

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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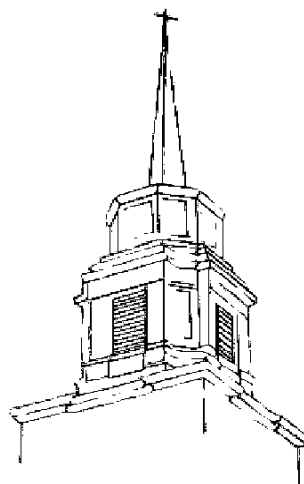
Donna Mastrovito
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Ascension Clothing Center

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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, March 6, 2021

4:15 PM **Kevin and Mary Carroll**, req. by Family; **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Ann Sullivan (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Deceased Members of the Marotta Family**, req. by Family

Sunday, March 7, 2021

8:00 AM **Cornelius and Kathleen Flynn**, req. by Family; **John Mackoul**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **John Harvey**, req. by Family; **Emilia Garofoli (13th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Jay Eager (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **John J. and Mary I. Welsh**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Family

Monday, March 8, 2021

9:15 AM **Robert and Mary O'Brien**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Fernando Figueras**, req. by Family

6:15 PM **Sophie Groccia**, req. by Family

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

9:15 AM **Ann and Thomas Cummings**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Stella and Stanley Kulunas**, req. by Family

6:15 PM **Michael Lewis**, req. by Family

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

9:15 AM **Jack Kelley**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Charlotte Brown & Lorraine Rocheleau**, req. by Lorraine

6:15 PM **Etta Walsh**, req. by Husband

Thursday, March 11, 2021

9:15 AM **Jack Staples**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson

12:15 PM **Lori Killian (2nd Anniv.) and Eunice Shea (Birthday Rem.)**, req. by Family

6:15 PM **Etta Walsh**, req. by Husband

Friday, March 12, 2021

9:15 AM **Mary Donahue**, req. by Al and Esther Bachant

12:15 PM **Anthony & Stella Tankievich**, req. by Godchild Lorraine

6:15 PM **Etta Walsh**, req. by Husband

Saturday, March 13, 2021

4:15 PM **Carl Paul Steele (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Rich Linga**, req. by a Friend

7:15 PM **M/M Joseph P. O'Coin**, req. by Family; **Joseph Pezzella**, req. by Family

Dear Friends in the Lord,

At the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sunday, we will celebrate the First Scrutiny (of three) with the six Catechumens and Candidates in this year's group. It is becoming redundant to say, "as with everything else during the pandemic" but we have had to modify the RCIA program this year. Still, we are carrying on. Or, more accurately, God continues to carry us. Honestly, I am a little embarrassed to say that a certain part of the delay in beginning the program this year was because I did not think that there would be anyone interested. The embarrassment stems from my doubting that the work of God could and would continue in the face of the coronavirus. In reality, the RCIA group stands before us as proof that, not only is God still active, but that people are still seeking to deepen their relationship with God, as well

Today, we are presented with the beautiful story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman. It carries with it a true richness and on several levels. Basically, though, it shows that, in Jesus, God is undaunted by our hesitation and our sin and never stops seeking out his children. As we continue to pray for our six sisters and brothers and all those preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church, may they remind us of God's promise that those who seek will find.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

Sunday, March 14, 2021

8:00 AM **Susan Wright (12th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **John Jack O'Grady**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson

10:15 AM **Donna Mulcahy**, req. by Family; **Francisca Obijiaku**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Jean P. Cosmo**, req. by Family; **Birthday Blessings for Patty Kelly Clark and Fran DiReda**

7:15 PM **Marta Brodeur**, req. by Family

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Oculi mei, Ps 25:15, 16

Op.: Sat.: # 3 Come Holy Ghost (Novena Booklet)

Sun.: # 1 All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Novena)

Ps. 19, "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life."

Gospel Acc.: # 208 "Praise and Honor, to you, O Lord, Jesus Christ."

