

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

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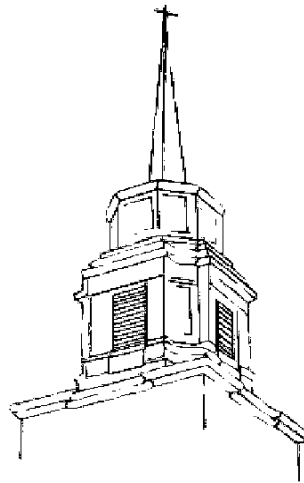
Donna Mastrovito  
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**Music Ministry**

Sean Redrow, Director  
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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 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

Monday, April 19, 2021

6:15 PM **Rose and Joseph Pezzella**, req. by Family; **Alice Haddad**, req. by Family

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

6:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

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

Thursday, April 22, 2021

6:15 PM **Judy Boyle Anders**, req. by Friends

Friday, April 23, 2021

6:15 PM **Lolita M. Catalan**, req. by Family

Saturday, April 24, 2021

4:15 PM **Edward Rogaishio**, req. by Marje and Paul Korpinen

7:15 PM **Joe Hickey and Dan Best**, req. by Friends

Sunday, April 25, 2021

8:00 AM **Raquel Foley**, req. by Family; **William Kaspar**, req. by Friends

10:15 AM **For Prayers Answered for the Sokolowski Family; Stacey Vaitkunas and Family**, req. by Daughter Danute

12:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Walter Grzesik**, req. by Friends; **Judy Boyle Anders (16th Anniv.)**, 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 afternoon, the following young adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation at a beautiful ceremony in the Cathedral of St. Paul:

Brianna Mary Hartman

Zachary Robert Cote

Kathryn Grace Guertin

Alyson Marine Vincequere

Michael Steven McElroy

Ruby Caroline Adamowicz

Victor Ambrose Moisan

Jacob Daniel Chaisson

Peter Earl Joslyn

Brianna Marie Cote

Declan Robert MacNamara

Devan James Lemont

Luke Will Shamaly

Matthew John McElroy

Ella Marie Rodriguez

Thomas Martin Maillet

James Francis Henrickson

Clare Anne Joslyn

Celebrating any sacrament at any time is, of course, a gift from God. Still, there is something special about celebrating Confirmation on the Second Sunday of Easter, known, too as Divine Mercy Sunday. We hear in the Gospel passage for the day that Jesus breathes on the disciples and says, *Receive the Holy Spirit*. It is always powerful, of course. Still, there was something special about hearing it at a Confirmation ceremony in the time of pandemic. To that end, I join you in offering these young women and men a special congratulations – and to Dan Shaughnessy, their terrific catechist. Nothing is easy these days, but Dan and the students and their parents had a good plan, adjusted, rolled with it, persevered and succeeded. This is not the end, though. We know that the Holy Spirit who guided them to St. Paul's last Sunday will continue to guide them for the rest of their lives.

Today's passage takes us to the Gospel of Luke and begins with the last line from the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: *The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread*. The encounter of Cleopas and the other disciple with Jesus has been referred to as the Gospel paradigm for the Mass. Indeed, in some of the new Eucharistic Prayers their experience is linked to ours: *Blessed indeed is your Son, present in our midst when we are gathered by his love and when, as once for his disciples, so now for us, he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread*.

In a couple of weeks – on Sunday, May 2 at the 10:15 a.m. – another group of our young people will receive the Eucharist for the first time. During these days, we can increase our prayers for them that the presence of Jesus will be made known to them in a real way. I also mention this for a practical reason. There are 25 children who will be receiving their First Communion at the 10:15 a.m. Mass on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. A pew will be reserved for each of the families. Given that the social distancing requirements remain in place, this will leave very few seats for everybody else. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. John Madden

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Jubilate Deo, Ps 66: 1, 2 (Shout Joyfully to God, all the earth, alleluia; sing a psalm to his name, alleluia; praise him with magnificence, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.)

