

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

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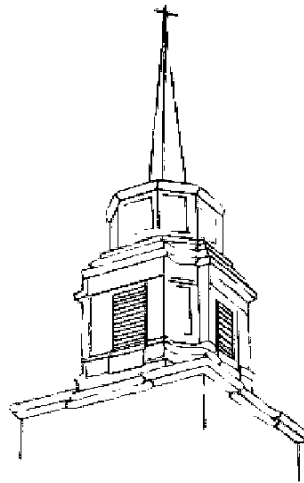
Donna Mastrovito  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**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  
Has been suspended due to  
the Pandemic**

## Mass Intentions

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; **Barbara Freeman 10th Anni.**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family

Monday, May 24, 2021

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

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

6:15 PM **Richard "Dick" Kennedy**, req. by a Friend

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

6:15 PM **Michael Brennan**, req. by Family

Thursday, May 27, 2021

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

Friday, May 28, 2021

6:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Family

Saturday, May 29, 2021

4:15 PM **Wilbur, Theresa, Edward and Cynthia Roix, Eva James, Andrew Sokolowski, Sr., Mary and George Jones, Larry "Buddy" and Julie Gay**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, May 30, 2021

8:00 AM **Francis Polucha**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **The Glodas Family**, req. by Danute Snarskis

12:15 PM **Theodore Skowronski (28th Anniv.)**, 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,

Happy Pentecost Sunday. This Solemnity is sometimes referred to as the Birthday of the Church. As we hear in the first reading today, the familiar passage from the Acts of the Apostles, "they were all in one place together...and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." In her book, *Ponder*, our own Mahri-Leonard Fleckman points out: "our Lent-Easter cycle that began with ashes ends with fire." As you may – or may not – recall, at the beginning of Lent, I wondered out loud what the world would look like when we returned to Ordinary Time on Monday, May 24. As I recall, the data was trending in a positive direction at that time. Still, it would have been hard to imagine that we would be preparing for the COVID restrictions to be lifted at the end of this week. Deo gratias!

Like me, I suspect that you have many questions about what Governor Baker's recent announcement means for our life together here at St. John's. Preliminary word from the Diocese is: *As of May 29, 2021 vaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks and physically distance in our churches.* The notice also promised "detailed guidance" regarding accommodations for people who are not vaccinated, parish meetings, summer programs, etc. Frankly, I was surprised at the extent of the restrictions that will be lifted. Governor Baker, much to his credit, has been deliberate in his decisions throughout the pandemic. I suppose that this should allay my concerns with this latest decision. Yet, there is no way that I am going to the TD Garden or Fenway with over 20 or 30,000 other people. As we eagerly await further directives from the Diocese, you can be sure that we will share all of it with you – and appreciate your thoughts and suggestions, as well.

The larger point I was trying to make as we began the Seasons of Lent and Easter was what we would be like when Ordinary Time returned. In some ways, of course, the world is a divisive, conflicted, and violent place. When this is added to Life in the Time of Pandemic, it makes for a stressful existence. And yet...the other and real part of this past more than a year has been the enormous generosity that so many people have shown, especially to those most in need. This is our hope and our mission. In the face of the sin and the stress of life on this earth, we are set on fire by the Holy Spirit so that we can speak – by our actions – of the mercy and love of God.

To that end, this Pentecost Sunday also marks the official end to this year's Virtual Walk for the Homeless sponsored by the Central Mass Housing Alliance. Our St. John's Food for the Poor is one of the beneficiaries of the walk. Our parish team met at Elm Park last Sunday. We feasted on the world's best hot dogs which were donated by Coney Island. It was fun to be together and to celebrate our success as the Walk's best team! My thanks to our Co-captains Linda Murphy and Connie Bartelson, our team and Walk MVP Mark Rivers and to all the donors. You have helped to renew the face of the earth.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr John Madden

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Vigil: Caritas Domini, Rom 5:5, 10:11 (The Love of God has been poured into our hearts, alleluia; by his Spirit which dwells in us, alleluia, alleluia.)

Spiritus Domini, Wis 1:7 (The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia; and that which contains all things, knows every language spoken by men, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.)

Op.: # 544 Come Holy Ghost

Gloria: # 323

Ps 104, "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 534 Come Down, O Love Divine

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

Comm.: Factus est repente, Acts 2: 2, 4 (Suddenly, a sound came from heaven like the rushing of a mighty wind, in the place where they were sitting, alleluia; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and announced the great things God had done, alleluia, alleluia.)

# 539 Laus Tibi Sancte Spiritus

Cl.: # 536 O Spirit All-Embracing

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11

Gal 5:16-25

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**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, 153 families have already donated gifts and pledges totaling \$57,574 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](https://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!

### NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART 2021 IN

**WORCESTER** - All are welcome to Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish for a Novena to the Sacred Heart on Thursday, June 3 through Friday, June 11 from 7-8 pm Mass for the feast will be celebrated by Bishop McManus on June 11 at 7 pm. On each of these nine days, we will build a deeper relationship with God and with those around us. The church is located at 596 Cambridge St., Worcester.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN

**IN HOMELESS SHELTERS** - Children living in more than 90 homeless shelters across Mass. count on Horizons for Homeless Children volunteers. Can they count on you? Volunteer to play with homeless children at our Playspace in one of more than 90 family shelters. We have a high need for volunteers in Worcester. A commitment of 2 hours a week for 6 months and an orientation are required. Upcoming online volunteer orientation is on Thursday, June 17 from 6-8 pm. To find out more, view other orientation dates, or to apply, call 774.260.2612 or visit the website [www.horizonschildren.org/playspace](http://www.horizonschildren.org/playspace)

**PLASTIC BAG DONATIONS** are always welcome and can be dropped off at the rectory, Xavier Center or in the back of the church. Thank you.

## 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](http://neworchester.org) or contact Tim Messenger at [tmessenger@worchesterdiocese.org](mailto: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](http://neworchester.org/summer-young-adult-events) or contact Tim Messenger at [tmessenger@worchesterdiocese.org](mailto: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](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 \$6040.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$75.00	Restoration- \$90.00
Parking- \$250.00	Stipends- \$125.00
Ascension- \$405.50	Summer Program- \$5,000.00
Online Donations- \$11,830.01	

**Total-** \$23,815.67 **Unrestricted-** \$18,725.67 **Restricted-** \$5090.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$518.18 from a friend; \$25 IMO Richard Conley; \$500 IHO Jordan and Deb O'Connor; \$60 IMO Sharon Charbonneau; \$100 IMO Richard Buyinski

**Expenses-** \$12,350.88

Schola (576.68) Administration (3955.66) House (179.85) Office (14.69) May Diocesan Budget Bill (7624.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (835.54) State Payroll Taxes (1186.73)

### **Food for the Poor**

Income- \$7541.75  
Expenses- \$11,039.05

## Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Anne Toto, Dorothy Morrissey, Reinaldo Stennett and Charles Grodin who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Raelyn Sophia Susenko and Alaina Mae Williams who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

## **Word of Life**

**"It seems to me that I have greater peace and am closer to God when I am not 'trying to be a contemplative' or trying to be anything special, but simply orienting my life fully and completely towards what seems to be required of a man like me at a time like this."**

**Thomas Merton**