

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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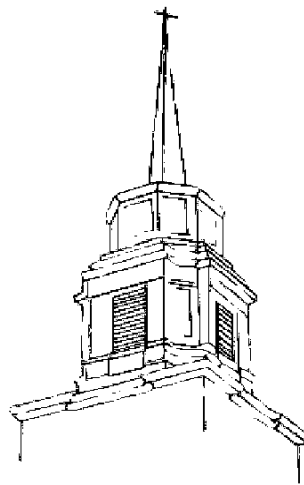
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Music Ministry

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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 August 7th, 2021

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

7:15 PM **Frank Wright**, req by friends

Sunday August 8th, 2021

8AM **Departed Loved Ones and Departed Friends**, req. by Isabel Swalec; **Sarah Spital**, by The Brenner Family

10:15 AM **Charlene Sclamo**, req. by Carol Grigas and Rebecca Paldino

12:15 PM **James Elliott Marcus**, req. by daughter Sarah; **Steve Cancelli**, req. by Joe Luca

7:15 PM **Marie Young**, req. by David Young; **Joshua Kozaczka** req. by family

Monday, August 9th, 2021

6:15 PM **Edward Russell**, req. by Mike Sheehan

Tuesday, August 10th, 2021

6:15 PM **Lawrence Seymour**, req. by family

Wednesday, August 11th, 2021

6:15 PM **Gervais LaRochelle**, req. by family

Thursday, August 12th, 2021

6:15 PM **James Elliott Marcus (1 yr. anniv.)**, req. by daughter Sarah

Friday, August 13th, 2021

6:15 PM **Henry W. Burak (24th anniv.)**, req. by family; **Justin Horton**, req. by family

Saturday, August 14th, 2021

4:15PM **Roger Franks**, req. by Ann and Dan Brunelle

7:15 PM **Deceased members of the Wells family**, req by family

Sunday, August 15th, 2021

8AM **Jim Gannon**, req. by family; **James and Kathleen Shugrue (in honor of their birthdays)**, req. by family

10:15AM **Ellie Gaudette**, req. by family

12:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**

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,

Last Saturday, with Chris Sale taking the mound at Polar Park, Temple Street was filled with cars. The same was true for all of Green Island and beyond. This was not surprising, since he is a superb pitcher. From the reports of how good he has been to the minor league players here and in Portland, Sale is a good and generous guy, too. This was nice to hear. A friend of mine and of St. John's attended the 4:15 p.m. Mass and told me that he thought all the cars were here to go to St. John's. At the Mass, I joked about whether it would be Sale or I that attracted the bigger crowd. I laughed, of course, and others may have thought it was funny, too.

Later, in a more reflective mood, it dawned on me that humor relies on the truth. It plays with the truth to produce a laugh. All of a sudden, the joke was not so funny. The idea that a Catholic Mass, or any religious service, would draw a larger crowd than a professional baseball game, or any sporting event, actually is laughable. It sounds more like a tragedy than a comedy. Unfortunately, this is the truth in today's world. In trying to decipher how we arrived in this place, there is certainly plenty of blame to go around. I usually start by blaming the Enlightenment. This isn't as nutty as it sounds, the decline in the societal support for religious practice in any form has had a long history. We are all aware, painfully, of the scandals that have been a terrible part of our history and have fueled the decline. There are other external factors, as well. So, it is not true that we only have ourselves to blame. Still, it is true that we can only take responsibility for ourselves. We might not be the whole problem, but the solution has to come from us.

We are all familiar with the famous quote of St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words." He used that motto to save the world and the church. Of course, none of us is Francis – or Clare - so, we are going to need real help to do the work of the Savior. The real help that the two of them relied upon:

I am the bread of life...I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Respice, Domine, in testamentum tuum, Ps 74*
(Remember, O Lord, your covenant, and do not abandon forever the souls of your poor; arise O Lord, and judge your own cause; forget not the cries of those who seek you.)

Op.: # 953 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Ps 34, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." # 1164

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 571 Crown Him with Many Crowns

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

Comm.: *Panis quem ego dedero, Jn 6: 52* (The bread which I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.)

556 Hidden Here Before Me / Adoro Te

Cl.: # 631 Father, We Thank You Who Have Planted

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1164 IN THE HYMNAL

1Kgs 19:4-8

Psalm 34

Eph 4:30—5:2

Jn 6:41-51

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 this Tuesday, 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. We could use ministers to bring the Eucharist to the homebound, as well. Finally, if you had served before the pandemic and would like to start again, please contact the rectory. Thanks.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR ALL RELIGIOUS ED

CLASSES is underway 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 subs and volunteers. If you are able to help, please email Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com. Enjoy your summer!

