

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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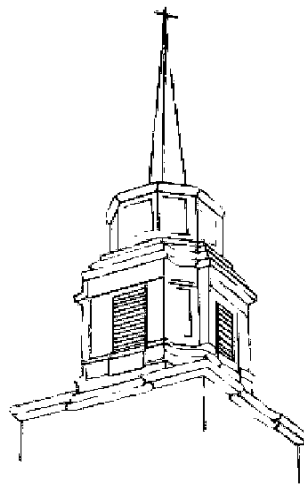
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
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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

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 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

Monday, April 26, 2021

6:15 PM **Leslie John Dudley (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

6:15 PM **Pauline Garbis**, req. by Family

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

6:15 PM **Paul "Pete" Belsito**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Thursday, April 29, 2021

6:15 PM **Robert "Bob" Hokanson**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Friday, April 30, 2021

6:15 PM **Alejandro Lorente**, req. by Family

Saturday, May 1, 2021

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; M/M Herbert Fairbanks and John Reidy**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Friends

Sunday, May 2, 2021

8:00 AM **Kathleen Shugrue and Karen Hippert**, req. by Lorraine Laurie

10:15 AM **Shamoun Butros**, req. by Family; **Birthday Blessings for Remedios Piper**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Elizabeth Brosnihan (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

At the 10:15 a.m. Mass on next Sunday, May 2nd we will celebrate this year's First Communion. The following young people will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time:

Niccolo Carbine Angiulo	Claire Bledsoe	Jack Chaunce
Soleil Connole	Hannah Dang	Juaquin Flores
Ximena Flores	Molly Harrington	Anthony Hernandez
Shaelin Acadia Hoeffy	Chase Labonte	Stella Lee
Savannah Lemont	Brendan Leong	Christian Lorente
Bronson Malek	Leah McCluskey	Hannah Grace
McLaughlin	Alexander Mejia	Norah Catherine Ramey
Jaylee Saucier	Patrick Sturrock	Kali Anne Webb

Congratulations to all these children and their families for this important and impressive accomplishment. Despite all the obstacles that Life in the Time of Pandemic placed in their way, their perseverance and determination, most of all, their faith prevailed. To that end, I join the First Communion families and all at St. John's in thanking our coordinator, Donna Mastrovito for her efforts and flexibility, most of all, for her faith which allowed for this celebration even in this difficult time.

You may have noticed that during the Agnus Dei, the celebrant bows and prays quietly. It is a prayer whose meaning takes on a special depth for me on First Communion Sunday. Often, I mention it at the celebration itself. It reads:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments and never let me be parted from you.

Finally, given the number of families involved and considering the social distancing requirements, there will be limited seating available at the Mass for others. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

Along with everything else in the world, the way of conducting our daily meal was changed by the Coronavirus. The biggest change has been the amount of time our guests spend outside the Xavier Center. Last spring and summer, a tent provided by Creedon and Company alleviated the situation. This weekend we will be constructing a pavilion next to the Center addition to provide a sheltered space for the guests. We are grateful to our Kitchen Manager, Pat Harrington for his efforts in making this possible. He was able to get the design, the permit, the materials, and the labor put together and, mostly through the donation of the time and talents of friends and business associates. I suspect there was a headlock or two involved. Nobody was harmed, though.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Misericordia Domini, Ps 33: 5, 6 (The Earth is full of the mercy of the Lord, alleluia; by the word of the Lord, the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia.)

Op.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Gloria: # 323

Ps 118, "The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 92 Psalm 118: Let Us Rejoice

Mass: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: Ego sum pastor bonus, Jn 20: 14 (I am the good shepherd, alleluia; I know my sheep and my own know me, alleluia, alleluia.)

712 The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

Cl.: # 515 This is the Feast of Victory

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

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 \$48, 049.38. 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 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.

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 9th grade elective. A member of the committee suggested that sex ed should be a required course beginning in 6th 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 Zoom link is: <https://tapit.us/N0t1TZ> - 064471 is the passcode, if needed.

In Our Catholic Community...

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 please visit us at walkforthehomeless.org or call Ann Gibbons Smith at 774-243-3809.

THE MOTHER'S DAY ROSE DRIVE TO SUPPORT PROBLEM PREGNANCY OF WORCESTER will be doing a GoFundMe campaign this year. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 between now and Mother's Day weekend. Please join the campaign by going to this link gf.me/u/zqhc3q. Problem Pregnancy of Worcester provides women a real choice by removing the barriers that often block them from keeping their babies. They offer free housing, medical care, ultrasound tests, baby clothes, cribs, car seats, legal help, immigration aid, maternity clothes, life skills counseling, spiritual counseling, and vocational help. Please support Problem Pregnancy of Worcester. If you would like to mail a check then please send it to Problem Pregnancy, 495 Pleasant Street. P.O. Box 7422 Worcester MA 01605-7422.

PIETA ANNUAL MASS TO HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR CHILDREN - On Monday, May 3 at 7:00 pm everyone is invited to attend the Pieta annual Mass to honor and remember all of our children. Sponsored by Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents and held at St. George Church, 40 Brattle St., Worcester. This is a special time to come together with family and friends in remembrance of our children. Please feel free to invite any families who have lost a child. For more information contact Annie Doyle, St. George Outreach Coordinator, 508-853-0183 or Terry Gentile 508-284-0796 or pieta3@gmail.com.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8356.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$31.00	Restoration- \$55.00
Candles- \$374.00	Stipends- \$300.00
Easter- \$200.00	

Total- \$9316.16 Unrestricted- \$9261.16 Restricted- \$55.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$50 IMO Sharon Charbonneau; \$50 IMO George Bailey; \$1110 IMO Richard Conley; \$200 IMO Tom Holden and Anthony Ferigno; \$50 IMO Zachary Covello; \$1000 IMO Richard and Eleanor O'Toole; \$200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$90 IMO John Morrissey; 200 IMO Charlene Diaz; \$100 IMO Steven Degnan

Expenses- \$14,095.12
Altar (258.13) Administration (4757.45) Federal Payroll Taxes (835.54) Rectory Plumbing (90.00) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Diocesan Budget Bill (7624.00)

Food for the Poor
Income- \$29,633.00
Expenses- \$3228.30

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekend's second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Yolanda DiMonopoli, Virginia Comforti, Walter Mondale, Alma Wahlberg and Terrence Clarke who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Ingrid Zora Madison who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"Can I say to my neighbor: I have no solution for this situation, I have no answers. But I want to go with you and look for them with you? Can I allow myself to be evangelized by this opportunity? Am I able to see my own poverty and accept what I learn from others?"

Ita Ford, MM