Op.: # 527 I Know That My Redeemer Lives  
Gloria: # 323

Ps 4, "Lord, let your face shine on us, your face shine on us."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 502 This Joyful Eastertide

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

Comm.: Cantate Domino, Ps 96: 2 (Sing unto the Lord, alleluia; sing to the lord bless his name; proclaim his salvation day after day, alleluia, alleluia.)

# 556 Adoro Te Devote / Hidden Here in Majesty

Cl.: # 528 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

**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 \$43, 854.38. 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!

### **THE 10:15 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY, MAY 2 WILL BE THE PARISH FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION**

– there are 25 young people in the class this year. Since we will be reserving a pew for each family, please be advised that there will not be much room to safely accommodate others, except in the balcony. Thank you for your understanding.

**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.

### **PARENTS OF WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

- The Worcester School Committee's Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports will hold its next meeting on a proposed Sex Education curriculum for the Worcester Public Schools on Monday, April 26 at 5:30 pm. At its meeting last month, the School Administration proposed a pilot course that would be a 9<sup>th</sup> grade elective. A member of the committee suggested that sex ed should be a required course beginning in 6<sup>th</sup> grade as part of a comprehensive K-12 health program. Two programs have been proposed, *Get Real*, a program developed by Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts, and *Rights, Respect & Responsibility*. You can see the curriculum for each grade of the latter program online at: <http://3rs.org/3rs-curriculum/3rs-curric-search/>. The Planned Parenthood Curriculum is not available online and although a public records request has been made of the City for this curriculum, it has not yet been made available for review. The April 26 meeting will be by Zoom (link not yet available).

## In Our Catholic Community...

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** - Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is recruiting non-profit 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. 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 Hinchey at [newengland@ivcusa.org](mailto:newengland@ivcusa.org).

**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 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 please visit us at [walkforthehomeless.org](http://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).

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$6615.16. We have also received:  
Monthly- \$580.00                      Restoration- \$229.00  
Parking- \$70.00                        Stipends- \$660.00  
Easter- \$1510.00                        Flowers- \$90.00  
Donation- \$100.00                        Novena- \$30.00  
Partners in Charity- \$25.00

**Total- \$9909.16 Unrestricted- \$9680.16 Restricted- \$229.00**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$470 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$60 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$1260.86 from a friend; \$70 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$5000 from Country Bank; \$235 IMO Richard Buyniski; \$125 IMO Jim McDonald; \$1700 from the Princess Warriors; \$45 IMO George Bailey; \$100 IMO Jack Morrissey; \$100 IMO Alice Haddad; \$25 IMO Christine Anderson; \$25 IMO Tom Holden; \$775 IMO Richard Conley; \$25 IMO Fr. Gerry Walsh; \$10,000 from Spectrum Healthcare Systems; \$25 IMO Beatrice Connor

**Expenses-** \$11,127.37  
Altar (1541.23) Administration (4814.52) Advertising (293.40) Church Water/Sewer (101.90) Rectory Water/Sewer (896.72) Boiler Inspection (100.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (1051.78) Church Electric (640.22) Rectory Electric (986.54) Partners in Charity (25.00) Confirmation (255.00) Alarm (124.66) House (296.40)

**Food for the Poor**  
Income- \$22,873.86                      Expenses- \$10,932.38

## Our Parish Community...

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

...Welcomes Leah Angelina Ginisi who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

## Word of Life

**"I worry some of you still have not really met Jesus—one to one—you and Jesus alone. We may spend time in the chapel—but have you seen with the eyes of your soul how He looks at you with love? Do you really know the living Jesus—not from books but from being with Him in your heart? Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you? Ask for the grace; He is longing to give it. Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear Him saying 'I Thirst' in the hearts of the poor. Never give up this daily intimate contact with Jesus as the real living person—not just the idea." - Saint Mother Teresa**