

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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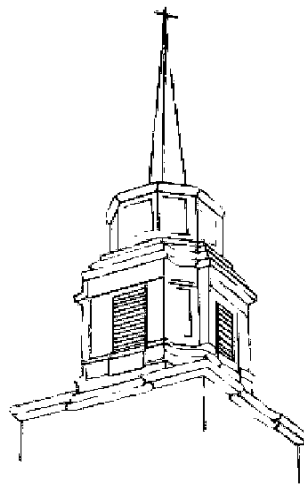
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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, January 16, 2021

4:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Frank Wright**, req. by Friends

Sunday, January 17, 2021

8:00 AM **Joseph Turgeon**, req. by Friends at Village at Ascension Heights
10:15 AM **William "Mr. Bill" Stuczko**, req. by a Friend; **Paula Waters (Month's Mind)**, req. by Cousin, Judy
12:15 PM **George Haddad (21st Anniv.)**, req. by Wife and Family
7:15 PM **Francesca Grimaldi (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family

Monday, January 18, 2021

6:15 PM **Edward Flynn, Jr.**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

6:15 PM **Health of Phyllis and Richard**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

6:15 PM **The Pappas Family**, req. by Parents

Thursday, January 21, 2021

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

Friday, January 22, 2021

6:15 PM **Gregory J. Angelini**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:15 PM **Anthony Thompson (14th Anniv.)**, req. by Daughter Barbara; **Dorothy Lambert**, req. by Marje and Paul Korpinen
7:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Friends

Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:00 AM **Marie and Joseph Mastrovito**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **James V. Powers**, req. by Family; **Toni Marie Casarano (Month's Mind)**, req. by Sarah Taylor
12:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. Friends
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,

This past Monday began the First Week in Ordinary Time. It was not, of course, the beginning of the Liturgical Year. It does have the feel of a new beginning, though. Which, as I mentioned in a recent homily, is one of the great gifts that God gives us always— the opportunity to begin again. Monday was also the first day since I learned – again and more clearly – that it is not how you begin (11-0) but how you end (1-5) that matters. The Second Letter of Peter declares that God's mercy "is directed toward salvation." God is merciful not permissive. The grace of divine mercy is intended not only so that we can begin again, but, more importantly, to help us end well. Humility is the necessary ingredient to receive this grace. Therefore, we need to work through the humiliation that our sins can cause and come humbly before our gracious God. A journey that must begin with prayer.

Each morning, I pray the Litany of Humility that has been attributed to Cardinal Merry Del Val. It is familiar to many of you, I am sure. Still, as we begin again, I offer it to you with hope for us all:

Lord Jesus. Meek and humble of heart, *Hear me.*

From the desire of being esteemed,
From the desire of being loved,
From the desire of being extolled,
From the desire of being honored,
From the desire of being praised,
From the desire of being preferred to others,
From the desire of being consulted,
From the desire of being approved,
Deliver me, Jesus
From the fear of being humiliated,
From the fear of being despised,
From the fear of suffering rebukes,
From the fear of being calumniated,
From the fear of being forgotten,
From the fear of being ridiculed,
From the fear of being wronged,
From the fear of being suspected,
Deliver me, Jesus

That others may be loved more than I,
That others may be esteemed more than I,
That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease,
That others may be chosen and I set aside,
That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
That others may be preferred to me in everything,
That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Omnis terra adoret*, Ps 66: 4 (Let all the earth worship you and praise you, O God: may it sing in praise of your name, O Most High.)

Op.: # 837 All People that on Earth Do Dwell
Ps. 40, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 748 What Does the Lord Require
Eucharistic Accs.: 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: *Dicit Andreas*, Jn 1: 41, 42 (Andrew said to his brother Simon: "We have found the Messiah" which means Christ; and he led him to Jesus.)

662 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Cl.: # 775 You Call to Us, Lord Jesus

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42

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 have received inquiries from five adults and will be holding our first meeting this Monday, January 18 in the church hall at 7 PM. If you wish to participate, please contact the rectory this week. Thank you.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-9- Out of an abundance of safety, regular Religious Ed classes will not be held in person for the foreseeable future. The next set of Pflaum Gospel Weeklies will be available on January 17 at the rectory. Thanks so much for your patience and understanding.

