

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

44 Temple St. Worcester, MA 01604

Phone: 508-756-7165

Fax: 508-754-5153

**Parish Website** [www.stjohnsworcester.org](http://www.stjohnsworcester.org)

**Food for the Poor Website** [www.stjohnsfoodforthe poor.org](http://www.stjohnsfoodforthe poor.org)

**PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor**

Fr. John Madden  
[frjohnmadden@gmail.com](mailto:frjohnmadden@gmail.com)

**Associate Pastor**

Fr. Jean Robert Simbert Brice

**Assisting Priest**

Fr. Conrad Pecevich

**Deacon**

Eduardas Meilus

**Coordinators of  
Religious Education**

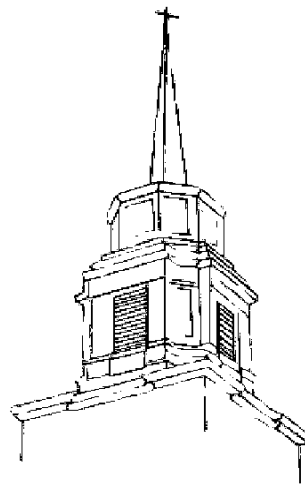
Donna Mastrovito  
Dianne Gustowski

**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](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 24, 2021

4:15 PM **Albert Scola (5th Anniv.)**, req. by family

7:15 PM **Charles Ramelli**, req. by family

### Sunday July 25, 2021

8AM **Bill Palmer (13th Anniv.)**, req. by family;

**Zachary Covello**, req. by family

10:15AM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by family; **Paul Maki**  
req. by Frank Carroll and family

12:15 **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by friends

7:15PM **Joshua Kozaczka** req by family

### Monday, July 26, 2021

6:15 PM **Pauline McGrath**, req. by Margo Wilson

### Tuesday, July 27, 2021

6:15 PM **Patricia Cross**, req. by family

### Wednesday, July 28, 2021

6:15 PM **Juvencio Lorente**, req. by family; **Mary Staruk (1st Anniv.)**, req. by family

### Thursday, July 29, 2021

6:15 PM **Robert Cote, Sr.**, req. by family

### Friday, July 30 2021

6:15 PM **Gerald Cronin**, req. by The Brenner Family

### Saturday July 31, 2021

4:15 PM **Dorothy Kelly**, req. by Marje and Paul Korpinen

7:15 PM **Elizabeth Wells**, req. by family

### Sunday August 1, 2021

8AM **Ernest Brakett (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by children;

**A.J. Honeycutt**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson

10:15AM **Fr. Jeremy Zipple, S.J. (Happy Birthday)**,  
req. by Frank Carroll and family

12:15 PM **Edward B. Swalec, II**, req. by family

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,

Many of you know Cheryl who helps out at the rectory on weekday mornings. Jimmy and I sometimes debate over whether she is my assistant or his. In fact, we are both her assistants. Cheryl comes from a family with a long standing suspicion of vaccines. She had decided not to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Until Tuesday, when she said to me, "Father, if I don't get vaccinated I will die." Though it is not quite that definitive, Cheryl makes a good point. Without question, whether to receive a vaccine or not is a personal decision. I received my second dose of the Moderna vaccine on Mardi Gras, February 16<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday, I brought Cheryl to the Family Health Center for her first dose of the Moderna vaccine. She has not had any side effect, but some soreness at the injection sight. Her second dose is scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl will be significantly protected from this horrific virus. If you want my personal opinion, get vaccinated - please.

This Sunday's Gospel passage recounts the Multiplication of the Loaves. It is the only miracle story which is found in all four gospels. In fact, it appears twice in Mark and Matthew. Today we hear John's account as we begin a five week journey through the sixth chapter of his Gospel. As we heard in last week's passage from Mark, the Synoptics attribute the miracle to the fact that Jesus "took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd." In John's account, Jesus has other purposes, as well. He - if you will - names names. In the first three gospels we are only told that there were five loaves and two fish, but in John are we told that: "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves (the food of the poor) and two fish." More personally, in the Synoptic accounts, unnamed disciples approach Jesus with the problem of feeding the thousands. In John, we are informed that Jesus engages Philip, asking him where they could buy food to feed the crowds: "He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do."

