

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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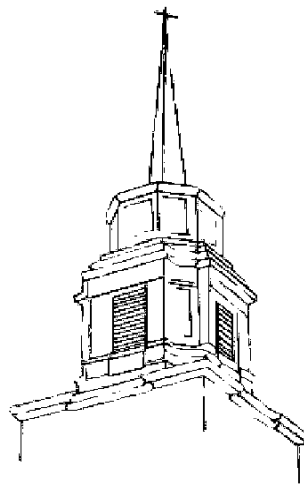
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Music Ministry

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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
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 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 Ronald 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

Monday, June 28, 2021

6:15 PM **Graciano M. Nunez**, req by family

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req by friends

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

6:15 PM **For the Intentions of June Gasperski**, req by Richard Deres

Thursday, July 1, 2021

6:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req by friends

Friday, July 2, 2021

6:15 PM **Daniel Moynihan**, req by Frank Carroll & Family

Saturday, July 3, 2021

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory & Deceased Members of FOSS**

7:15 PM **Ronald Orczyk (3 mo Anniv)**, req by family

Sunday, July 4, 2021

8:00 AM **Sue Moynagh (1st Anniv)**, req by Linda Zalieckas

10:15 AM **Steponas Krutkevicius**, req by Birute Snarskis

12:15 PM **Eduardas Meilus, Sr. (10th anniv.)**, req by family; **Barbara Ann Luca**, req by Joe Luca

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,

Today's first reading comes from the first chapter of the Book of Wisdom. The book was written about fifty years before the coming of Christ. The purpose of the unknown author, who sometimes speaks in the person of Solomon, is to build up those who have remained faithful, but have suffered at the hands of those who do not follow God.

Therefore, as we hear in today's reading, the Wisdom of the Chosen People proclaims that "God did not make death." As the teaching continues, it will become evident that the author is not speaking of physical death, but of spiritual death. Which is, of course, to be separated from God for all eternity. It is clear, beginning with the very act of creation forward, that God's desire is to be in relationship with us. So that, through God, we can be in relationship with each other. The great promise of our faith is that God does not "make death" that God will not abandon us.

So, the pressure is on us then. God is not the problem, but we need to hold up our end of the relationship. As with those addressed by the Book of Wisdom (and, indeed, all the New Testament communities), this can be a significant challenge. Much has been made over the past years of the decline in religious affiliation and the active practice one's faith. I think this decline can be traced back to the Enlightenment. This reality makes it more of a challenge to persevere in our relationship with God. To do so, then, we must rely more and more fully on God's grace. Trusting that where sin prevails, grace abounds all the more.

The long Gospel passage from Mark that we hear today has personal significance for me. In my First Theology class on the Synoptics, this was the passage the professor chose for my oral exam. That was more than forty years ago! The way that the Evangelists intertwines the two healing stories is interesting and instructive. Both remind us of the need for faith to issue forth in action – whether we are seeking our own healing or that of a loved one.

The woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years had been to many doctors and "spent all that she had." So many people today can identify. Still, her faith assured her that all she had to do was "touch" Jesus to be cured. The Greek word used means "to cling to, to grasp." The key, then, is not merely to "touch," but to hold on tightly confident that in Jesus, God does not make death, but life.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Omnes gentes plaudite manibus, Ps 47:2 (All nations, clap your hands; shout unto God with a voice of joy.)

Op.: # 616 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Ps 30, "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 706 O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life (Verses 2a and 3a)

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

Comm.: Inclina aurem tuam, Ps. 31: 3ab (Lend your ear and make haste to rescue us.)

590 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

Cl.: # 637 Now Thank We All Our God

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mk 5:21-43

LIVE STREAMING- Masses will continue to be live-streamed on the Parish Facebook Page according to the following schedule:

Weeknights at 6:15 p.m.

Saturday Vigil at 4:15 PM

Sunday Mass at 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

2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY

APPEAL - To date, 176 families have already donated gifts and pledges totaling \$69,374 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!

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR WANTED at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, 101 Plantation Street, Worcester, 01604. Check the bulletin boards for more information. Send resume to vvancura@stfrancisrehab.com or contact Alicia Remillard, Director of Human Resources, at 508-471-2230 or aremillard@stfrancisrehab.com.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK WILL CONCLUDE ON JUNE 29

- Throughout the week we will focus on this year's theme of "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 \$8986.66. We have also received:

Online- \$8294.91	Monthly- \$435.00
Restoration- \$170.00	Stipends- \$510.00
Donation- \$25.00	

Total- \$18,421.57	Unrestricted- \$18,251.57	Restricted- \$170.00
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Expenses- \$10,429.00

Schola (2457.28) Administration (5457.11) Federal Payroll Taxes (1294.00) Alarm Monitoring (66.00) Funerals (305.60) House (849.96)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$7374.80
Expenses- \$1948.83

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS:

\$30 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$250 from a friend, \$500 from a friend, \$10 from a friend, \$125 from a friend, \$125 from a friend, \$25 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$500 IMO Michael Clancy, \$100 IMO Daniel Moynihan, \$50 IMO Robert Warfield, \$25 IMO Angelo Pappas, \$25 IMO Helen O'Connor, \$35 IMO Juliann Shea, \$25 IMO Christine Anderson, \$100 IMO MaryJo Roughan,

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Paul Jackson, Carol Bafaro, Ann Hackett, MaryJo Roughan and Christine Audette who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Dominic James Sbronga who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

"The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest."

— St. Thomas More