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN DAILY LIFE - A 30-week directed prayer

experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer. Starting on September 28, 2021, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and include reflection, direction and presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter Church, 929 Main St., Worcester, near Clark University. Information nights will be held at St. Peter Church on Tuesday, August 17 at 6:30 pm and St. Richards Parish, 4 Bridge Street, Sterling on Tuesday, August 24 at 6:30 pm. Information and an application form are available at www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworchester.com or email worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

"IF TODAY, YOU HEAR GOD'S VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEART." (Hebrew

3:15) Have you ever wondered whether God is calling you to become a Sister or do you want to know more about consecrated life? The Dominican Sisters of Peace are offering a free weekend Come and See Discernment retreat, September 10-12, 2021 in Akron, Ohio for single Catholic women ages 18-45. You can join us in person or online. Go to the Sisters' website for more information and to register for this event. And to get a glimpse of what to expect and view some highlights from our virtual retreat in September 2020 of last year. For more information, contact Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP at call/text 570-336-3991 or june.fitzgerald@oppeace.org.

In Our Catholic Community...

WORCESTER DIOCESE NIGHT AT THE BRAVEHEARTS - Join with friends from around the Diocese for a family-friendly night of baseball at the Worcester Bravehearts on **Friday, August 13** as they play the Nashua Silver Knights! Game Time at 6:30 pm - Fireworks following the game! All you can eat Buffet begins at 5:30 pm: Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Veggie Burgers, Chix Sandwich, chips, pickles, pasta salad, potato salad, soda, bottled water. Ice cream bar, cash bar available. Ticket Price which includes ticket to the game, all you can eat buffet, a Bravehearts hat voucher and as always parking is free in the adjoining garage. Enter at the first driveway to Holy Cross at College Square. \$27.00 Adults; \$18.00 Children age 3 - 12; Free for Kids age 2 and under. **DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS** - end of day Wednesday, August 11. Tickets can be purchased online at worcesterdiocese.org/bravehearts.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE - Shoot Hoops not Guns is a basketball tournament designed to bring unity, awareness, and peace to Worcester and raise funds to help support the fight against gun violence in our communities, held to honor the life of Dante Carlor and the love he had for his community. Takes place at the YMCA, 766 Main St., Worcester on **August 21 from 10am-5pm**. This event is open to the public and is free of cost. There will be free food, activities, guest speakers, free haircuts, nail painting, face painting, music, photographer, performances, raffles, food, bouncy house, community resources, etc. The Dante Trevor Carlor Foundation is an organization that was started by the mother and oldest sister of Dante Carlor, who was tragically shot in 2020. The foundation was started to help prevent gun violence against adolescents.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$13,891.95 We have also received:

Monthly- \$1194.00	Restoration- \$362.00
Stipends- \$860.00	Candles —\$955.00
Total- \$17,862.95	

Expenses - will be reported at a later date. Thanks for your patience.

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS

\$148 IMO John Sillup, \$450 IMO Ann "June" Clark, \$20 from a friend, \$185 from a friend, \$500 from a friend, \$1,000 from a friend, \$60 from a friend, \$10 from a friend, \$100 from a friend \$25 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$20 from a friend, \$20 from a friend, \$25 from a friend, \$25 from a friend, \$10 from a friend, \$25 from a friend, \$20 in Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for a favor received, \$110 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson, \$100 IMO Marie Morrissey and \$100 IMO Remigio and Emerentiana.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - PART TIME MUSIC COORDINATOR WANTED

- St. Philip Benizi Parish in Grafton is seeking a Music Coordinator for a weekly 9 am Sunday Mass. This individual must be proficient in organ and piano, select appropriate music, be collaborative in working with cantors and instrumentalists and have a working knowledge and respect for Catholic liturgy. Please send a cover letter and resume to Lisa Stewart, Cluster Business Manager at lstewart@stmarysgrafton.org.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of **Jonathan Denning, Thomas Egan and James Rodney Richard** who have been born into eternal life.

and

...Welcomes **Swayze Gray Mairs and Matteo Ignacio Arguello**, who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

"If we could comprehend all the good things contained in Holy Communion, nothing more would be wanting to content the human heart."

St. John Vianney