

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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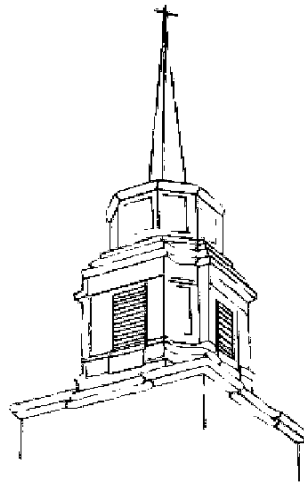
Donna Mastrovito
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Ascension Clothing Center

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday- 3 pm
Monday – Wednesday
After the 6:15 p.m. Mass

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
Fourth Monday of the Month

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 19, 2021

4:15 PM **Zigmas Snarskis**, req by Ronalol Snarskis;
Georgette and Dorie Kahale, The Daou Family
7:15 PM **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Coin**, req by family

Sunday, June 20, 2021

8:00 AM **James Gannon and Joseph Crowley**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Veronica Balnis**, req by Birute Snarskis;
Edward Swalec II, req by family
12:15 PM **Robert Sullivan**, req by Ursula Arello and Eleanor Winston, **Norman Brenner**, req by Kerry Brenner Family
7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req by family

Monday, June 21, 2021

6:15 PM **Francisco Austriaco**, req by family; **Delon White (2nd Anniv)**, req by Charlene Seymour

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

6:15 PM **For the health of Daniel Reagan**, req by friend

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

6:15 PM **Lolita Catalan**, req by family

Thursday, June 24, 2021

6:15 PM **Alec Colville**, req by Joe Fitzgerald

Friday, June 25, 2021

6:15 PM **Michael Gonsalves**, req by family

Saturday, June 26, 2021

4:15 PM **Jimmy (25th), Sophie (20th) and Carol (6mo.) Groccia**, req by family; **Jean Lotuff**, req by the Kerry Brenner Family
7:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req by family

Sunday, June 27, 2021

8:00 AM **Rose and Al Johnson**, req. by Family;
Caleb and Bernadette Harris (35th Wedding Anniv)
10:15 AM **Sharon Snarskis**, req Ronalol Snarskis
12:15 PM **Anne Toto**, req by Dianne; **Jason Garry**, req by Joe Fitzgerald
7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka and Boleslaw Burzynski**, req by family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

You may notice that there is a slight change in one of the intercessions in the Prayers of the Faithful. After six years of praying for "our seminarian, John," we now pray for Father John Larochelle who was ordained Saturday morning at the Cathedral of St. Paul. His Mass of Thanksgiving ("First Mass") will be celebrated here at St. John's on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. All are invited. Fr Larochelle has been assigned as Associate Pastor at St. Mary Parish, Uxbridge; St. Augustine, Millville; and St. Paul Parish, Blackstone. He is going to be busy. We pledge our continued prayers for him not only at Mass, but in our daily prayers, as well. *Ad multos annos!*

In Matthew's account of the Ascension, we are told that the apostles were "overjoyed, but doubted" when they encountered the Lord. I know just what they were feeling. I am overjoyed that the state of emergency has ended and that the vaccinations have allowed us to be together again. Yet, I doubt that we have heard the last of the Coronavirus. We need to continue to pray that the progress in the fight against Covid continues in the present positive direction. At the same time, it sure is good that we can gather joyfully.

The parish council will be meeting on Monday. Our goal is to both reacquaint ourselves and to head into the summer in a manner that will allow us to hit the ground running when the fall arrives. Does anyone remember the parish survey? Just before the start of the pandemic, we had a most impressive response to the survey. These responses have offered us different ways of developing and enhancing the parish mission. The council began a discussion of the survey results before the pandemic took hold. We are eager to return to that discussion. All are welcome to join us at the St. Francis Xavier Center at 7:00 p.m.

I also wanted to invite the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Altar Servers to resume your ministry. Please call or email the rectory or, better yet, speak with Dolores if you are interested in being on the schedule. We will be inviting and recruiting new ministers in the fall. If you are experiencing a call to serve as a Liturgical Minister, we would love to have you.

The Scripture readings today are familiar and powerful. Job is one of the most fascinating figures in the Bible. The miracle of Jesus' quelling the sea and the wind is an inspiration and, ultimately, our hope. The passage from 2 Corinthians presents a fundamental aspect of Paul's teaching. Our own Mahri Leonard Fleckman comments, "for Paul the cross redefines the human person." Hopefully, the cross that we have carried the past year and a half has helped to redefine us. Now we know, like Job, that through the suffering we endure God's presence is made more real to us all.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Dominus fortitudo plebis suae, Ps 28: 8, 9 (The Lord is the strength of his people, and the guardian of salvation for his Anointed. Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance; be their guide forever.)

