

*"To Preserve The Flame"*  
**SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH**

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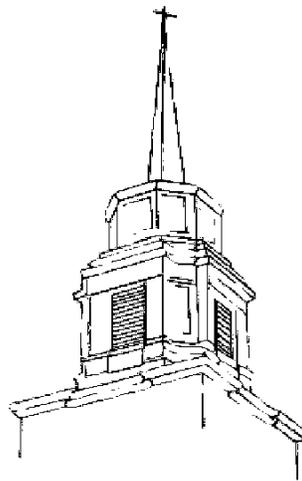
Donna Mastrovito  
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**Ascension Clothing Center**

Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

**Music Ministry**

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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](mailto:stjohnsworc@gmail.com)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

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, April 10, 2021

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Anna, Bill and George Leseman**, req. by Barbara Thompson  
7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

Sunday, April 11, 2021

8:00 AM **Jimmy Gannon**, req. by Family; **Gervais Laroche**, req. by Family  
10:15 AM **Jim Lyons (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Wife; **Edward B. Swalec, II (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family  
12:15 PM **Mary Lizotte (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Rosalynd Walsh**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka and Bloeslaw Burzynski**, req. by Family; **Health and Intentions of Anne Foley**, req. by Caroline MacDuffie

Monday, April 12, 2021

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

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

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

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

6:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Thursday, April 15, 2021

6:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**

Friday, April 16, 2021

6:15 PM **Diane Harrity**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Saturday, April 17, 2021

4:15 PM **Charles Hamalainen (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **John McCluskey (17th Anniv.)**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends

Sunday, April 18, 2021

8:00 AM **Ernest and Jeanette Brackett**, req. by Children  
10:15 AM **Beranrd Lapointe (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Steve Rafferty**, req. by Cantwell Family  
12:15 PM **Bernadette Boucher (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Christine Bishop**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Health and Intentions of Anne Foley**, req. by Caroline MacDuffie

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

“On the evening of that first day of the week” is the familiar beginning of the Gospel passage that we hear every year on the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a reminder that big things are about to happen as John combines a Resurrection appearance with the giving of the Holy Spirit. The person who stands out the most in this event is, of course, Thomas. In his reflection in *Give Us This Day*, Abbot John Klassen, OSB wonders why *the label “Doubting Thomas” is often used in a pejorative sense, as if believing in the raising of a dead man is a slam dunk for the other disciples*. Isn’t it interesting that we both view Thomas in a disparaging way, and we identify with him so closely? As Klassen recognizes: *Across the centuries, Thomas is a witness to the real struggle of genuine faith.*

The encounter makes clear that genuine faith can only be produced through a personal encounter with the Risen Christ. The need for a genuine community of supportive sisters and brothers is clear, as well. Last week’s celebration of the Sacred Triduum and Easter displayed that both are available to us at St. John’s. Despite the adjustments to the rituals that the Coronavirus forced upon us, we were able to experience the real presence of our Risen Savior throughout Holy Week. Therefore, we owe a significant amount of thanks to all those who prepared and served at the liturgies. I think we all have come to recognize that we cannot do anything in the church without Dolores and Sean! To both of them and to the members of the teams that they have assembled, my deepest thanks. Likewise, thanks to Frs. Brice and Conrad and to Deacon Ed for their ministry to us all.

Coming together this weekend we conclude the Octave of Easter as we look forward to the graces which await us in the Easter Season. Perhaps, Thomas can be the example we need in order for us to be witnesses to genuine faith. Abbot Klassen reflected further:

*(Thomas) asks a basic question, he is curious about what his fellow disciples saw and heard. His faith has to make sense, to be intelligible. More than any other species, human beings pursue understanding by posing questions and evaluating evidence. We can’t help but try to make sense of our lives and what they mean. No less wonderful than Thomas’ expression of skepticism is his humble, heartfelt confession of faith:*

*My Lord and my God!*

In Christ’s Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Quasi modo geniti*, 1 Pet 2:2 (As newborn babes, alleluia, long for pure spiritual milk, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.)

Op.: # 514 That Easter Day with Joy was Bright  
Gloria: # 323

Ps 118, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 510 Christ is Alive

Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: *Mitte manum tuam, et cognosce*,

Jn 20:27 (Stretch forth your hand, and feel the place where the nails were, alleluia; and be not doubtful but believing, alleluia, alleluia.)