Prep.: Hymn to St. Francis Xavier (Novena)

Eucharistic Accs.: # 304, 305, Amen, 311

Comm.: Passer invenit, Ps. 84:4,5

707 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Cl.: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (Novena)

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ex 20:1-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

THE 98TH ANNUAL NOVENA OF GRACE IN HONOR

OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER – also known as the Lenten Retreat of the Diocese of Worcester, continues through March 12th. Obviously, we need to ensure everyone's safety. To that end, a reservation will be needed to guarantee a seat. You can make a reservation through the parish website or by calling the rectory office. Novena Masses will be live streamed at 12:15 and 6:15 PM during the week and 2 :15 and 4:15 PM Saturday and 10:15 AM Sunday.

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

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 be heard on Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 PM in a section of the sacristy of the main Church. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-9- The next distribution of regular CCD materials will be this Sunday, March 7th from 3-4:30 pm. We'll be in the parking lot behind the rectory. See you then!

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

First Communion- If your child was baptized at a church other than St. John's, Donna will need a copy of their baptismal certificate. Any questions please email Donna at mastrovito21@charter.net

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR 2021

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence for all who have completed their 14th year. On Week Days of Lent there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended. Voluntary Self-Denial may include, in addition to fasting, participation in daily Mass, spiritual studies, Lenten Devotions, Stations of the Cross, saying the Rosary, deeds of mercy and kindness. Easter Duty Obligation must be made from the first Sunday in Lent (February 21) through Trinity Sunday (May 30).

DEEDS OF MERCY AND KINDNESS:

Rice Bowls will be available on the back tables of the Church and at the rectory. You are invited to place the money you would have spent on what you "give up" for Lent into the bowls, or a separate envelope, which will support the great work done by Catholic Relief Services all across the globe.

Virtual Baby Bottles—Due to the pandemic the baby bottle fundraiser is virtual this year. You are invited to take the money you would have spent on what you "give up" for lent and donate to this wonderful prolife cause. Donations can be made online at give.visitationhouse.org or mailed to Visitation house Inc., PO Box 60115 Worcester, MA 01606. Families are also encouraged to get your children involved by starting a family project. For more information please take a flyer from the back table for more information or visit visitationhouse.org.

ST. JOHN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated every Friday in Lent after the 6:15 PM Mass, except on the Friday March 12th.

In Our Catholic Community...

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 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 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION EVERY THURSDAY

at St. Bernard's Church (228 Lincoln St. Worcester) during Lent. Exposition begins following the 8:15 am morning mass and reposition takes place prior to the 7 pm Mass in Spanish. If you are interested in signing up for an hour please call 508-755-3820 or email parish@olpworcester.org

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL

MISCONDUCT- If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS IN WORCESTER

- St. Joan of Arc parish, 570 Lincoln St. will hold drive-through (by the Arc) Fish Fry's, Fridays during Lent, 4-7 p.m. Fish & chips/\$12; Baked fish & potato \$13; Shrimp & chips/\$13; beverage included. Tostones, fries and beverage available separately. To place your order call 508-283-0253.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8303.46. We have also received:

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| Online- \$11,430.00 | Monthly- \$65.00 |
| Restoration- \$125.00 | Parking- \$35.00 |
| Stipends- \$470.00 | Ash Wednesday- \$100.00 |
| Free Press- \$196.00 | Donation- \$1400.00 |
| Easter- \$25.00 | |

Total- \$22,149.46 **Unrestricted-** \$22,024.46 **Restricted-** \$125.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 from a friend; \$300 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$58.37 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$40 IMO Mary Paciello; \$25 IMO Lillian Eid; \$20 IMO Fr. Joe Coonan; \$50 IHO Angelo Pappas' 92nd Birthday; \$1500 Arbella Matching Gift from Robert Powers Insurance; \$274 from Hanover Insurance "More United Than Ever"

Expenses- \$20,638.96

Administration (7372.68) Novena (2000.00) House (1069.88) Rectory Cable (621.68) CCD (305.24) Church Gas (1724.12) Rectory Gas (1969.21) Stipends (885.00) Haitian Apostolate (562.00) Plowing (2000.00) Ascension Plowing (1000.00) Legal Fees (300.00) Church Alarm (160.99) Copier (668.16)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$31,768.58
Expenses- \$8105.64

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

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Carol Gamble, Alice Haddad, Vernon Jordan, Neville Livingston, Fr. D. Timothy O'Mara and Violet Ripken who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken— St. Francis Xavier