Op.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Ps 107, "Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 707 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

Comm: Circuibo, Ps 27:6 (I shall walk round about his sanctuary, offering a sacrifice of jubilation; I will sing and recite a psalm to the Lord.)

940 Take and Eat

Cl.: # 610 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jb 38: 1, 8-11

2 Cor 5:14-17

Mk 4:35-41

LIVE STREAMING- Sunday Masses will continue to 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

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.

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES! Rising 3rd and 4th graders are invited to register for the Ascension Summer Program for a summer's worth of fun! The program engages students through daily academics, athletics, activities, and twice weekly field trips. Camp runs 9 AM - 4 PM from June 30 - July 28. To learn more or sign up, visit our social media pages on Facebook (Ascension Summer Program) or Instagram (@ascensionsummerprogram).

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

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR DADS AND GRANDDADS!

2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY

APPEAL - To date, 165 families have already donated gifts and pledges totaling \$66,174 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!

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK WILL BE CELEBRATED IN DIOCESES NATION-WIDE FROM JUNE 22 TO JUNE 29 -

Throughout the week we will focus on the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom, both now and in the future, for Catholics and all people of faith. This year's theme is "Solidarity in Freedom". The significant feast days during the week (Saints Thomas More and John Fisher – June 22, Saint John the Baptist – June 24, and Saints Peter and Paul – June 29) inspire us to follow the example of these great saints who loved God above all and remained faithful in the face of adversity. Please visit www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek to download the "Pray-Reflect-Act" pages for each day on various religious liberty topics. These excellent resources are intended to inspire us to learn more about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, help us to pray about particular issues, and provide us with tools to act on what we learn. Additional information and resources for parish and personal use can be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek.

In Our Catholic Community...

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! 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.

HOMEMAKERS WANTED! WALK-IN INTERVIEWS EVERY TUESDAY FROM 10 AM-12 PM

Catholic Charities is hiring homemakers and hosting walk-in interviews every Tuesday from 10 am-12 pm. Homemakers and Home Health Aides are trained by our team to provide a variety of support services, which are essential in maintaining a disabled or dependent person's safety and wellbeing. To keep this program alive, we need to grow our Homecare team to meet the increasing demands of the areas that we serve, which includes Worcester. Walk-ins welcome, or contact Paula, Homecare Supervisor: 508-414-9084. Those interested may also apply online at ccworc.org.

JUNE IS ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS

MONTH - June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month and the Alzheimer's Association is here to help and share information about their free support services, educational programs, advocacy efforts and research advancements. We are offering a virtual community educational program "Know the 10 Signs" on Wednesday, June 23 from Noon - 1 pm. Registration is required: visit act.alz.org/worcester to register. We also offer an Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900. Also, you can make a difference by supporting the Worcester County Alzheimer's Walk on Sunday, October 3. Visit alz.org for more information.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7916.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$418.00	Restoration- \$226.00
Parking- \$315.00	Stipends- \$380.00
Catholic Comm.- \$374.00	Donation- \$600.00
FFTP Transfer- \$1737.74	

Expenses- \$20,116.03:

Schola (1624.28) Administration (6252.32) House (223.64) Federal Payroll Taxes (918.46) Funerals (558.40) Church Landscaping (600.00) Ascension Landscaping (377.77) Church Electric (521.87) Rectory Electric (905.32) Catholic Communication (374.00) Diocesan Budget Bill (7624.00) Office (135.97)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$23,471.58
Expenses- \$13,429.09

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS:

\$5,000 IHO Bishop George Rueger, \$2,800 from the HC Class of 1980, \$50 IMO Kevin Brenner, \$75 IMO Daniel Moynihan, \$20 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$1,000 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$25 from a friend, \$1,800 from a friend, \$50 IMO Richard Conley, \$515 IMO Angelo Pappas, \$125 IMO Jim McDonald, \$100 IHO the baptism of Emma Ruth Riopel, \$100 IMO John Simoncini, \$50 IHO Lisa Mc Donough, \$25 IMO Ralph "Barry" Woodward, \$20 IMO Maggie Salmon

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of James Grant and Christopher Foshay who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Luka Jesse Fisette and Emma Ruth Riopel who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE

"It is suffering, more than anything else, which clears the way for the grace which transforms human souls. Suffering, more than anything else makes present in the history of humanity the powers of the Redemption."

Pope St. John Paul II