday, October 30, 2020

6:15 PM **In honor of John and Therese Boucher's 50th Wedding Anniv.**

Saturday, October 31, 2020

4:15 PM **Victoria Steele**, req. by Family; **Eleanor Prevoski (6th Anniv.)**, req. by David and Joanne Gaughan

7:15 PM **In Honor of Philip and Patricia Brunelle's 65th Wedding Anniversary**

Sunday, November 1, 2020

8:00 AM **James Gannon**, req. by Family; **Herbert Morris, Sr. (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Carol Hippert
10:15 AM **Jan Arcieri**, req. by Donald and Dorothy Favreau

12:15 PM **Eleanor and Anthony D'Elia**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Timothy Brosnihan**, req. by Family; **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The parish Annual Report for fiscal year 2019/2020 is included with this bulletin. It is also being sent through Flocknotes and being posted on the parish website. Whenever it is viewed, you will see that it is good news. Perhaps not as good as it first seems, but – especially when considering this horrible pandemic – good news.

The report shows that the parish operating cash increased by \$94,911.04 in FY 2019/2020. Good news. This includes completing capital projects in the church and the rectory totaling \$299,129.92. Good news. The report also shows that we received \$394,399.76 in bequests. This is good news, too, incredibly good actually! However, when we omit the bequest income and the capital expenses, the operating cash gain is just \$358.80. Good news – especially in the face of the economic struggles the Coronavirus pandemic has wrought. Yet, not quite as good as it seems when one first views the report. Our Food for the Poor had a significant cash increase of over \$100,000, as well. Similarly, much of this can be contributed to the donations that we received in response to the increased food insecurity that many of our sisters and brothers continue to experience during this pandemic.

The bottom line is that we have been able to accomplish a substantial amount of work on our buildings over the past couple of years. It is work that will last for years and it did not deplete our savings or harm our financial situation. There is one reason that this has been possible – the generosity of the people of St. John's. Thank you all very much both for your commitment to our mission and for the reverence you have for our posterity. There is a special responsibility we have as caretakers of the Mother Church. As with fulfilling the obligation that the Gospel places on us as Christian disciples, we – that is, you have responded so well in taking care of the earthly goods with which we have been entrusted. Thank you.

The recent resurgence of Covid 19 in the area is disappointing, of course. Just when it felt okay to feel okay again and then the anxiety returns. Still, it is a reminder of the foundational truth of the Great Commandment which we hear in the Gospel today. Loving God with all our being and our neighbor as ourselves is the way to a happy and healthy life here and to eternal life in heaven. It is the antidote to the present anxiety, as well. So, we wear facemasks, social distance, (stay in a single file line when going to communion!) and wash our hands. We do so not for ourselves but for each other. Together we shall overcome.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Laetetur Cor quaerentium Dominum*, Ps 105: 3, 4
(Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice;
seek the Lord and be strengthened; seek his face forever
more.)

Op.: # 590 Word of God, Come Down on Earth LIEB-
STER JESU

Ps 18, "I love you, Lord, my strength."

Alleluia: # 208 Gregorian

Prep.: # 699 Love is the Law that Jesus Taught
BEATUS VIR

Eucharistic Accs.: 214, 215, common tone "Amen, 311
Comm.: *Laetabimur in salutari tuo*, Ps 20: 6 (We shall
rejoice in your salvation; and in the name of the Lord
our God shall we place our pride.)

700 Where Charity and Love Prevail CHRISTIAN
LOVE

Cl.: # 811 O Day of Peace JERUSALEM

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ex 22:20-26

1 Thes 1:5c-10

Mt 22:34-40

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 commu-
nion 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 prac-
tice social distancing while waiting.

LIVE STREAMING- Sunday Masses will be live-
streamed according the following schedule on the par-
ish Facebook Page:

Saturday Vigil: Live-streamed @ 4:15 PM

Sunday Mass: Live-streamed @ 10:15 AM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-9- Due to the uptick in covid-19 cases, and
out of an abundance of caution, Grades 1-9 will not be
meeting at church for the time being. Please keep
checking Flocknotes, the bulletin, and the parish web-
site for updates. The Pflaum Gospel Weeklies are in,
and I am working on a means of getting them out to
families. Thanks for your understanding.

Confirmation will be meeting as scheduled on Tues-
day, November 10th. Parents are required to at-
tend. Class starts at 7 PM this night only. Students
must be registered prior to start of class to be included
in the 2021 Confirmation. Anyone registered after No-
vember 10th will need to wait until Fall 2021. Thank
you.

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 resi-
dents in the 01604 and 01610 (Vernon Hill) zip codes.
Please call the rectory if you would like to donate a bas-
ket.

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. Fea-
tured 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 Oc-
tober 23. If you watch on a non-Spectrum cable compa-
ny 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. Be-
fore October 23, an updated list will be available online
at worcesterdiocese.org and mailed to all our Daily
Mass supporters.

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 final speaker will be Rev. Juan D. Echavarria, this Tuesday at 7 PM.

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. 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 neworchester.org/trivia-and-theology.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5816.16. We have also received:

Monthly-	\$352.00	Restoration-	\$141.00
Candles-	\$387.00	Stipends-	\$340.00
Prop of Faith-	\$281.00	CCD-	\$53.00

Total- \$7370.16 **Unrestricted-** \$6948.16 **Restricted-** \$422.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$550 from a friend; \$550 from a friend; \$550 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$200 IMO Jan Arcieri and Skylar Rose Seely; \$1000 IMO Jenny Lamby; \$35 IHO Carol Reardon; \$45 IMO Joseph Bergin; \$1,000 IMO Leo and Theresa Miscione, John and Jennie Giasi; \$50 IMO Florence Trapasso; \$75 IMO Maryann Kupstas; \$100 Imo Dan and Pat O'Connor; \$150 IMO Karen Burke

Expenses- \$15,932.60

Schola (397.63) Administration (3453.02) Altar (763.47) Office (254.47) Federal Payroll Taxes (1348.26) Maintenance (600.00) Ascension Maintenance (377.77) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) CCD (258.18) October Budget Bill (7797.00)

Food for the Poor
Income- \$28,075.00
Expenses- \$1870.73

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Robert Lacouture, Jane Macdonald, Spencer Davis and Matthew Blair who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Matteo Albert Anthony Riggieri and Gemma Kach DiLeo who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

**"Believing in Jesus is believing in humanity and that is,
I believe, the great challenge of our time"
- Sr. Shirley Kolmer - one of Liberia's "Martyrs of Charity"**