

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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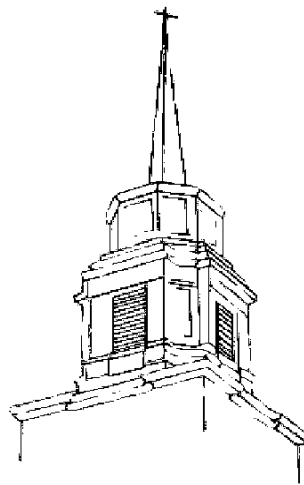
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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

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
Has been suspended due to
the Pandemic**

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 8, 2021

4:15 PM **Anna Krusas**, req. by Family; **Patricia Roix**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Coin**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 9, 2021

8:00 AM **Elsie Gannon and Joan Crowley**, req. by Family; **Zachary Covello**, req. by his Mom
10:15 AM **Stacey Vaitkunas**, req. by Sister Danute Snarskis; **Justin Horton**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Walter and Katharina Perduta, Catherine McGurl**, req. by Family; **John F. and Annette E. Coakley**, req. by Antul Family
7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family

Monday, May 10, 2021

6:15 PM **Juvenio Lorente**, req. by a Family; **Keith Freeman**, req. by Ann Marie

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

6:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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

Thursday, May 13, 2021– The Ascension of the Lord

12:15 PM **David Ramelli**, req. by Family
6:15 PM **Fr. Joe Adamo**, req. by Friends

Friday, May 14, 2021

6:15 PM **Victor Rivera and John Tomlinson**, req. by Family; **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Family

Saturday, May 15, 2021

4:15 PM **Patricia Roix**, req. by Family; **Eleanor Prevoski (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 16, 2021

8:00 AM **Ann and Paul Reynolds**, req. by family
10:15 AM **Zigmas Snarskis**, req. by wife Danute Snarskis
12:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for Keith Pozzessere**, req. by Family; **Paul O'Leary (4th Anniv.) and Sharon Charbonneau (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family
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 month marks one year since God sent Rooney to us. As my fellow dog-persons certainly know, it has been a wonderful year with him. Often when I am leaving the rectory, Rooney will follow me to the door. He will then run to a window and watch as I get into my car and drive away. I told my mother, "I have not been loved like this since I moved out of your house." Though this may be my worst segue yet, it is a way of both wishing all Mothers a terrific Day on Sunday and to mention Rooney, too. In all seriousness, the Scripture readings today from our patron John remind us that God is love. The life of the Christian is to love. The true force of Christian love is its level of sacrifice – *No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends*. This love is incarnated in Jesus. The vocation which imitates it most faithfully is Motherhood. Happy Mother's Day!

Our Mother, the Church teaches us to think first of the needs of those who are most vulnerable, to give preference to the well-being of the poor and the powerless. We her children here at St. John's, who have already been obedient in this regard, continue to deepen our response. On next Saturday, May 15, Hotel Grace will close for the season. During its six-month stay at the Msgr. Tinsley Center on the Ascension Campus, many of our brothers and sisters, poor, powerless, and vulnerable, experienced that God is love. Our ongoing thanks to the members of the Net of Compassion for leading the way in this ministry. The shower trailer will be moved here to Temple Street so that aspect of the ministry can continue.

You may have noticed that access to the parking lot across the street from the church has been blocked – chained off, actually. The lot is the property of the Worcester Ice Center. The owner, Cliff Rucker, the General Manager, Derek Alfama and the Property Manager, Steve Quist have been great neighbors since the Ice Center opened. They have allowed us total access to the lot which has been particularly helpful for funerals and during the Novena, Easter and Christmas celebrations. At present, they have prepared the lot to accommodate parking for the Woo Sox games. Still, their neighborly generosity will continue. We will have access to the lot except at Woo Sox game time. In consideration, we will allow them to use our lot for overflow parking. To that end, on game day entrance to our property may be restricted to the Harding Street entrance. When entering simply let the attendant know that you are a member of St. John's and are here for Mass.

After the meeting, in the beginning of 2004, when Bishop Reilly told me that I was being assigned here to St. John's, Msgr. Scollen and I drove down to Temple Street. At that time it was desolate here. Not anymore. Polar Park and other venues will bring even more activity. Through it all, we will continue to strive to be a place of love. In so doing, we will make our Mothers proud.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Vocem iucunditatis annuntiate, Is 48:20 (Spread the news with a voice of joy; let it be heard, alleluia; speak it out to the very ends of the earth; the Lord has liberated his people, alleluia, alleluia.)

Op.: # 512 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Gloria: # 323

Ps 98, "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving pow'r."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 642 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

Comm.: Ego vos elegi, Jn 15: 16 (I have chosen you from the world, in order that you might go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should last, alleluia.)

495 Now the Green Blade Rises

Cl.: # 526 Sing With All the Saints in Glory

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is this Thursday, May 13. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:15 PM and Thursday, May 13 at 12:15 and 6:15 PM.

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.

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.

2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY

APPEAL - To date, 138 families have already donated gifts and pledges totaling \$52,974 toward our parish goal of \$76,600. We are truly grateful for those donations. For those parishioners who have not already donated we ask your kind consideration of a gift to the appeal...which you can make online. Just go to partners-charity.net/donate. Also, donor envelopes can be found in the church pews over the next couple of weekends. If using an envelope you can return it to the rectory, send it through the mail or drop it in the collection baskets in the church.

This year the diocesan campaign has been impacted by the pandemic. So, it will be a great challenge to reach its goal of \$5 million (as will many other annual campaigns). Your gift will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable, pastoral and educational works in the year ahead. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Just a few examples are those living at the Nazareth Home for Boys ~ the care of fifty-two retired priests ~ poor families served by Pernet Family Health Service ~ seniors receiving home health care through Catholic Charities ~ children seeking a good education ~ those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate ~ the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre. But there is much more!

Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. It takes many gifts to reach our diocesan goal of \$5 million. All checks should be made payable to "Partners in Charity". We hope you'll be generous in making a gift which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have. Thank you!

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS-

On Friday, May 14, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM a holy hour to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us to pray for our priests. Repeats every second Friday of the month.

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 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.

ST. THOMAS MORE LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP - Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of varying amounts, usually around \$3000, to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website, www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society, by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before June 30.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$6262.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$731.50	Restoration- \$504.00
Candles- \$451.00	Parking- \$70.00
Stipends- \$585.00	Ascension- \$15.00
Partners in Charity- \$250.00	Novena- \$50.00

Total- \$8919.16 Unrestricted- \$8165.16 Restricted- \$754.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 IMO Dick Conley; \$120 IMO Zachary Covello; \$20 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$1100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$200 from the First Fridays Club; \$460 IMO Virginia Ford; \$50 IMO Deborah Valentino; \$25 IMO Eileen Woodward; \$50 IMO Juliann Shea; \$25 IHO John and Barbara Coleman

Expenses- \$12,057.61

Schola (761.64) Altar (1311.99) House (765.64) Administration (4275.42) Rectory Room Repair (1179.46) Federal Payroll Taxes (1870.14) Funerals (152.80) Marriage Prep (27.50) Partners in Charity (250.00) Ascension Alarm (124.66) Office (42.16) Copier (600.00)

Food for the Poor
Income- \$2050.00
Expenses- \$6221.23

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Philonena Ablondi, Rajintha Mary Irudayasamy, Robert Unser and Delmar Crandall who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Mary Ann Rezkalla and Charlie Rae Johnson who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”