

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

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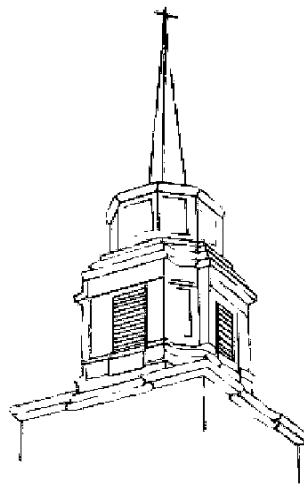
Donna Mastrovito  
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

**Music Ministry**

Sean Redrow, Director  
Lucia Clemente Falco, Asst. Dir.



**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 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

Monday, May 31, 2021

6:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Norma Nunag

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Connie Stevens**, req. by Friends and Family

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

6:15 PM **Joseph Prendiville**, req. by Family

Thursday, June 3, 2021

6:15 PM **Holy Souls in Purgatory; Jose and Natividad Catalan**, req. by Family

Friday, June 4 2021

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Terry Moore** req. by Family and friends

Saturday, June 5, 2021

4:15 pm **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of FOSS**

7:15 pm **Richard Linga**, req. by Friends

Sunday, June 6, 2021

8:00 AM **Gloria Heagan**

10:15 AM **Plyciu Family** req. by Danta Snarskis;

**Anna Leseman** req. by Lithuanian Community

12:15 PM **Janina Miliauskas 1(10th Anniv)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Frank Wright**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

As I suspect all of you have heard and received with great joy:

Beginning on Saturday, May 29th, vaccinated parishioners are no longer required to wear masks or to social distance. However, per CDC guidelines, non-vaccinated persons are still required to wear masks and maintain social distancing. The pew blockers have been removed, therefore, from all but a section of pews in the middle portion of the church.

Further, the singing of hymns and acclamations has been restored, although choirs will not return until the end of the summer.

Holy Water and Hymnals will, once again, be available. Processions will also be restored. The distribution of Holy Communion will return to its pre-COVID form, although the distribution of the Precious Blood will be not be restored until the fall.

All of this will take some time to get used to. Please be assured that, in cooperation with the Diocese, we will continue to carefully monitor the number of cases as we proceed in this manner. Please join in praying that the success we have so far enjoyed in quelling the pandemic may continue throughout the summer and the months to come.

When the restrictions were first implemented, I remember a Bishop of the AME Zion Church, whose name unfortunately now eludes me, said: "I don't wear this facemask for myself, I wear it for you." That stuck with me. We have reached this point only because so many lived not for themselves but for others. We also have grown in our appreciation for the heroic work that so many of our sisters and brothers do each day. Some of them, of course, we had recognized before COVID-19. Still others, we have become more aware of the important contribution they make to our communal life.

My prayer is that this will be more and more the "new normal" that we have been anticipating. By God's grace, may the post-pandemic world arrive in fullness and bring with it a deeper selflessness among us and a greater recognition that we are in this together.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr John Madden

## SELEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Benedicta sit Sancta Trinita, Tob 12: 6 (Blessed be the Holy Trinity and its undivided Unity; we shall ever give him thanks, for he has dealt with us according to his mercy.)

Op.: # 553 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!

Ps 33, "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 555

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

Comm.: Data est mihi, Mt 28: 18, 19 (All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth, alleluia; go therefore and teach all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.)

# 556 Adoro te Devote / Hidden Here Before Me

Cl.: # 551 O God, Almighty Father

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Rom 8:14-17

Mt 28:16-20

**LIVE STREAMING**- Sunday Masses will continue to 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*

### **FOR THE TIME BEING THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WILL CONTINUE:**

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN DOWD** who was awarded a Ph.D in Theology and Education from Boston College. His dissertation was entitled, "Toward a More Perfect Union: Religion and Education in American Public Schools" and his doctoral advisor was Dr. Thomas Groome. Way to go, Dr. Dowd! May God bless you in abundance!

### 2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY

**APPEAL** - To date, 155 families have already donated gifts and pledges totaling \$58,224 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. If using an envelope, you can place it in the collection basket. return it through the mail or drop it off at the rectory's front door. 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)

**THE CLOTHING CENTER** at the Ascension Campus is overloaded at the moment. While we are most grateful for your generosity, we are unable to take any more donations until further notice. We know that the Salvation Army and other places are accepting donations. We will notify you when we are able to take them again. 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**

On last Sunday, our Office Manager, Jimmy had surgery to repair a broken ankle. Thankfully, the surgery was a success. Still, he has been instructed to take two weeks of bed rest. The ankle will heal and this too shall pass of course. Until then, it will be a challenge for him and for us! Therefore, we ask that you be patient with us. We will try to provide the weekly financial report. We will return your emails and phone calls—eventually.

Mostly, please pray for Jimmy, his wife, kids and family. Pray, too, for those of us running around the rectory offices without a clue as what to do next!

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$1000 from a friend; \$100 IMO John Kelly; \$100 IMO Graciano & Luzonia; \$25 IMO Frank Goyette; \$50 IMO John J. Trumpaitis; \$50 IMO Zachary Covello; \$500 from Worcester Academy Class Officers Fundraiser; \$20 IMO Dorothy Morrissey; \$25 IMO Ralph “Barry” Woodward

## **Our Parish Community...**

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Robert Wakefield and Fr. Andre Gariepy who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Easton Ray Bumgarner who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

## **Word of Life**

**“It is so hard to express in words what a unique experience adoption has been for us. It has been quite a journey facing infertility, as well as so many unknowns and acts of kindness and sacrifice—all with so many emotions—which led to the growth of our family. There were times when our faith was shaken and we weren't sure if we could handle our cross. But adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”**

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “An Adoption Love Story**