

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Deacon

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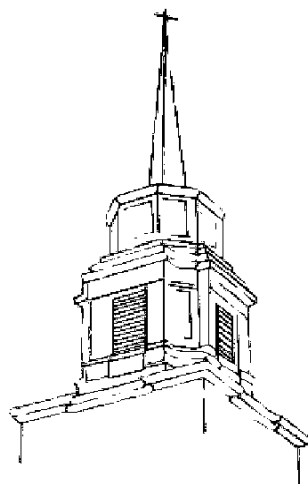
Donna Mastrovito
Dianne Gustowski

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, 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 family

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

Monday, July 5, 2021

6:15 PM **Keith Freeman (1 year anniv)**, req by Ann Marie Sarkisian

Tuesday, July 6, 2021

6:15 PM **Michael Manzello** req by sister-in-law Eileen; **Theresa Lewis** req by family

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

6:15 PM **James Elliott Marcus (73rd birthday)**, req by daughter Sarah

Thursday, July 8, 2021

6:15 PM **The People of St. John's Parish**

Friday, July 9, 2021

6:15 PM **Deborah Trotto** req by friend

Saturday July 10, 2021

4:15 PM **Joseph and Joann Morrissey** req by family; **Al and Vivian Rodgers** req by Danute Miner

7:15 P.M. **Deborah Walsh**, req by friends

Sunday July 11th, 2021

8AM **Elizabeth Spurr** req by family; **Robert Foley** req by family

10:15AM **Ann Hackett** req by friends

12:15 PM **Filomena Ablondi** req by family; **Paul Letsky** req by Joe Luca

7:15PM **Richard Gauthier** req by friends; **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 Independence Day to All.

Of the many inspiring, insightful and challenging things that St. John Paul II taught during his more than twenty-five years as Pope, what captures this holiday for me - more than anything else—and what defines the major Catholic contribution to our communal life in this country is:

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but having the right to do what we ought.

Speaking of holidays—I was away this past week. The best part was having absolutely nothing to do during the terrible heat wave. The downside is not putting any thoughts together to offer in this column. (Hopefully that will change when it comes time to preach.) The upside is that you have the opportunity to reflect upon the following words of C.S. Lewis:

People often think of Christian morality as a kind of bargain in which God says, 'If you keep a lot of rules I'll reward you, and if you don't I'll do the other thing.' I do not think that is the best way of looking at it. I would much rather say that every time you make a choice you are turning the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before. And taking your life as a whole, with all your innumerable choices, all your life long you are slowly turning this central thing either into a heavenly creature or into a hellish creature: either into a creature that is in harmony with God, and with other creatures, and with itself, or else into one that is in a state of war and hatred with God, and with its fellow-creatures, and with itself. To be the one kind of creature is heaven: that is, it is joy and peace and knowledge and power. To be the other means madness, horror, idiocy, rage, impotence, and eternal loneliness. Each of us at this moment is progressing to the one state or the other.

— from *Mere Christianity*, p. 92

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Suscepimus, Deus*, (Ps. 48: 10, 11 (We have received your mercy, O God, in the midst of your temple; even as your name, so also does your praise extend to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness.)

Op.: # 590 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Ps 123, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 572 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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

Comm.: *Gustate et videte*, Ps 34: 9 (O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blessed is the man who trusts in him.)

591 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

Cl.: # 592 God Has Spoken by the Prophets

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ez 2:2-5

2Cor 12:7-10

Mk 6:1-6a

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.

UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS -

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock..." It's time to learn more about your Faith. It's time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Two weekends are being offered in 2021. A women's weekend running from **October 14-17**; and a men's weekend running from **November 11-14**. Go to www.fourthday.org and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton @ 774-239-8909 for more information. You will be glad you did!

In Our Catholic Community...

POSITION AVAILABLE: MINISTER OF FAITH FORMATION

- St. Peter Parish, Northbridge is seeking a Minister of Faith Formation to direct the program serving the young people of the parish in grades kindergarten through high school. This individual will oversee all aspects of the program, including resourcing the catechists and working with them directly during program hours (Sunday mornings and evenings, Tuesday evenings), and meeting with the pastor and Faith Formation Committee at their regularly scheduled meetings. The program currently serves 28 families with approximately 50 youngsters. This is a part-time position (20 hours per week). Interested applicants should possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree with relevant courses in religious education/theology, as well as experience in parish religious education. To apply, please submit a resume and three references from experiences in ministry or from those responsible for your education/formation to: Rev. Thomas Landry, Pastor, St. Peter Parish, 39 Church Avenue, P.O. Box 446, Northbridge, MA 01534 or email: parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT- If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$6520.66 We have also received:

Monthly- \$757.00	Candles- \$406.00
Stipends- \$100.00	Peter's Pence- \$360.00

Total- \$8143.66 Unrestricted- \$7783.66 Restricted- \$360.00

Expenses- \$8433.51
Schola (946.60) Altar (450.00) Administration (2370.16) House (154.57) Federal Payroll Taxes (1970.38) Stipends (1085.00) Funerals (458.40) Peter's Pence (360.00) Preserve the Flame (601.50) Alarm (36.90)

Food for the Poor:
Income- \$2190.00
Expenses- \$9462.24

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS—\$1,000 from The Victory Bar and Cigar Annual Charity Golf Tournament, \$50 IMO Paul Jackson, \$100 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson, \$75 IMO Ann Hackett, \$100 IMO John Simoncini, \$50 IMO Daniel Moynihan, \$25 IMO Sharon Charbonneau, \$90 IMO MaryJo Roughan, \$125 IMO Angelo Pappas, \$50 from a friend and \$100 from a friend.

YEAR TO DATE – In the month of June, we had a cash operating loss of \$2,831.35. This leaves our cash operating gain for FY 2020/2021 at \$1,117.1—not including the \$270,000 bequest that we have received this fiscal year.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Donald Rumsfeld, who has been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Crew Richard Sullivan who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

“If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament of the Eucharist, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.”

St. Angela of Foligno