The test is two-fold: whether Philip is aware of the power of Jesus, especially when motivated by pity and whether Philip himself would show compassion toward the people. He fails on both counts. I am not ready to condemn Philip, though. When faced with a problem or a decision, you and I tend to doubt and to despair. Like Philip and the others, our only solution is to "dismiss them so that they can go to the surrounding farms and villages and buy themselves something to eat." For the next six weeks (and beyond) we have the opportunity to prepare ourselves for a re-take of the test. As Pope Francis teaches the Eucharist "is the bread of sinners, not the reward of saints." We are called to increase our faith in the power of Jesus present body and soul in the Eucharist and increase our compassion toward one another. The Holy Father, again:

*To celebrate and live the Eucharist, we, too, are called to live this love, because you cannot break Sunday's bread if your heart is closed to others, you cannot eat this bread if you do not give the bread to the hungry, you cannot share this bread if you do not share the sufferings of those in need.*

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Deus in loco sancto suo, Ps 68: 6, 7, 36 (God is in his holy dwelling place; the God who causes us to dwell together, one at heart, in his house; he himself will give power and strength to his people.)*

Op.: # 832 We Come with Joy in Jesus Christ  
Ps 145, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 705 O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts

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

Comm.: *Honora Dominum de tua substantia, Prov 3: 9, 10 (Honor the Lord with your substance and with the fruits of all your produce, then shall your barns be filled with abundance, and your presses shall run over with wine.)*

# 857 For the Fruits of All Creation

Cl.: # 636 Let All Things Now Living

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS- #1158 IN HYMNAL

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm 145

Eph 4:1-6

Jn 6:1-15

**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 remain in your vehicle and, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a facemask.

**THE CLOTHING CENTER** at the Ascension Campus will be closed for the last week of July and the first week of August. It will reopen on August 10th. Donations will be accepted after this date. We are in need of household items.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS** - anyone who is interested in serving the parish as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Lector or an Altar Server, please contact the rectory. We will be conducting training sessions with the hope of having new ministers available to serve in the fall. If you had served before the pandemic and would like to start again, please contact the rectory. Thank you.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**REGISTRATION FOR ALL RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES** will begin Monday, July 26 for Grades 1-9, First Reconciliation/Eucharist and Confirmation. Grades 1-9 will start on Sunday, Sept 19th, 1-6 at 9 am, 7-9 at 11:15 am. All classes will be held in the church hall. Confirmation and First Reconciliation/Eucharist schedule is TBD. We are in need of one 1st/2nd teacher, one 9th grade teacher, several assistants, and door monitors. If you are able to volunteer, please email Dianne at [dhgustowski@gmail.com](mailto:dhgustowski@gmail.com). Enjoy your summer!

### **2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

**APPEAL** – Congratulations and thank you! We have received gifts and pledges which have surpassed 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 or at the rectory. If using an envelope, you can return it to the rectory by dropping it off or through the US mail. 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...

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** - Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England, a yearlong volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming (September to June) year. Volunteers give two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with nonprofits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director Dave Hinch: [newengland@ivcusa.org](mailto:newengland@ivcusa.org), or check out the IVC New England: [www.ivcusa.org/new-england](http://www.ivcusa.org/new-england).

**EMMANUEL RADIO BOOK OFFER** - Summer greetings from 1230AM, 970 AM and 101.1 FM Emmanuel Radio! God know you deserve a summer vacation this year, but don't take a vacation FROM him. Help bring the Mass, Holy Rosary and Catholic programs to you and others in need of His word this summer by donating at 508-767-1230, online at [www.1230radio.com](http://www.1230radio.com) or mail Emmanuel Radio, PO Box 20027, Worcester, MA 01602. Donors of \$40 or more will receive a free copy of "Do Something Beautiful for God: The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa." Great summer reading from Emmanuel Radio - Truth for Life.

**WORCESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**- Can't get to the library? Apply today for FREE library service by mail! The Talking Book Library provides FREE large-type and audio reading materials by mail or to download. The service is available to anyone who struggles to read standard print due to a visual, physical or reading disability. To learn more call: 508-799-1751 or [talkingbook.mywpl.org](http://talkingbook.mywpl.org)

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7884.66 We have also received:

Monthly- \$328.00	Restoration- \$125.00
Stipends- \$325.00	Parking—\$70.00
Online Donations-\$11,119.94	Transfer from FFTP-\$12,500.00
Total- \$32,352.60	Unrestricted- \$32,227.60
Restricted- \$125.00	

Expenses- \$5,966.05  
Schola (1003.64) House (387.81) Admin (2845.66) Altar (24.94)  
Haitian Apostolate (1124.00) Lith Donation (530.00) CCD (50.00)

Food for the Poor:  
Income- \$6,308.02  
Expenses- \$16,678.94

### FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS

\$50 IMO Robert Henry,  
\$100 IMO John Sillup  
\$150 from a friend.

## Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of **Fr. Dennis O'Brien, John Sillup, Robert Slovick and Deacon William** Colon, who have been born into eternal life.

and

... Welcomes **Cristian Joseph Muniz and Ruth Anne Pynn** who have 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**