

*"To Preserve The Flame"*  
**SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH**

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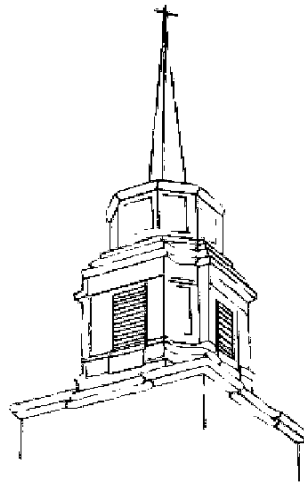
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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](mailto: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 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

**Monday, September 13, 2021**

6:15PM **Christopher Johnson**, req. by Family

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

6:15PM **Robert Cieszymski**, req. by Family

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

6:15PM **Florence Trapasso (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Peggy Sokolowski (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family

**Thursday, September 16, 2021**

6:15PM **Michael Gasperski**, req. by Richard Deres; **Rose and Joseph Pezzella**, req. by Family

**Friday, September 17, 2021**

6:15PM **Joe McCarty and Nicole Bergeron** req. by Friends

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

4:15PM **John Trumpaitis (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family; **Louis Robert Boucher (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family  
7:15PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Friends; **Marbury J. MacDuffie**, req. by Daughter

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

8AM **Eddie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Peggy Palmer (12th Anniv.)**, req. by Family  
10:15AM **Latanya Spencer**, req. by Norma Nunag  
12:15PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends  
7:15PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Msgr. Edmond Tinsley**, req. by Friends

The Rosary is prayed each weekday **beginning with the Angelus at 5:50 p.m.**

Dear Friends in the Lord,

*Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it.*

As we commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11, still in the grips of the Coronavirus, this quote from Helen Keller, for obvious reasons, comes to mind. The reality is that the first part – *the world is full of suffering* – comes to us uninvited and unwelcomed. However, the second part – *the overcoming of it* – does not come unless it is invited and welcomed. The most important part of our commemoration, then, is to thank again and continue to honor the police, firefighters and all first responders whose courage and commitment made the overcoming of suffering possible. Even, for some, at the expense of their own lives. Remembering their heroic action can help us deepen our prayers for and appreciation of all those on the frontline of the ongoing battle against Covid-19. More than that, by recalling 9/11 and remaining focused on ending the pandemic, we may gain insight into how we can overcome the suffering that invades all of our lives. Even though it comes to us through so many different vehicles. To put it another way, we may learn how to invite and welcome the grace needed if we shall overcome.

In the Gospel passage today, when Jesus speaks openly about the suffering which will be entering his life: *Then Peter took him aside and rebuked him*. In response, Jesus reveals why the overcoming is such a challenge: *You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do*. Which is why to follow him we must deny ourselves and take up our cross. We need to imitate the Suffering Servant in today's first reading who did not rebel, did not give up, who did accept suffering confident that the Lord God is all the help any of us will need.

Next weekend will be our annual participation in the diocesan Mission Cooperative for the Propagation of the Faith. Given the givens, the Mission speaker will not be with us physically. Rather, Fr. Daniel Malingumu of the Tabora Mission Appeal will send a written message regarding the ministry of the Archdiocese of Tabora in Tanzania. Further, we have posted information in the church to give you a sense of their challenges and their mission. Next weekend's second collection will support that mission. If you make a donation online or through the mail, please mark it as supporting the Mission Appeal.

We have had several people approach us expressing an interest in the RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We plan on starting the Inquiry Phase of the program in October. If you or anyone you know, is interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, please contact the rectory. We will provide more details in the near future.

Finally, a few copies of Ponder: Contemplative Bible Study, Year C are still available in the rectory. First come, first served.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr John Madden

## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Da Pacem, Domine, Sir 36:18*

Op.: # 761 Take Up Your Cross

Ps 116, "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 490 My Song is Love Unknown

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

Comm.: *Qui vult venire, Mt 16:24 (If a man wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.)*

# 591 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

Cl.: # 627 O God beyond All Praising

### SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1176 IN THE HYMNAL

Is 50:5-9a

Psalm 116

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35

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*

*Sunday Mass 7:15 PM*

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 this 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 EDUCATION

Grades 1-9 classes start Sunday, September 19th. The schedule is posted on the website. Masks are required for all during class time. Registration is ongoing. All classes are in the Church Hall.

Confirmation - class starts Tuesday, October 5, at 6:15 PM in the chapel. Registration closes October 1. Masks are required by all during class. If you wish to volunteer in any capacity, contact Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com.

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 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).

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.

## In Our Catholic Community...

### AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS (AHG) IN

WORCESTER - Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto in Worcester will be hosting an informational meeting to learn more about AHG on Tuesday, Sept. 14 from 5 - 6:30 pm at 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester. 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. Contact Lynn Somers at [lmmsomers@gmail.com](mailto:lmmsomers@gmail.com) with any questions.

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEX ED - Under the newly adopted sex-ed program, *Rights, Respect, Responsibility*, voted in this Spring by the Worcester School Committee and being launched this Fall, Kindergartners will be asked to place "post it" labels on diagrams of male and female genitals. Fifth Graders will be asked to color in diagrams of male and female sex organs as the teacher discusses them. Sixth graders will hear about the details of oral and anal sex. Please see the *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* curriculum on the publisher's website at <http://3rs.org/3rscurriculum/3rs-curric-search/>. Bishop McManus is urging parents of Worcester Public School students to familiarize themselves with this explicit, age-inappropriate program and to opt their children out.

PART TIME CLERICAL POSITION:FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE - Job Type: Part Time, Schedule: Monday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm (hours can be flexible). Job Overview: We are looking for someone with strong organizational skills, a proficiency in math and strong general computer understanding.. A working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Ability to work well with others while maintaining a positive attitude is necessary. Duties: Sorting mail, Filing, Data entry, Mailings, and other financial tasks as needed. If interested please fill out application with a resume and send to Kathy Barrett at [kbarrett@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:kbarrett@worcesterdiocese.org).

## Financial Report

This weekend we received \$7284.66. We also received:

Monthly- \$1701.00	Restoration- \$413.00
Parking- \$630.00	Stipends- \$695.00
Catholic Education- \$20.00	Days Pay- \$100.00
Donation- \$150.00	School Rent- \$4833.72
Les Cayes Relief- \$25.00	

Total- \$15,852.38 Unrestricted- \$15,394.38 Restricted- \$458.00

Expenses- \$15,222.62  
Schola (2358.08) Altar (82.65) Administration (5931.18)  
House (1297.69) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (628.10)  
Clergy Benefit Plan (1057.00) Church Gas (42.00) Rectory Gas (123.36) Ascension Gas (63.63) Stipends (955.00) Locksmith (25.00) Funerals (711.20) Marriage Prep (27.50) CCD (125.02) Livestream Repair (175.00) Ascension Alarm (126.21) Door Phone (869.00) Copier (475.00)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS- \$1000 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$150 IMO Michael Tessier; \$700 IHO The Car-roll Wedding; \$500 IMO Nick Argento

FFTP Income- \$16,745.00 Expenses- \$8760.32

This weekend's Second Collection is for Les Cayes Earthquake Relief.

## Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Ignacio Garcia, Peter Solitro, Irene Gleason, Richard Wood, Samuel Cunningham, Cheryl D'Andrea and Michael K. Williams who have been born into eternal life.

## WORD OF LIFE

**"It is suffering, more than anything else, which clears the way for the grace which transforms human souls. Suffering, more than anything else makes present in the history of humanity the powers of the Redemption."**

**Pope St. John Paul II**