

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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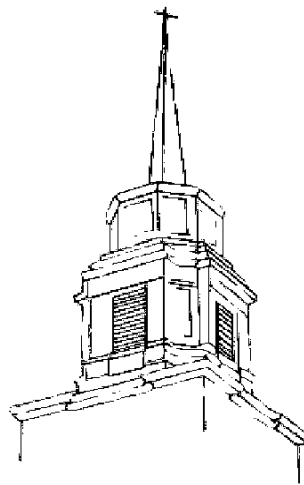
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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 15, 2021

4:15 PM **Patricia Roix**, req. by Family; **Eleanor Prevoski (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Richard "Dick" Maynard (2nd 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

Monday, May 17, 2021

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

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

6:15 PM **Sophie Groccia (20th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

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

Thursday, May 20, 2021

6:15 PM **Mary Carroll (6th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Friday, May 21, 2021

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

Saturday, May 22, 2021

4:15 PM **Patricia Roix**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Patricia Brunelle (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 23, 2021

8:00 AM **Noel Clifford**, req. by Family; **Anthony Boudas (14th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Lolita M. Catalan**, req. by Family; **Adele and Casimir Zemaitis**, req. by Daughter Danute Snarskis
12:15 PM **Marion Rouillard**, req. by Sister Alma
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,

The diocesan Office for Divine Worship publishes a monthly newsletter entitled Orantes. It is always informative and, especially during the pandemic, it has been an indispensable aid. The following announcement was included in the May issue:

Three years ago, in response to the resurgence of the clerical sexual abuse crisis, Bishop McManus asked priests throughout the Diocese to lead the faithful in the Prayer to Saint Michael at the time of the announcements, following the Prayer after Communion. This was replaced by a request last spring to pray the Prayer in Time of Pandemic.

The addition of devotional prayers to the Liturgy is an extraordinary act of the Bishop intended to serve as a part of the pastoral response to a particular critical event in the life of the Church. Unlike the Divine Liturgy of the Eastern rites, the Roman Rite incorporates few prayers to the saints or angels in its Sacred Liturgy, beyond occasional use the Litany of the Saints.

While it is appropriate to continue the use of the Prayer in Time of Pandemic until the present crisis abates, no other devotional prayers should be introduced into the Liturgy. It is always possible, however, for the faithful to join together after the Mass has been finished to pray the Prayer to Saint Michael, the Rosary or other devotional prayers.

The operative word, which I missed in last spring's announcement, is "replaced." To that end, we will continue to offer the Prayer in Time of Pandemic at the conclusion of the General Intercessions but will not offer the Prayer of St. Michael prior to the Final Blessing. This in no way suggests that we can pray less! Indeed, we will continue to include the prayer on the liturgy aid sheet for those who want to offer the prayer at the conclusion of Mass.

Ironically and to drive home the point of the urgent need for prayer, we are observing the first novena in the life of the Church. The nine days between Ascension and Pentecost are called the Novena to the Holy Spirit. The Easter Season first proclaims that He is Risen. It then presents us with our mission to proclaim the Good News to all the nations – particularly in the loving manner which we live. Since it is beyond the capability of us all to love as He loves us, Jesus promises an Advocate, the Paraclete, who will guide us. We need to open ourselves to His Spirit every day, of course, but especially in these nine Days of Grace. Therefore, before, during and after Mass, seeking the intercession of Michael and all the Saints, we pray in the hope that we will be gathered together again and eternally.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Exaudi Domine...tibi dixit, Ps 27: 7, 8, 9 (Hearken, O Lord, unto my voice which has called out to you alleluia; my heart declared to you. (Your countenance have I sought; I shall ever seek your countenance, O Lord; do not turn your face from me, alleluia, alleluia.)

Op.: # 953 Alleluia Sing to Jesus, vs. 1, 2

Readings: # 1096

Ps 103, "The Lord has set his throne in heaven."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 511 The Strife is O'er

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

Comm.: Pater, cum essem, Jn 17: 12, 13, 15 (Father, when I was amongst them, I kept those whom you had given me, alleluia; but now I am coming to you; I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but to keep them from evil, alleluia, alleluia.)

954 Lord, Who at Your First Eucharist

Cl.: # 953 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus, vs. 3, 4

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

1 Jn 4:11-16

Jn 17:11b-19

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.

2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

- To date, 151 families have already donated gifts and pledges totaling \$57,109 toward our parish goal of \$76,600. We are profoundly 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 through to the rectory through the mail or by dropping it off at the rectory's front door. 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!

THE (VIRTUAL) WALK IS HERE- 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.

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.

In Our Catholic Community...

DIOCESAN SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS-

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office will be offering several exciting opportunities this summer for middle and high school youth! Events include a trip to an aerial adventure course, whitewater rafting, summer worship nights, the Diocesan volleyball league, and the Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team. To get more information or to register a group for any of these opportunities go to the Diocesan Youth Ministry website at neworchester.org or contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worchesterdiocese.org or 508-929-4360.

DIOCESAN SUMMER YOUNG ADULT

EVENTS- All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join us for our Diocesan Young Adult Ministry events this summer! Events include weekly pick-up volleyball, hiking trips to Mt. Wachusett and Mt. Monadnock, an aerial adventure course, and whitewater rafting. Some events require registration in advance. To sign up or to get more information go to neworchester.org/summer-young-adult-events or contact Tim Messenger at tmessenger@worchesterdiocese.org or 508-929-4360.

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 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 \$7745.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$234.00	Restoration- \$181.00
Parking- \$35.00	Stipends- \$440.00
Ascension- \$25.00	School Rent- \$4833.72
Donation- \$300.00	

Total- \$13,793.88 Unrestricted- \$13,612.88 Restricted- \$181.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$2535 from the Dolan Family and Committee to Elect John B. Dolan, II; \$275 IMO Virginia Ford; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend, \$125 from a friend; \$5000 from a friend; \$500 IMO Donald Holmes; \$25 IMO Richard Conley

Expenses— \$15,080.22

Schola (553.64) Administration (5154.52) Funerals (2848.60) Clergy Benefit Plan (1057.00) Stipends (970.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (1117.86) Church Landscaping (600.00) Ascension Landscaping (377.77) Church Electric (526.45) Rectory Electric (789.22) Confirmation (180.00) Altar (780.50) Church Alarm (124.66)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$3710.00
Expenses— \$5767.10

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Colton Brennan and Kathy Fitch who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"The Eucharist is the bread that gives strength... It is at once the most eloquent proof of His love and the most powerful means of fostering His love in us. He gives Himself every day so that our hearts as burning coals may set afire the hearts of the faithful."

— St. Damien of Molokai