

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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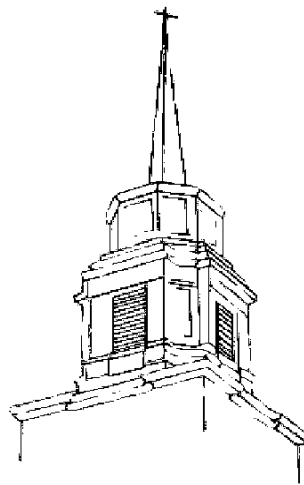
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MASS SCHEDULE

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
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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 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

Monday, November 2, 2020— All Souls Day

6:15 PM **Edward B. Swalec, II**, req. by Family

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

6:15 PM **John Tubert**, req. by Frank Carroll and
Family

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

6:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by a Friend

Thursday, November 5, 2020

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

Friday, November 6, 2020

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

Saturday, November 7, 2020

4:15 PM **Francis and Joan Henrickson**, req. by
Family; **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased
Members of F.O.S.S.**
7:15 PM **Skylar Rose Seeley**, req. by Donald and
Dorothy Favreau

Sunday, November 8, 2020

8:00 AM **Evelyn Foley (9th Anniv.)**, req. by
Family; **Fr. Joe Coonan**, req. by Al and Sue
Johnson
10:15 AM **Michele A. Sargent (1st Anniv.)**, req.
by Family; **Sarah Paldino**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Larry Kenney (5th Anniv.)**, req. by
Family
7:15 PM **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,

One advantage to the Life in Pandemic effect of never knowing what day or month it is - I made it all the way to Friday night before I realized that it was snowing in October! A blessing offered by Life in Pandemic is the ability to clearly discern what is a problem, a challenge, a sadness and, importantly, what is not. In this context, we can better see that having snow in October is none of the above.

This weekend the readings for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time are superseded by the celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints. In a real sense, though, the readings we have heard from Matthew's Gospel over the past weeks have prepared us for today's Solemnity. One of the principal themes – and challenges – presented by Matthew is voiced by Jesus soon after he presents the Beatitudes which we hear in today's Gospel passage:

I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and the Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

All Saints, first, acknowledges that as followers of Jesus we are called to a holiness of life to which we do not have the ability to respond. The Solemnity then celebrates that help is always available to us. Our own Msgr. Francis Kelly, in his book, *Through the Church Year*, points out that: *from the beginning of Christianity, the faithful instinctively sought the help of those who were with God. Inscriptions around the tombs of the saints begged their prayers (p. 155).* As he goes on to point out, All Saints Day does not remember only those who have been canonized, but the entire “communion of saints” which includes our own loved ones who have gone before us. As they “were marked by the sign of faith,” so now they, too, intercede for us.

This communion is, of course, being added to every day. Indeed, just this week Travis Roy was added to their number. To be clear, I am neither a big hockey fan nor a consultant for the Vatican's Congregation for the Saints. I never met Travis and do not know any more about him than I have seen through the media over these past years. Still, the Book of Revelations tells us in the first reading today that the white robed people standing before the throne and before the Lamb “are the ones who have survived the time of great distress.” Travis Roy, then just twenty years old, only 11 seconds into his first-ever shift for the BU Men's Hockey Team, fell awkwardly into the boards, this left him a quadriplegic. Life as he had planned and dreamed it would be ended. Yet, he more than survived this time of great distress. Life as a hockey player gave way to life as an author and a philanthropist, as a hero and a saint. I did not know him, but I bet he never complained about snow in October or, even, in May.

In Chris's Peace,
Fr John Madden

ALL SAINTS

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Gaudeamus omnes

(Let us all rejoice in the Lord as we celebrate this feast day in honor of all the saints...)

Op.: # 891 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

Ps. 24, "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 888 Who Are These, Like Stars Appearing? ALL SAINTS

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

Comm.: Beati mundo corde, Mt 5: 8, 9, 10
(Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God...)

887 As Stars Adorn the Night-Veiled Sky JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

Cl.: # 886 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-9- If you have registered your kids for Religious Ed, there will be a materials pick-up at St. John's this weekend, Saturday, October 31 from 2-4 PM and Sunday, November 1 from 10 AM to 12 PM OR next weekend, November 7 (2-4 PM) and November 8 (10 AM-12PM) There is still time to register if you would like to receive materials for class. Go to the parish website and click on the Religious Education link. We will be happy to prepare a packet for you.

Confirmation class begins Tuesday, November 10th at 7 PM in the church. This is the deadline for registration. Anyone not registered by November 10th will need to wait until Fall 2021. Please bring a copy of your baptismal certificate if it was not done at St. John's. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UPS will continue 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.

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR LAY PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR

PRIESTS -On Friday, November 13 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*

In Our Catholic Community...

UMASS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FOOT CLINIC– Do you have problems with your feet? All are invited to the UMass Community Outreach Foot clinic on Saturday, November 14 from 9 AM to 1 PM at the St. Francis Xavier Center, 20 Temple St. Meet with medical providers about diabetic foot inspections, tobacco cessation education, vascular disease assessments, nutritional education and much more. Get free foot screenings and learn more about foot care. All are welcome to attend.

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 \$5771.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$266.00	Restoration- \$56.00
Stipends- \$465.00	Donation- \$150.00
All Souls- \$135.00	CCD- \$35.00
All Saints- \$5.00	

Total- \$5771.16 Unrestricted- \$5715.16 Restricted- \$56.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$150 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$120 IMO Carol Doyle; \$100 IMO Patrick Herlihy; \$25 IMO Daniel Trudell; \$25 Imo Jennifer Lamby; \$50 IMO Sandy Pace; \$25 IMO Maryann Kupstas; \$150 IMO Ophelia Chaban; \$5,000 from the Highland St. Foundation; \$100 IMO John Trumpaitis

Expenses– \$14,361.55

Schola (588.60) CCD (76.49) Altar (450.00) Administration (5810.81) Rectory Cable (482.07) Church Gas (103.45) Rectory Gas (191.30) Ascension Gas (34.30) Envelopes (767.39) Federal Payroll Taxes (954.34) Funerals (76.40) Plowing Contract (2000.00) Ascension Plowing Contract (750.00) Legal Expense (1323.00) Preserve the Flame (435.00) World Mission (281.00) Rectory Alarm (36.90)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$8565.00 Expenses- \$5524.21

YEAR TO DATE– In October, we had a cash operating loss of \$20,734.98. This puts our loss for the first two months of FY 20/21 at \$31,329.79. These are tough days and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

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

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Ronald Clyde Crosby, Travis Roy, Jimmy Orr and Ronald Diaigneault who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Kinley Rae Mchugh, Shea Catherine Donovan and Bo Terrence Donovan who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“There is a path to holiness that lies within our individual circumstances, that engages our own talents and temperaments, that contends with our own strength and weaknesses, that responds to the needs of our neighbors and our particular moment in history.”

-Robert Ellsberg