

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

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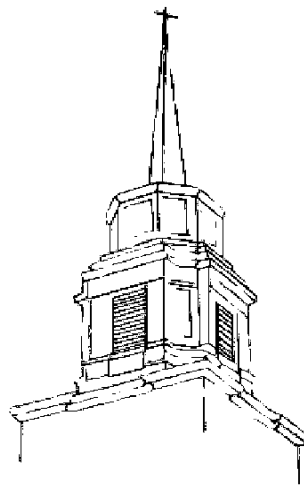
**Ascension Clothing Center**

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](mailto: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 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

Monday, July 12, 2021

6:15 PM **Garrett Spillane**, req by friends

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

6:15 PM **-Dan Best**, req by friends

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

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

Thursday, July 15, 2021

6:15 PM **Starlene Goodrich**, req by friends

Friday, July 16, 2021

6:15 PM **-Joe Hickey**, req by friends

Saturday July 17, 2021

4:15 PM **James Kelley** req by Marje & Paul Korpinen;  
**Karen Donovan** by Cynthia Cabral  
7:15 PM **Christopher Roy**, req by friends

Sunday July 18, 2021

8AM **Mary Mac & Bobby Zona** req by family;  
**Joseph Zalieckas** req by family  
10:15AM **Terri Meilus (8th anniversary)** req by  
family  
12:15 PM **Robert H. McGinn & Dorothy M.**  
**McGinn** req by family;  
7:15PM **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,

From the *Tales of the Hasidim*:

*In the last century, a tourist from America paid a visit to a re-nowned Polish rabbi, Hofetz Chaim. He was astonished to see that the rabbi's home was only a simple room. "Rabbi," asked the tourist, "where is your furniture?" "Where is yours?" replied Hofetz Chaim. "Mine?" asked the puzzled American, "But I am only passing through." "So am I," said the rabbi.*

Last Sunday's readings, particularly the Gospel passage's account of Jesus being rejected in his hometown synagogue, reminded us that Christian discipleship presents a significant challenge to those who seek to "follow Him." This Sunday's readings, particularly the Gospel passage account of the sending of the Twelve on the first missionary journey, reminds us of the primary way this challenge must be faced. Jesus instructs them – and us all: "Take nothing for the journey."

The first Beatitude is the promise of blessing to those who are "poor in spirit." We tend to think that trying to develop this spirit is more difficult in our present day American culture. It is certainly true that we are bombarded with daily encouragement to seek "more, better and new." Yet, this temptation has always been present. Just ask Adam and Eve. Indeed, the early Desera took nothing for the journey. Then, they discovered a deeper truth. We all know that choosing a life of voluntary poverty is not an automatic antidote to anger, lust, greed and envy. There's more required than material sacrifices. The Fathers and Mothers came to recognize the need for a deeper and inner conversion. The monk known as Abba Moses said that there are some "who have given away worldly wealth in gold or silver or lands, and who are afterwards agitated by a knife, a pencil, a pin or a pen... They have given up all their property for the love of Christ; and yet keep their old acquisitive attitude over little things and quickly become upset over them." (Quoted in Ellsberg, *The Saints Guide to Happiness*, p.23) These ancestors show us that the "hook of attachment" is deep seeded. To uproot it is our daily chore.

I began with Rabbi Hofetz Chaim. Let me conclude with the Jesuit Anthony de Mello:

*If you look carefully you will see that there is one thing and only one thing that causes unhappiness. The name of that thing is Attachment. What is an attachment? An emotional state of clinging caused by the belief that without some particular thing or some person you cannot be happy.*

Take nothing for the journey and that will be enough.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Dum clamarem ad Domine, Ps 55 (When I cried out to the Lord, he heeded my call against my assailants; he who is before the beginning of the world and who endures forever has humbled them. Cast your cares upon the Lord, and he will sustain you.)

Op.: # 534 Come Down, O Love Divine  
Ps 85, "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 769 Not Alone, but Two by Two

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

Comm.: Passer invenit, Ps 84 (The sparrow has found herself a home, and the turtle dove a nest in which to lay her young: at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God! Blessed are they who dwell in your house, they shall praise you forever and ever.)

# 937 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Cl.: # 785 The Church of Christ, in Every Age

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Am 7:12-15

Eph 1:3-14

Mk 6:7-13

**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).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Happy Summer! Our family gathering on August 8th has been postponed. We will let you know when/where it is rescheduled. In house Rel Ed classes start Sunday, September 19th. Yeah!!! Look out for registration info soon. We are in need of classroom teachers and aides, door monitors, and volunteers. We also need someone proficient in Google and Microsoft to take over our online and Flocknote services. If you are skilled in this area, please volunteer. You will be fully trained. My email is [dhgustowski@gmail.com](mailto:dhgustowski@gmail.com). Thanks so much for hanging in with us this past year. We love and miss you all!

### 2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY

**APPEAL** - To date, 179 families have already donated gifts and pledges totaling \$74,979 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 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!

### 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](http://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...

### 134TH ANNUAL NOVENA TO SAINT

ANNE - Celebrating The First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: July 18 – 26: 5:30 pm Confessions at St. Anne Church. 6:30 Rosary Procession from the Generations Statue in front of the Gift Shop; 7 pm Novena Mass in the Outdoor Pavilion. On the Feast of Ss. Anne and Joachim. Monday July 26 - Healing Mass at 11 am in the Pavilion and Closing Liturgy at 7 pm. Visit [stannestpatrickparish.com/novena-to-st-anne](http://stannestpatrickparish.com/novena-to-st-anne) for more information.

### PREMIER OF SANTIAGO: THE CAMINO

WITHIN ON JULY 25 - Ahava Productions ([ahavaproductions.com](http://ahavaproductions.com)) is dedicated to creating inspiring films about the Catholic Faith. Their new film called Santiago: The Camino Within will be premiered VIRTUALLY on July 25. This film features pilgrims from around the world led by Bishop Donald Hying as they travel the ancient route of THE CAMINO founded by the apostle St. James. Parishes are able to sign up for a free pass to the virtual premier of this film at [santiago-camino.com](http://santiago-camino.com).

### 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. 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](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterrockdale.org)

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8483.66 We have also received:

Monthly- \$1217.00                      Restoration- \$292.00  
Stipends- \$395.00

Total- \$10,387.66  
Unrestricted- \$10,095.66 Restricted- \$292..00

Expenses- \$13,985.47  
Altar (3933.97) Schola (839.44) Funerals (152.80) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (623.28) Administration (5431.18) Clergy Benefit Plan (1057.00) Church Gas (41.60) Rectory Gas (113.67) Ascension Gas (77.63) House (872.17) Office (244.48) Ascension Electric (183.26) Ascension Alarm (124.66) Copier (490.33)

Food for the Poor:  
Income- \$21,028.85  
Expenses- \$17,377.13

**FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS**—\$21,026.49 from the Walk For The Homeless, \$225 IMO Ann Hackett, \$10 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$10 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$500 IMO Billy Caraballo, \$101 IMO Anne Toto, \$50 IMO Daniel Moynihan, \$150 IMO Karen Burke, \$120 IMO Mary Jo Roughan, \$100 IMO John Simoncini, \$40 IMO James Dodge, \$100 IMO Joe and Joanne Morrissey and \$97 Stop & Shop Bloomin 4 Good Program

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

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Christine Booth, Fr. Peter Guerin, OSB who has been born into eternal life.

## **WORD OF LIFE:**

**"You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them."**

**St. Therese of Lisieux**