

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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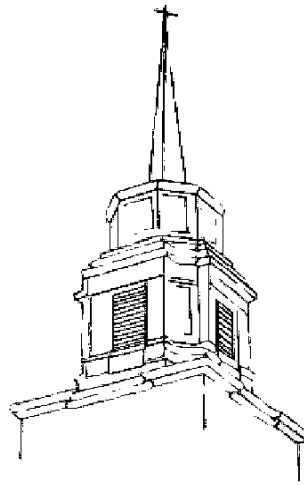
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Music Ministry

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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 21, 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 22, 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

Monday, August 23, 2021

6:15PM **John and Mary Boyle & family**, req. by family, **Lolita M. Catalan**, req. by family

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

6:15PM **Robert Lovely**, req. by family

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

6:15PM **JoAnn Puia**, req. by Donna Mastrovito

Thursday, August 26, 2021

6:15PM **Toni Casarano (8 months)**, req. by Sarah

Friday, August 27, 2021

6:15PM **Frank Wright**, req. by family

Saturday, August 28, 2021

4:15PM **Patricia and Leo Cross**, req. by family
7:15PM **Joe Comeau** req. by family

Sunday, August 29, 2021

8AM **Eddie Gannon**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson; **David Sheehy and Gervais Larochelle**, req. by family
10:15AM **Robert Richer**, req. by family
12:15PM **Ambrose Roche**, req. by Joe Luca; **Walter and Katherina Perduta**, 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,

We began our “mini-course” on the 6th Chapter of John’s Gospel on July 25th, the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. At the start, it was pointed out that the Gospel of John does not recount the Words of Institution at the Last Supper, but this Bread of Life discourse presents its Theology of the Eucharist. We were then reminded that on one Holy Thursday, Msgr. Tinsley taught that the Fourth Gospel focuses rather on the “consequence” of those words and theology by recounting Jesus’ washing the feet of the disciples. At the end of every Mass, we hear “Go forth.” It is, essentially, what Jesus told his disciples:

If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.

Today, we conclude our reflection on John 6. As we do, the Evangelist offers a similar lesson. This time with regard to Peter’s Profession of Faith. John’s Gospel does not recount the exchange between Jesus and Peter at Caesarea Philippi. Peter’s answer, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God,” is critically important. The Synoptic Gospels show that this moment changes, deepens, the relationship between Jesus and his disciples. In today’s Gospel passage, the “consequence” of that confession is revealed. This, too, is a critical moment in the relationship of Jesus and the Twelve. It was not long before that, having witnessed Jesus feed thousands with five barley loaves and two fish, the people wanted to “carry him off to make him King.” But, hold on – “Then many of his disciples who were listening said, ‘This saying is hard; who can accept it?’” Soon enough, many of them walked away. As a result of this, “Jesus then said to the Twelve, ‘Do you also want to leave?’”

A couple of years ago, back, before we had to stop gathering together, I attended a social event in my hometown of Milford. I ran into many people that I had not seen in years. One asked me what the biggest change I experienced during my priesthood was. Immediately, I answered: “the decline.” Last week’s Catholic Free Press carried a Guest Commentary. It was titled, “Responding to the ‘Mass’ Exodus.” Like the many commentaries that we have seen over the years, it pointed out that in the 1960s over 75% of Catholics attended Mass regularly. Today, less than 25% attend regularly. All of us can easily identify with Peter and the others as they stood with Jesus “across the sea” watching the crowds leave and pondering his question. We can also open ourselves to the grace of the Eucharist and, like Peter, go forth professing:

Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

*We have come to believe and are convinced that
You are the Holy One of God.*

In Christ’s Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Inclina, Domine, aurem tuam, Ps 86: 1, 2, 3 (Incline your ear to me, O Lord, and hear me; O God, save your servant who trusts in you; have mercy on me, O Lord, for unto you do I cry all the day.)

Op.: # 553 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Ps. 34, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord", # 1170

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 953 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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

Comm.: De fructu, Ps 104: 13, 14, 15 (The earth will be satisfied by the work of your hands, O Lord, as you bring forth bread from the land and wine to gladden the hearts of all, oil to make their faces shine, and bread to strengthen their hearts.)

