

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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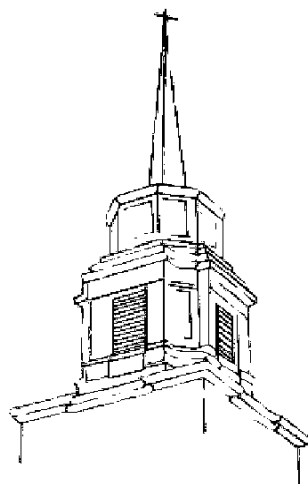
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Music Ministry

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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, September 4, 2021

4:15PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of FOSS, David and Frances Vautrain**, req. by niece, Barbara Thompson
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

Monday, September 6, 2021

6:15PM **Our Departed Loved Ones and Friends**, req. by Isabel Swalec, **Frank Toscano**, req. by family

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

6:15PM **Fr Jim Hoey**, req. by friends

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

6:15PM **Deacon Paul Pizzarella**, req. by friends

Thursday, September 9, 2021

6:15PM **Gaetano Corso**, req. by friends

Friday, September 10, 2021

6:15PM **Edward B. Swalec, II.**, req. by Isabel Swalec

Saturday, September 11, 2021

4:15PM **Alphonse Krusas**, req. by family; **50th Wedding Anniv. of Paul and Paulette Choquette**
7:15PM **Leonard Wentworth**, req. by friend

Sunday, September 12, 2021

8AM **Gannon and Spurr Families**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson; **Robert Slovick**, req. by family
10:15AM **Bryan and Mark Beardsley**, req. by friends
12:15PM **Christopher Curran**, req. by friends
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,

As we know, for years the seasons have been set by the astronomical calendar and summer runs from June 21 to September 22. This is clearly wrong, but the recently heralded meteorological calendar which sets summer from June 1 to August 31 is also wrong. Summer begins at the end of the last day of school and ends at the beginning of the first day of school. It's simple. Either way, the sad fact is that summer, such as it was in 2021, ended this week. Even I got a haircut to mark the sad event. On the other hand, August 31 does end our fiscal year. As you can see in this week's financial report, it ended well for us. The Annual Report will be created and presented to the Finance Committee and then published in the bulletin. Now, though, I want to thank all the people of St. John's for your ongoing and generous support of our parish – and our Food for the Poor program. We all know what a stress finances can be – well, in reality, I do not know that stress. I cannot thank you enough for your commitment of your time and talent, as well as your treasure.

Summer's end means our parish activity picks up. The ongoing battle with Covid-19 means that we proceed with caution:

As you have seen announced, our Religious Education program is open for registration and classes for Grades 1- 9 will begin in a couple of weeks; followed by Confirmation in October and First Reconciliation/First Eucharist in January.

The Parish Council will meet in the Xavier Center on September 20 at 7 p.m. We will be discussing the implementation of Formed, which is based on the New Evangelization. The Green Island neighborhood has exploded with people and activity, we hope to be able to show them that the most critical part of one's life can be found at St. John's Church.

Jimmy, our Office Manager, has had a trying summer. Thankfully, he is on the mend and will be back this week. We are wondering who the 2nd happiest person about this is since the 1st is me! A schedule for the Liturgical Ministries – and lots of other things – will soon be available.

The Annual Novena in Honor of St. Therese Lisieux begins on Thursday, September 23 and concludes on Friday, October 1; her feast day. Her Little Way and her intercession is always helpful, especially in the face of big issues and problems.

The monthly Mass for Healing will begin again on September 27 and continue on the 4th Monday of every month.

The healing miracle in today's passage from Mark is unique in that it recounts Jesus' physical action in extending his healing power. We are told that he puts his finger in the man's ear; that spitting he touches than man's tongue; that he groans as he looks to the Father. It is a good example and reminder to us as we begin again. Let's dig in together.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Justus es, Domine, Ps 119 (You are righteous, O Lord, and right is your judgment; deal with this servant of yours according to your mercy.)*

Op.: # 972 Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old

Ps 146, "Praise the Lord, my soul!"

