

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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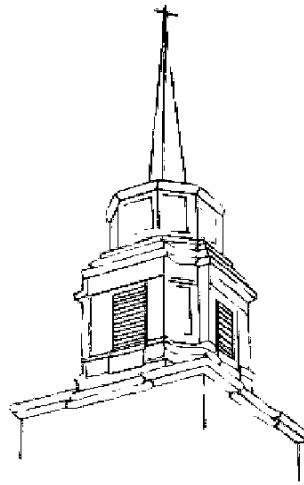
Donna Mastrovito
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Ascension Clothing Center

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, 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 James M.
Shugrue**, req. by Patty LaCross
10:15 AM **Josephine Zalieckas (3rd Anniv.)**, req.
by Family; **Paul and Elizabeth Mitchell**, req. by
Family; **Frank Benison**, 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

Monday, November 23, 2020

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

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

6:15 PM **Jane O'Coin (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

6:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

Thursday, November 26, 2020– Thanksgiving Day

8:00 AM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Family

Friday, November 27, 2020

6:15 PM **Dan Best**, req. by Family

Saturday, November 28, 2020

4:15 PM **John Harvey (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Wife
Lisa and Family; **Michael McCarthy (1st Anniv.)**,
req. by Wife, Mary, Kerry and Sean
7:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

Sunday, November 29, 2020

8:00 AM **Deborah Stitt**, req. by Family; **Johanna
Freeman**, req. by Friends at VAAH
10:15 AM **George and Julia Bakanas, George
Bakanas**, req. by Family; **Edward B. Swalec, II**,
req. by Isabel Swalec
12:15 PM **Edward Belton and Albin Zukowski**,
req. by Family; **Susan Nowalski and Donald
Donovan**, 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,

Last Sunday night my Uncle David Ramelli passed away. He had been struggling since Friday and throughout the weekend. After the 7:15 p.m. Mass, I checked on him. Then I went to check to make sure the Steelers had held to the lead they had when I went over to celebrate the Mass. Returning to my Uncle's room, I discovered that he had died. In the end it was a quiet and peaceful death. Thank God.

My mother and family wanted me to extend our thanks to the people of St. John's for your generous kindness in providing a place for David in his last months. I am grateful, too, that everyone in the house was so attentive and caring. Special thanks to Mike P., Jessica, Vickie, and Bobby B. for all their daily efforts. Finally, we could never say enough about everything that the staff from the VNA Hospice did for David, for me and for all of us. From the beginning to the end and in every way they were awesome. I had thought we would ask, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made in memory of David to our Food for the Poor. Instead, in honor of their ministry these past few months, we ask that they be sent to the VNA Hospice, 120 Thomas Street, Worcester 01608.

Out of a concern with the accelerating rate of the COVID-19 virus, we celebrated a private Funeral Mass for David on Friday at Sacred Heart Church in Milford. He has been buried with his parents and brother at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Please continue to pray for him.

Considering the frightening increase in COVID-19 cases in Worcester and across the nation, Bishop McManus sent a letter to all priests this week. The letter read, in part: *The epidemiological community is unanimous in predicting that this winter surge will get much worse before it gets better and the decisions you make in the coming weeks are critically serious for the health of your elderly and vulnerable parishioners.* The Bishop goes on to urge all of us priests to take the guidelines seriously and to remind everyone of the importance of wearing a mask and maintaining social distance. Since the Churches were first allowed to reopen, we at St. John's have done a very good job following the guidelines. Thank you. Now more than ever, we need to recommit ourselves to keeping each other safe. What I believe needs our specific attention is the social distancing with the communion line. Very simply – remain in single file and six feet apart. Thank you for your concern for each other.

The Bishop closed his letter this way:

Finally, please join me in praying for the successful approval and quick distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. Your faithful implementation of the guidelines we have developed with experts throughout this pandemic have resulted in keeping our people safe and closer to the Lord. In the words of our Diocesan Prayer in Time of Pandemic, may the Lord "give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour."

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Dignus est Agnus, Rev 5: 12 and 1:6

(The Lamb who has been slain is worthy to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength, and honor; let glory and dominion be his forever and ever.)

Op.: # 563 At the Name of Jesus

Ps 23, "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 571 Crown Him with Many Crowns

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

Comm.: Amen dico vobis: Quod uni, Mt 25: 4, 6

(Amen I say to you: in as much as you have done it to one of the least of these, you have done it to me. Come, O Blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world.)

712 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Cl.: # 515 This is the Feast of Victory

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Mt 25:31-46

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

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 - 4 PM. Please email Dianne directly at dhgustowski@gmail.com with any questions.

Confirmation registration for 2020-2021 is closed. Next class is Tuesday December 8th, 6:15 to 9 PM 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 this 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 drop the basket off anytime before the distribution time. 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 worcesterdiocese.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.

In Our Catholic Community...

ADMISSIONS EXAM AT ST. PAUL DIOCESAN

JR/SR HS- The Admissions Exam will be held on December 5 from 8 to 11:30 AM. Please visit www.saintpaulknights.org/admissions/entranceexam.cfm for more information.

FACING FEAR WITH JESUS IN A COVID-19

WORLD - Our country faces a host of fears: sickness and death from a worldwide pandemic, job, and financial loss, loneliness, and radical changes in our society. But the storm that surrounds us is nothing that we cannot handle with Jesus' help. He is not asleep in our boat. Explore eight concrete tips from the Bible, the Saints, and our Catholic Faith. The session includes prayer, reflection, small group sharing, and presentations. Speakers: John and Therese Boucher, teachers and authors of hundreds of articles and many books. Tuesday, December 8, 7:00-9:00 PM. FREE REGISTRATION (limited spaces available)! Send an email with your name, email, and phone number to Esperanza Oliveras cje21@verizon.net by Monday, December 7, 2020, to receive the Zoom.com video session link. (Hosted by the Parish Renewal and Evangelization Committee, Diocese of Worcester.)

A TIME WILL COME FOR SINGING is a four-session program for adults during Advent. Each weekly session will be online and will include a brief lesson and prayer, a short Advent-related video, and closing comments and prayer. Twenty minutes tops - from your own laptop, tablet, or mobile phone! Login whenever you want to during each of the four weeks. Take a step back from the hectic pace of the holidays to reflect on the true reason for the season. FREE, but you must register ahead of time so you can receive a link each week. Contact Romeo Marquis Rmarquis48@outlook.com for details and to register.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$6821.16. We have also received:

Online- \$10,406.59

Stipends- \$1080.00

Donation- \$100.00

Total- \$18,307.75 **Unrestricted-** \$18,307.75 **Restricted-** \$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 from a friend; \$15 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$30 from a friend; \$2500 from a friend; \$100 IMO Jim McDonald; \$25 IMO James Don Francisco; \$1,000 from the Little Franciscans of Mary; \$50 IMO George McClure; \$50 IMO Bernadette Boucher

Expenses— \$18,206.80

Schola (574.40) Altar (427.28) Administration (3873.51) Legal Expense (1525.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (935.10) Rectory Plumbing (256.36) Church Maintenance (600.00) Ascension Maintenance (377.77) Funerals (305.60) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) November Budget Bill (7797.00) CCD (10.00) House (99.78) Bell Maintenance (895.00)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$7520.00

Expenses— \$3002.16

This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of David Ramelli who has been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Osiel Miguel De La Rosa Gonzalez who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, ‘thank you’, that would suffice.” - Meister Eckhart