

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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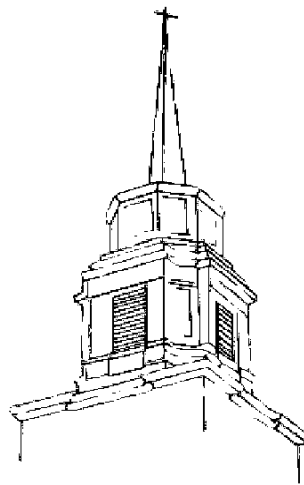
Donna Mastrovito
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Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
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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 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

Monday, August 30, 2021

6:15PM **Andrew Shea (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by sons and their mother

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

6:15PM **Darrin Cormier**, req. by family and friends

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

6:15PM **Anthony Francis**, req. by Joe Luca

Thursday, September 2, 2021

6:15PM **Carol Boraccini**, req. by family

Friday, September 3, 2021

6:15PM **Mary Deleonardis (In honor of her birthday)**, req. by Sarah Taylor

Saturday, September 4, 2021

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

7:15PM **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. O'Coin**, req. by family

Sunday, September 5, 2021

8AM **Thomas Foley**, req. by family; **Carol Santa Maria (8th Anniv.)**, req. by family

10:15AM **Tom Beene**, req. by friend Kerrie S.

12:15PM **The DiReda, Kelley, Rogan, Rosenfield and Wilson families**, req. by Francis DiReda and Patricia Kelley-Clark

7:15PM **Joshua Kozaczka and Boleslaw Burzynski**, 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, we celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Margaret Sokolowski. Peggy was a life-long member of St. John's and received six of the Sacraments here on Temple Street. She and her siblings grew up in the neighborhood. Peggy and her husband, Andy and son, Michael remained active members of the parish throughout the years. She taught in the Religious Education program, served in various Liturgical Ministry roles and, during these past several years, contributed to our Social Activities Committee. Likewise, Peggy was a fixture in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hibernians. She was a library and media specialist for the Worcester Public Schools.

Through it all, Peggy carried the cross of mental illness. As with all of us and the crosses we bear, she did not always carry it well. It has always struck me, though, that Jesus instructs us to "take up" our crosses. He does not say anything about doing so efficiently or successfully. Simply, to take them up. Peggy did. This must have been part of the reason why she was able to face her serious illness and impending death with courage and hope. It was certainly the reason why her funeral was a true religious experience. A moving and significant part of the funeral for me was when both the Superintendent of Schools, Maureen Binienda and the President of the Teachers' Union, Roger Nugent arrived – together. They sat with one of Peggy's bosses, and St. John's own, Mike O'Neil and his wife, Susan. Peggy spent her entire career "in the trenches" and, yet, there they were at her funeral. It was touching. As you know, I am a crier. In fact, I am crying now recalling the moment. On the one hand, their gesture and attendance was a needed reprieve from life in the time of pandemic and earthquakes and hurricanes and suicide bombers. On the other hand, and more than that, their thoughtfulness and concern is the necessary response to those, and other, horrific parts of our life here on earth. In the face of everything that confronts us in this life, honoring every individual and cherishing each life from conception to natural death must be our mission. We will not always be efficient or successful, but we always need to take up the challenge – together.

Congratulations to our own Dr. Mahri Leonard-Fleckman on the publication of the second volume of Ponder, a Contemporary Bible Study which was, to quote her, "prayed into being" here at St. John's. This volume is for Year C which begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28 2021. Mahri has donated several copies. If you would like one, please call the rectory.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Miserere mihi, Domine, quoniam ad te, Ps 86 (Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I have called out to you all the day; for you, O Lord, are good and forgiving and plenteous in mercy to all who call upon you.)

Ps 15, "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

Op.: # 590 Word of God, Come Down on Earth
Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 748 What Does the Lord Require
Eucharistic Acces.: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: Domine, memorabor iustitiae tuae solius, Ps 71 (O Lord, I will be mindful of your justice alone; you have taught me, O God, from my youth; and so, unto old age and gray hairs, O God, forsake me not.)

956 Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup

Cl.: # 780 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1173 IN THE HYMNAL

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm 15

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

LIVE STREAMING MASSES will continue 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.

ARE YOU A KNITTER OR CROCHETER? DO YOU WANT TO LEARN TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

The St. Rafqa Prayer Shawl Ministry is going to safely get together again on Wednesday September 8th at 9:30-11:00am. Hopefully it will be sunny and we can meet outside (bring your fold up chair), if not we will be downstairs in the chapel. We make comforting prayer shawls, baptism blankets, and hats, scarves, and mittens. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Bartelson at 774-262-2512 or mathgeometry@yahoo.com. And of course bring a friend!

BROOKFIELD BASED "SUPPORTING ORPHANS NATIONALLY & GLOBALLY" (S.O.N.G., INC.) PRESENTS

"S.O.N.G.STOCK 2021" on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 11:30 am to 7:00 pm at the Brimfield Winery & Cidery, 35 Main Street, Brimfield, MA. "S.O.N.G.STOCK 2021" is a Family Friendly Music Festival to benefit orphaned children in the United States, as well as internationally. For more information, please visit supportingorphans.org or call (413) 813-8100

In Our Catholic Community...

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

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.

Financial Report

Income:

Sunday- \$7893.66 Parking- \$100.00
Stipends- \$600.00 Assumption- \$190.00
Donation- \$300.00 School Rent- \$4833.72
Total \$13,917.38 Unrestricted- \$13,917.38 Restricted- \$0.00

Expenses:

Schola (915.84) Funerals (152.80) Administration (6629.80)
House (851.33) CCD (125.00) Clergy Benefits (1057.00) Envelopes (733.56) Church Locks (133.00) Church Landscape (600.00) Ascension Landscape (377.77) Church Electric (584.81) Rectory Electric (1119.95) Ascension Electric (319.19) Marriage Prep (55.00) Livestream (75.00) Diocesan Budget bill (7616.68) Church Alarm (126.21) Ascension Alarm (252.44) Copier (490.33)

Total: \$22,089.60

FFTP: Expenses - \$18963.39 Income - \$12965.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS

\$50 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$150 from a friend, \$300 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$200 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$215 IMO Michael Tessier, \$450 IHO The Carroll Wedding, \$100 IMO MaryJo Roughan, \$200 IMO Charlene Diaz, \$165 IMO Margaret Sokolowski, \$100 IHO Margaret McKenna and Michael Mangaudis, \$75 IMO Angelo Pappas, \$50 IMO John Sillup, \$100 IMO Robert Dufresne \$45 IMO June Clark

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of **Donald Capuano, Janice Foster, Robert Reid, Glenn Page, Charles Watts and Floyd Reece**, whom have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE:

"I think all Christians would agree with me if I said that though Christianity seems at first to be all about morality, all about duties and rules and guilt and virtue, yet it leads you on, out of all that, into something beyond. One has a glimpse of a country where they do not talk of those things . . . Every one there is filled full with what we should call goodness as a mirror is filled with light."

C.S. Lewis