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 865 From the Father's Throne on High

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

Comm.: *Vovete, et reddite, Ps 76 (Make vows unto the Lord your God, and accomplish them, all you who gather around him to present offerings; to the awesome God who takes away the life of princes; he is greatly feared by all the kings of the earth.)*

686 Lord of All Hopefulness

Cl.: # 527 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1176 IN THE HYMNAL

Is 35:4-7a

Psalm 146

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

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.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR HAITI - the epicenter of the recent earthquake was in Les Cayes, the home of our Diocesan Mission and several Covenant parishes. 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 next weekend. 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.

RELIGIOUS ED 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!

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 this 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!

OUR ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. THERESE OF THE LITTLE FLOWER

begins on Thursday, September 23 and concludes on her Feast Day, Friday, October 1. Novena prayers are recited at all Masses throughout the nine days.

OUR LADY'S ANNUAL MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA AT O.L. MT. CARMEL AND O.L. LORETO

begins on Tuesday, September 7 at 7 pm for 9 consecutive Tuesdays, ending on Tuesday, November 2. A great opportunity for graces and the tremendous power of intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This week's speaker is Rev. Frederick D. Fraini and next week is Fr. Nicholas DeSimone.

THE 10TH ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH WILL TAKE PLACE AT CHRIST THE KING PARISH

on Monday evenings this fall. There will be prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, for the end of the pandemic, and to raise awareness about the attempt to introduce Physician -Assisted Suicide into Massachusetts. The Novena begins on Monday, Sept. 13 from 7:15 to 8:00 pm and is held nine consecutive Mondays. The first speaker is Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Sept. 13); followed by Bishop Robert McManus (Sept. 20).

In Our Catholic Community...

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEX ED

This Spring the Worcester School Committee adopted a very problematic K-12 sex education curriculum for the Worcester Public Schools. The curriculum, Rights, Respect, Responsibility is explicit, age inappropriate and without an adequate moral grounding. It will be taught in all grades beginning with Kindergarten this Fall. Under Massachusetts law, parents have the right to opt their children out of sex-ed programs. Bishop McManus is urging parents of Worcester Public School Students to review the Rights, Respect, Responsibility curriculum (<http://3rs.org/3rs-curriculum/3rs-curric-search/>) and to consider opting their children out. For opt out forms, please visit <https://worcesterschools.org/sexualhealth-education-curriculum-information-sessions/> or ask your parish for a hard copy. Thank you

GIANT YARD SALE / FLEA MARKET at

OL Mt. Carmel and OL Loreto Parish, 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester. Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9am -3pm -- set-up at 8:30 am (Rain date Sept. 25). \$50 for a space that is 18' x 18', larger spaces available. You provide your own table. Parishioners, Non-parishioners, Crafters, Vendors – All are Welcome! Call the Parish Office at 508-753-5001 for a registration form.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT-

If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Financial Report

Income:

Sunday- \$8173.66 Monthly- \$50 Restoration- \$55
Candles- \$793.00 Stipends- \$320.00 All Souls- \$255.00
Les Cayes Relief- \$50.00

Total- \$9696.66 Unrestricted- \$9591.66 Restricted- \$105.00

Expenses:

House (375.00) Administration (2240.16) Altar (131.40)
Office (183.59) Maintenance (453.00) Postage (67.61)
Preserve the Flame (543.00) Alarm (73.80)
Total: \$4067.66

FFTP Expenses- \$4525.35 Income- \$2315.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS

\$20 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$400 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$10 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$500 from a friend, \$120 IMO Patrick and Christopher Johnson, \$85 IMO Peggy Sokolowski, \$50 IMO David Perry, \$45 IMO Anne Toto, \$500 In Thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Anthony, \$100 IHO the Carroll Wedding.

YEAR TO DATE: In August, the final month of our fiscal year, we had a cash operating gain of \$1,159.68. This brings our cash gain for FY 2020/2021 to \$84,745.85. Plus, we received a bequests of \$200,000 during the year, as well. Thank you for your tremendous generosity to St. John's and our parish mission. May you be blessed abundantly by God in return.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of **LaTonya Spencer, Keith McCants, Eddie Asner, David Patten and Cynthia Rafferty** whom have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes **Amelia Deborah Slavinkas** who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

"Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself, 'Who could be the Master of these beautiful things?' I felt a great desire to see him, to know him and to pay him homage."

St. Josephine Bakhita