

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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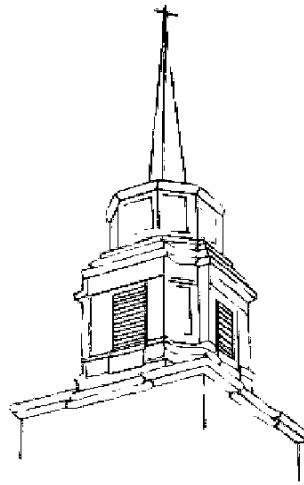
Donna Mastrovito
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Music Ministry

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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, November 14, 2020

4:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Friends
7:15 PM **Emile Dumas, Steve and Angelina Troio**,
req. by Family

Sunday, November 15, 2020

8:00 AM **Christopher Johnson**, req. by Family;
Theodore “Ted” and Gennie Laurie, req. by
Daughter Lorraine
10:15 AM **Daniel Krasnecky**, req. by family; **Health
and Intentions of John Malvarose**, req. by Wife
12:15 PM **Cheryl Seymour (1st Anniv.)**, req. by
Family; **Patricia Nolan Foley**, req. by Joan Belanger,
Rosemary Foley and Marcia Meehan
7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family

Monday, November 16, 2020

6:15 PM **Christopher Melnic**, req. by John Ahern

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

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

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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

Thursday, November 19, 2020

6:15 PM **Mildred and John Ahern**, req. by Family

Friday, November 20, 2020

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

Saturday, November 21, 2020

4:15 PM **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family; **Francisco
Austriaco**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joseph V. Kane**, req. by Wife Barbara; **Mary
McGovern**, req. by Family

Sunday, November 22, 2020

8:00 AM **Joseph Turgeon**, req. by Friends at
Ascension Heights; **William E. and Michael Shugrue**,
req. by Patty Lacrosse
10:15 AM **Josephine Zalieckas (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by
Family; **Paul and Elizabeth Mitchell**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife
Helen and Family; **Genevieve Powers**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Bobby Young**, req. by Dave Young; **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,

How many of you, like me, though not superstitious at all, were concerned about this past Friday, being the 13th? After all, 2020 has been scary for us all. If you were, I hope you found consolation, where I did, in remembering that November 13th is the Feast St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. In 1946, Maria Francesca Cabrini became the first citizen of the United States to be canonized. After being denied entrance into two different religious congregations because of frail health, St. Frances started her own order – the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Her plan, no doubt inspired by her namesake St. Francis Xavier, was to go to China. Pope Leo XIII told her “go west, not east” and sent her to the United States. She came in 1889 with six sisters and founded schools, orphanages and hospitals first in New York and Chicago. In total, Mother Cabrini founded 67 charitable institutions in several other U.S. locations as well as Latin America and Europe. St. Francis Xavier Cabrini is yet another example to us that sanctity is not discovered in doing our own will, nor can it be deterred by the will of others. Sanctity is found in doing God’s will. Wherever that divine will might take us and ask of us when we get there.

As we come to the end of this liturgical year – and 2020, thank God – the Scripture readings invite us to consider the end times. The issue is not when the end will arrive since we “know neither the day nor the hour.” Rather, it is whether we will be prepared for the arrival since it “will come like a thief in the night.” There was a time when I thought that this would be a sort of checking the scorebook. St. Peter would access our life’s good and bad moments, our successes and failures, the wins and losses. If we finished with a positive number, we were let in. A negative number sent us to the other place.

The example of the Saints like Mother Cabrini and the lesson, at least in part, of the Parable of the Talents which we hear in the Gospel today indicate the manner of the particular judgment we each will experience will be quite different. Instead, as I imagine it, the accounting, if you will, is to be based more on what did we do with what was given to us, God has gifted each of us with “talents” in the contemporary meaning of the word. What have we done with these gifts? And to what end? Did we use them for ourselves or for the other? Did they build up or tear down? Did they unite or divide? Similarly, what have we done with the challenges we encountered? Did we persevere or give up? Did they make us empathetic or bitter? Did they lead us to rely on or turn from God?

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. John Madden

In Our Catholic Community...

