

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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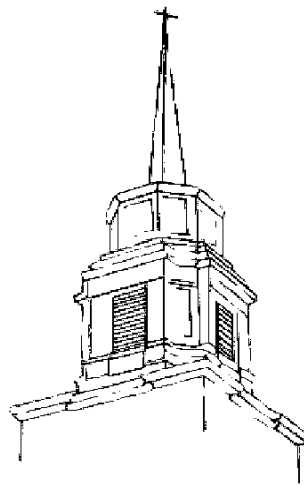
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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 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**, req. by friends
7:15PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by family

Monday, August 16th, 2021

6:15PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by friends

Tuesday, August 17th, 2021

6:15PM **Justin Horton**, req. by family; **John Sillup**, req. by wife

Wednesday, August 18th, 2021

6:15PM **David Ramelli**, req. by family and friends

Thursday, August 19th, 2021

6:15PM **Bill Pugliese and John Gringas**, req. by family; **George Abraham (17th Anniversary)**, req. by wife and family

Friday, August 20th, 2021

6:15PM **Elizabeth Wells**, req. by family

Saturday, August 21st, 2021

4:15PM **Francisco Austriaco**, req. by family; **John Cahill, Jr. (4th Anniversary)**, req. by family
7:15PM **Charlene Diaz**, req. by family

Sunday, August 22nd, 2021

8AM **Kevin Brenner**, req. by Kerrie Brenner and family; **Matthew Covello (3rd Anniversary)**, req. by family
10:15AM **Gannon and Spur Families**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson; **Francisca Obijiaku**, req. by family
12:15PM **Matthew Garofoli (Birthday Blessings!)**, 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,

Today's Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary interrupts our reflection on the Sixth Chapter of John's Gospel. Perhaps, "interrupts" is not the correct word. Nor do we have a "reprieve" from the Bread of Life Discourse. Rather, in Mary, we see and celebrate the fruit, if you will, of God's self-gift to us in Jesus, the Bread of Life.

In his homily on this Solemnity in 2012, Pope Emeritus Benedict reflected, *In God not only is there room for humankind; in humankind there is room for God. This (too) we see in Mary, the Holy Ark who bears the presence of God. In us there is space for God, and this presence of God in us is so important for bringing light to the world with all its sadness, all its problems... This is the symphony of this Feast, the instruction that meditating on this Solemnity gives us. Mary is the dawn and splendor of the Church triumphant; she is the consolation and the hope of people still on the journey.*

This is us, of course - people still on the journey. In today's Solemnity we acknowledge and celebrate that Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." In so doing, we are acknowledging and celebrating that we have a Mother and a model interceding for us. Therefore, especially in the sadness and problems we encounter, that as God has room for us, we must make room for God; for the Bread of Life. In that way, as Hada Bejar promised, "The fragrance always remains in the hand that gives the rose."

As we head toward September, our minds turn toward the resumption of normal activities. Well, in normal times this happens. The surge in Covid brought on by the Delta variant has us wondering about what activities will be possible. For the present, the Diocese has not called for a change in the protocols around our gatherings. Honestly, though, as someone with a depressed immune system, I am going to wear a mask much more frequently. As I did a few weeks ago, so today, I encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

At this point, then, we will be having a Parish Council meeting on Monday, September 20th at 7 p.m. in the Xavier Center. At the June meeting we decided to enroll in a program through the Augustine Institute which focuses on the New Evangelization. I hope that we can continue with an implementation of the program. If you are interested, feel free to attend the meeting. Finally, we are investigating the sale of both the Ascension Campus property and St. Casimir's School. Our hope is that the Ethiopian Orthodox Church which has been using Ascension for several years will be able to make it their own and it remains a church. Further, we hope that the Worcester School Department will purchase the school which they have used for many years. Both of these hopes are in process. It is okay to pray that they will come to fulfillment.

Blessings, Fr John Madden

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Op: Immaculate Mary #893

Psalm – Vigil: Lord, go up to your place of rest, you and the ark of holiness

Day: The Queen stands at your right hand arrayed in gold

Prep: O Most Holy One #903

Comm: Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly #444

Med: Salve Regina #882

Cl: Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above #883

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1222 IN THE HYMNAL

Rv 11: 19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab

Ps 45

1 Cor 15: 20-27

Lk 1:39-56

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.

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.

DIOCESAN SCOUTING RETREAT - Save the date for the Diocesan Scouting Retreat which will take place on Saturday, October 30, 2021. The event will take place at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette from 8am-5pm. The day will include fun activities, inspiring talks, times of prayer and worship, and Mass! Registration information will become available later in the summer at neworchester.org/scouting.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The website has been updated, and the current schedule for 2021-2022 is posted. Registration is open for all classes, including Confirmation and First Reconciliation/First Communion. Classes begin September 19th. If you wish to volunteer, please email Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com. Enjoy the rest of 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 worस्पex19@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...
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.

SAVE THE DATE – DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLIES - Save the date for the Diocesan High School and Middle School Youth Rallies for the upcoming year! The High School Rally will take place on **Sunday, November 7, 2021** from 1-6pm at Anna Maria College. The Middle School Rally will take place on **Sunday, March 20, 2022** from 1-5pm at North American Martyrs in Auburn. Registration will be available around the beginning of the school year at neworchester.org.

LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST - Vianney Dinners are back! The next Vianney dinner is Thursday Sept. 2 at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. They are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as their schedule allows. 6:05 PM Mass, 6:30 dinner, and 7 PM social. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful. Email director@worcestervocations.com.

Financial Report

Income:

Sunday \$7300.66 Monthly- \$906
Restoration- \$125 Stipends- \$680.00
E. Europe- \$393.00

Total- \$9404.66 Unrestricted- \$8886.66 Restricted- \$518.00

Expenses- \$13,305.49

CCD (37.10) After School (5073.35) Administration (8195.04)

FFTP

Income- \$22,000.07

Expenses- \$2555.02

YEAR TO DATE – In the month of July, we had an operating cash surplus of \$12,939.30. This brings our cash surplus as we enter the final month of FY 20/21 to \$83,586.17. This does not include a bequest of \$200,000 which we received earlier in the fiscal year. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of St. John's.

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS

\$150 IMO Jim McDonald \$100 IMO John Sillup \$50 from a friend \$50 from a friend \$100 IMO George Bailey

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of **Margaret McGuigan, Sr. Mary Thomas Senkowski, Robert Bowden, Anthony Esposito, Michael Tessier, Eileen Reilly and Jeffrey McLaughlin** who have been born into eternal life.

and

...Welcomes **Brody Matthew Booth and Madelyn Marie Brennan**, who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

"All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully."

St. Ignatius of Loyola