# 507 O Sons and Daughters

Cl.: # 515 This is the Feast of Victory

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY** – the Annual Appeal of the Diocese of Worcester is underway. This year we are invited to "Be the Face of Christ" to our brothers and sisters in need. As you know, the Partners in Charity appeal supports the works of prayer, charity, and education in the diocese. Our parish goal is \$76,600 again this year. To date, we have received gifts and pledges totaling \$35,364. Thank you to those who have donated already. There are gift/pledge envelopes available in the church and at the rectory. As always, we are grateful for the generous support of the people of St. John's.

**POLAR PARK-ING AND CONCESSIONS** - We are in the process of obtaining a license to use our lot for Woo Sox parking. Plus, Be Like Brit will be running a concession stand at Polar Park during the season. We both are in need of volunteers to assist in this effort. If you are able to help with the parking, please contact the rectory. If concessions is your game, please contact BLB for details. Thanks and, of course, Go Woo Sox!

**PLASTIC BAG DONATIONS** are always needed at the St. Francis Xavier center for our friends who take food "to-go" each day. Please drop donations off at the Center, in the back of the Church or at the rectory.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Confirmation**- Next class is Tuesday, May 4, 6:15 to 9 PM in the church.

**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*

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE**- In a blink of an eye, anything and everything can change. Please participate in the 36th Annual *Virtual Walk* for the Homeless, May 16-May 23. The WALK will to benefit Catholic Charities Family Shelter, Homeless Prevention programs of Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a program of Friendly House, and St. John's Food for the Poor. For more information go to [www.walkforthehomeless.org](http://www.walkforthehomeless.org) or call Ann Gibbons Smith at 774-243-3809.

**ORGAN RECITAL IN WORCESTER** (in-person and online)- On Friday, April 23 at 7:00 pm an Organ Recital will take place at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester. Grant Wareham will perform on the newly restored Skinner organ at Blessed Sacrament Church. Grant is director of music at Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, Pennsylvania and a graduate of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. This free, one hour event is available in-person (with masks and social distancing) and a live-stream link can be found at [blessedsacrament.us](http://blessedsacrament.us).

## **In Our Catholic Community...**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** - Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is recruiting nonprofit placement sites for the coming (September to June) year. Ignatian Volunteers commit to two days/week of service with nonprofit agencies working with people experiencing poverty, injustice, or marginalization. They are men and women, 50 years of age and older, in a 26-year-old program combining service and spirituality, supported by Jesuits of the USA East Province. There is a modest partnership fee. IVC volunteers are generally retired or semi-retired professionals, and have been actively serving in the New England since 2009. IVC New England volunteers work in Worcester, Boston, Providence and surrounding communities. For more information, please contact IVC New England Regional Director Dave Hinchin via email at [newengland@ivcusa.org](mailto:newengland@ivcusa.org).

**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](http://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!

## **Financial Report**

Last weekend we received \$10,473.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$365.00	Restoration- \$87.00
Candles- \$772.00	Stipends- \$75.00
Good Friday- \$491.00	Easter- \$3129.00
Flowers- \$172.00	Novena- \$20.00
Donation- \$600.00	School Rent- \$4833.72

**Total- \$21,018.38 Unrestricted- \$20,440.38 Restricted- \$578.00**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$150 IMO Sharon Charbonneau; \$375 IMO Thomas Holden; \$100 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$300 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$40 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$400 IMO Alice Haddad; \$275 IMO Richard Buyinski; \$100 Imo George Bailey; \$100 IMO Cirilo and Natilde F. Varias; \$25 Imo Robert Sullivan; \$100 IMO Joe Morrissey; \$1000 IMO Peter Pusac; \$1000 IMO Brian Buckley

**Expenses-** \$8818.92

Schola (781.44) Administration (2143.04) Altar (165.00) Clergy Benefit Plan (1057.00) Stipends (750.00) Envelopes (671.14) House Repairs (1110.92) Federal Payroll Taxes (981.22) Good Friday (491.00) Copier (668.16)

### **Food for the Poor**

Income- \$8810.00 Expenses- \$6890.09

This weekend's Second Collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering

## **Our Parish Community...**

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Abbot Xavier Connelly, OSB, Richard Conley, Albina Balcunas and Philippos Andreou who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Liam Duffy, Alyssa Friedman, John Rosado, Veronica Rosado and Jack Brenner who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

## **Word of Life**

**"Dismiss all anger and look into yourself a little. Remember that he of whom you are speaking is your brother, and as he is in the way of salvation, God can make him a saint, in spite of his present weakness."**

**St. Thomas of Villanova**