CAR DONATION PROGRAM- Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities and help us help your Worcester County neighbors? It's quick and easy to do. Just visit our website to donate your vehicle online at www.ccworc.org or call 1-888-CAR-7308 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program. The car in your driveway can help us to continue to offer many services to children, families and elders in our community so that they may regain home for a brighter future. Thank you!

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD – AGAIN!

“Say No to ROE” - The state legislature has extended the session until January 5th, 2021. Please remind the members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary that you oppose the expansion of abortion in Massachusetts. Please call the Committee at 617-722-2396 and let them know you are opposed to H3320 and S1209 – the ROE legislation. Every telephone call helps! Remember these bills would remove: 1. The requirement that young girls obtain consent before an abortion 2. The requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives abortion; 3. The requirement that late term abortions be performed in hospitals; and 4. The bills would allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy. For more information about how the ROE legislation would expand abortion in Massachusetts visit www.macatholic.org. Thank you!

MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS DIRECTORY

- An extensive directory of mental health providers in Worcester who serve children and families, as well as bilingual providers, is available from the Worcester Community Action Council, Main St. Worcester.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$9338.16. We have also received:

Parking- \$35.00

Stipends- \$140.00

All Souls- \$479.00

Total- \$9338.16 Unrestricted- \$9338.16 Restricted- \$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$3,000 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 Imo Deborah Foley; \$100 IMO Jack Tebo; \$100 IMO Donald Bonci; \$2,000 from the Protector Group; \$750 from Herlihy Insurance Group

Expenses– \$9901.11

Elevator (107.00) Schola (567.84) Administration (2731.86) Catholic School Assessments (1050.00) Clergy Benefit Plan (1057.00) Rectory Electrical Repair (370.27) Federal Payroll Taxes (998.75) Church Electric (573.50) Rectory Electric (974.14) Ascension Electric (337.83) CCD (738.61) House (271.92) Church Alarm (122.39)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$10,162.54

Expenses– 4631.99

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Mary Ellen DeSavage, Thomas Heinsohn, George Trebek and Paul Hornung who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Bridget Elizabeth Biagiotti and Blake Joel Watson who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.”

- Pope John Paul II

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Dicit Dominus: Ego cogito cogitationis pacis*, Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

("The Lord says: "I am pondering thoughts of peace and not of affliction; you shall call upon me, and I will hear you...")

Op.: # 563 At the Name of Jesus

Ps 128, "Blessed are those who fear the Lord."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 810 With Gifts that Differ by Your Grace MOZART

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

Comm.: *Domine, quinque talenta*, Mt 25: 20, 21

(Lord, you, delivered five talents unto me; behold, I have gained five more...")

Cl.: # 805 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thes 5:1-6

Mt 25:14-30

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 the following schedule on the parish Facebook Page:

Saturday Vigil: Live-streamed @ 4:15 PM

Sunday Mass: Live-streamed @ 10:15 AM

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS- Anyone who is interested in receiving any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) please contact Fr. Madden either by phone or by email. If you are aware of someone who is or might be interested in the receiving the sacraments, please ask them to contact us. We will be accepting names until the middle of December. At that point, we will determine how to proceed with the program. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-9- Registration is still open for grades 1-9 religious education. If you registered but did not pick up your packet, they are available at the rectory, Tuesday - Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. Please contact Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com with any questions.

Confirmation registration for 2020-2021 is closed. Next class is Tuesday December 14th, 6:15 to 9PM in the church.

First Communion registration closes on December 10th. If you wish to have your child receive First Reconciliation/First Eucharist, you must register by December 10th. Registration is available on the parish website. Thank you

THANKSGIVING BASKET DISTRIBUTION

will be on Tuesday, November 24 from 12-3 PM. We are in need of basket donations. If you would like to donate a basket (with a turkey and all the traditional Thanksgiving fixings) please contact the rectory or drop the basket off anytime before the distribution time. Anyone who would like to volunteer that day and hand out baskets is welcome to come to the St. Francis Xavier Center anytime during the distribution hours. Masks are required by all. Thank you.

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 worces-terdiocese.org and mailed to all our Daily Mass supporters.

TRAVELING HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Join us for the traveling holy hour for vocations on Monday, November 30 at 7 PM at Saint Mary Parish in Shrewsbury. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese. Facemasks required.