923 I Receive the Living God

Cl.: # 632 For the Beauty of the Earth

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1170 IN THE HYMNAL

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Psalm 34

Eph 5: 2a, 25-32

John 6: 60-69

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. .

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.

THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF SILUVA

-We are pleased to announce that will be celebrating a Mass with the Lithuanian Community at St John's on Saturday September 4th at 4:15 to observe the Feast of Our Lady of Siluva which was important to the restoration of Catholicism in Lithuania in 1608. Deacon Eduardas Meilus will be our homilist at this service and the Lithuanian Choir at St. John's directed by Sean Redrow will be singing Lithuanian hymns for this Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes begin Sept. 19 for grades 1-9. The corrected calendar is posted on the website. Confirmation begins Tues Oct 5. All times are posted on the calendar. We are looking for door monitors and classroom aides. Please contact Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com if available. Thanks!

SECOND COLLECTION FOR HAITI – the epicenter of last week's earthquake was in Les Cayes, the home of our Diocesan Mission. While, thankfully, Brit's Home and St. Francois Church in Grand Goave were not damaged, the diocesan covenant parishes were. Bishop McManus has asked us to take up a special collection which will be sent directly to Cardinal Chibly Langlois, the Bishop of Les Cayes. This collection will be taken up at the Masses on the weekend of September 11/12. If you wish to make a donation to this collection by mail or online, please be sure to mark it as "Les Cayes Relief Fund." Thank you, always, for your generosity to those in need.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS - Families have discovered a faith-based character development program for girls ages 5 to 18, dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country called American Heritage Girls. Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto in Worcester will be hosting an informational meeting to learn more about AHG on September 14, 2021 at 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester, MA.

AHG is for families with daughters who are seeking a faith-based, scout-type experience. MA Troop 0716 has been active in Worcester County since 2013. Founded in 1995 in Cincinnati, Ohio, AHG has grown from ten troops and 100 members to more than 49,000 members across 15 countries and in all 50 states. AHG helps girls to know who they are and whose they are in Christ through service work, badge work, leadership opportunities, and more. Visit the AHG website at americanheritagegirls.org to learn more. Visit AHG's [YouTube Channel](#) to view "Faith, Service, Fun," a 30-second video about AHG.

In Our Catholic Community...

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.

GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE

- St. Mary, Uxbridge will be offering "Grieving with Great HOPE," a five-week grief support workshop from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic Apostolate ministering to those mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop will be in-person and is for anyone who has lost a loved one including a spouse, child, parent, sibling, cousin, etc. Thursday from 6:30 pm – 8 pm Sept. 23 to Oct. 21. As Catholics, we have hope for eternal life in the risen Lord for ourselves and for our loved ones. In this workshop, practical tools for intentional mourning will be introduced. We journey together as we seek to become disciples of hope. Cost is \$10.00 and includes an accompanying workbook. To register please call the office at 508-278-2226 or email dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org

Financial Report

Income:

Sunday- 6254.66 Monthly- 250.00 Restoration- 56.00
Parking- 100.00 Stipends- 360.00 Assumption- 1326.00
School Rent- 4833.72

Total- \$14,654.38 Unrestricted- \$14,589.38 Restricted- \$56.00

Expenses:

Schola (2788.72) Administration (3841.56) Rectory Cable/
Phone/Internet (628.10) Office (429.86) Church Gas (21.00)
Rectory Gas (59.62) Ascension Gas (37.30) Stipends (820.00)
House (194.85) Funerals (634.80) July Budget Bill (7624.00)
Preserve the Flame (560.00) Legal Fees (393.00) Rectory Alarm
(36.90)

Total—\$18,069.71

FFTP: Income \$1,465.00 Expenses (5909.79)

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

\$80 IMO John Sillup, \$1,000 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$300 from a friend, \$15 IMO George Archambeault, \$150 IMO Fr. Dennis O'Brien, \$100 IMO Kathleen Rivard, \$50 IMO John Trumpaitis, \$10,000 The Bassick Family Foundation.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of **Margaret Sokolowski** who has been born into eternal life.
and
...Welcomes **Marguerite Caroline Clark** who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

"There are two loves, the love of God and the love of the world. If the love of the world takes possession of you, there is no way for the love of God to enter into you. Let the love of the world take the second place, and let the love of God dwell in you. Let the better love take over."

St. Augustine