Confirmation- Next class is Tuesday, February 9, 6:15 to 9 PM in the church.

First Communion- First Reconciliation and First Eucharist classes have been postponed from January 17 to February 7. An Adjusted schedule has been posted on the parish website. If you have any questions, feel free to email Donna at mastrovito21@charter.net.

THE CLOTHING CENTER AT THE ASCENSION CAMPUS will be closed for the next 2 weeks. Please drop off all donations at the rectory, Tuesday-Friday 9 AM to 4 PM. Thank you.

BIBLE-IN-A-YEAR PROGRAM & LENTEN STUDY- The Immaculate Conception Center, in partnership with St. John's, is offering two upcoming faith formation programs. The Bible-In-A-Year Program (starting on January 24th) will help you read and study Scripture, with a monthly Bible-reading plan, study resources and opportunities to share your experience with other participants. The Lenten Study (starting on February 17th) will take you on a guided journey through the Sunday Mass readings of Lent, with Scripture commentary, reflection questions, and an optional faith-sharing discussion each week on Zoom. To sign up, visit stjohnsworcester.org/adult-faith-formation and follow the instructions to join the "Adult Faith Formation" group on Flocknote.

JOIN THE NATIONAL NOVENA FOR LIFE - 9 DAYS FOR LIFE is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage set aside to mark the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. The novena will take place nationwide from January 21 through 29, 2021. During this time, all are invited to participate by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the nine days. Visit 9daysfor-life.com to learn more and to download a free app for your smartphone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages with each day's prayer intention.

In Our Catholic Community...

JANUARY 22 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - *Did you know* that in Dioceses throughout the United States, January 22 is designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Human Life? As Catholics we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms, in a way similar to our Lenten practices. Learn more about how you can participate at <https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer>.

PRO-LIFE MORNING OF REFLECTION— Please join us for a Pro-Life Morning of Reflection with Monsignor James Moroney on Saturday, January 23 from 9 – 11 AM at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Additional information and registration information will be available at www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life.

MASS AND HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE - All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 19 Chatham St., Worcester. A special Holy Hour for Life will follow at 7:30 p.m. Please join us as we remember the 48th tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

PORK ROAST DINNER- St. Peter Parish in Northbridge is having a Pork Roast “To Go” Dinner. Pick up will be on **Saturday**, January 23 starting at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$12 per dinner and include salad and dessert. All orders must be purchased in advance. Please call 508-234-2156 or email parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org to purchase tickets or if you have any questions.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7023.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$403.00	Restoration- \$256.00
Candles- \$644.00	Parking- \$70.00
Stipends- \$790.00	Donation- \$2700.00
Free Press- \$78.00	Christmas- \$100.00
Catholic University- \$228.00	

Total- \$12,292.16 **Unrestricted-** \$12,064.16 **Restricted-** \$228.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$600 IMO Daniel Moynihan; \$135 IMO Michael Novia; \$1765 IMO Brian Buckley; \$3000 from St. Spyridon Church; \$10,000 from the Hockes-Scofield Foundation; \$25 IMO Therese Black; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$55 IMO J. Bradford Lange; \$25 IMO Juliann Shea

Expenses— \$18,183.36
Altar (27.49) Administration (7311.18) House (361.48) Church Water and Sewer (91.71) Rectory Water and Sewer (1416.41) Ascension Boiler Repair (3376.00) Ascension Sanding (425.00) Office (432.00) Garage Door Replacements (4390.00) Catholic University (228.00) Church Alarm (124.09)

Food for the Poor
Income- \$11,205.00
Expenses— \$5569.86

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Jean Patricia Matthews, James Gibbons, Francis and Theresa Bafaro, Joanne Rogers and Timothy Lester who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Rhea Dilane Pappas who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

**“Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and right doing there is a field.
I’ll meet you there.**

**When the soul lies down in that grass the world is too full to talk about.”
– Rumi**