

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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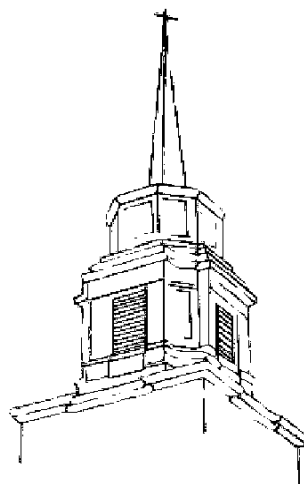
Donna Mastrovito
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Ascension Clothing Center

Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
Lucia Clemente Falco, Asst. Dir.



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 18, 2021

4:15PM **John Trumpanis (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;

Allen Piper, req. by Piper Family

12:15PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by friends

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

Edmond Tinsley, req. by friends

Monday, September 20, 2021

6:15PM **Michael Cox (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family;

Bill Pugliese, req. by Family

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

6:15PM **Francisco Austriaco**, req. by Family

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

6:15PM **Maria Inez Azila**, req. by Family

Thursday, September 23, 2021

6:15PM **Lolita M. Catalan, Rex and Danilo Mana-**

Ay, req. by Family

Friday, September 24, 2021

6:15PM **Fr. Eusebio Mana-Ay** req. by Family;

Joseph Brignola, Guiseppe and Anna Brignola,

req. by Joe

Saturday, September 25, 2021

4:15PM **George and Elizabeth Snyder and Son**

George, req. by Family; **Paul F. Jackson**, req. by

Family

7:15PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Friends

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8AM **Eugene Foley**, req. by Family; **Donald**

Capuano, req. by John Capuano and Family

10:15AM **Melissa Duval**, req. by Family

12:15PM **Birthday Blessings for John Garofoli,**

Nicolina Pasquale and Paloma Garofoli, req. by

Family

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

Fe Padilla and Remedios Padilla, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

As we announced last week, this weekend's second collection is our participation in the Diocesan Mission Cooperative. We have been asked to support the mission of the Archdiocese of Tabora in Tanzania. Given the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic, we will not have an in-person Mission Preacher this year. Rather, the Archdiocese forwarded a brochure containing some information about the work the Archdiocese does on behalf of the needy and the vulnerable. This is highlighted in the following letter that we received from one of the Missionary Fathers

Dear good people of St. John's, on behalf of my Archdiocese of Tabora we thank you for your prayers and support.

Our Mission is to preach the Good News to all people. This is to enhance evangelization through a participatory approach that is, empowering the community by involving the faithful in the identification of issues and helping them solve their own social problems. To make this mission possible we focus on deep evangelization, furthering social-economic development, provision of health services for all notably HIV/AIDS Victims, education of orphans/vulnerable children, building small Christian Communities and supporting the poor and the marginalized. In summary, the Archdiocese of Tabora carries out its mission under two major sections: pastoral and development offices.

This year the Archdiocese of Tabora focuses on education and protection of albinos, orphans and children from poor families and improvements of water and sanitation.

*Thank you so much for your prayers and support,
Fr. Daniel Malingumu*

My experience here on Temple Street assures me that it is not necessary to encourage you to be generous. Generosity comes naturally to the people of St. John's. I did think it would be helpful to explain how your donation is processed. We total the mission collection and send a check to the diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office. There it is added to the collection of the usually one or two other parishes that were also assigned the Archdiocese of Tabora. The total amount collected in the diocese is then forwarded to the mission itself.

Finally, on Thursday we begin our Annual Novena in Honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower. Novena prayers will be offered at all the Masses until her Feast Day, Friday, October 1st. St. Therese said that she wanted to spend heaven doing good on earth. There's plenty of good that needs doing, of course. We can be confident in her powerful intercession to help and inspire us in doing some of it with her.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Salus populi ego, Ps 37 (I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord; from whatever tribulations they cry out to me, I will give heed to them; and I will be their Lord forever.)

Op.: # 616 Praise to the Lord
Ps 34, "The Lord upholds my life."
Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: Tu mandasti, Ps 119 (You have ordered that your commandments must be kept diligently; O that my ways may be guided towards the keeping of your statutes.)

939 Gift of Finest Wheat

Cl.: # 610 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1182 IN THE HYMNAL

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Psalm 54

Jas 3:16-4:3

Mk 9:30-37

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

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We plan on starting the inquiry phase of our RCIA 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6 Classes begin this Sunday, 9:00 AM in the church hall. There is still time to register online.

Grades 7-9 Classes begin this Sunday, 11:15 AM in the church hall. There is still time to register online.

Confirmation- class starts Tuesday, October 5, at 6:15 PM in the chapel. Registration closes October 1.

Masks are required by all during class.

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 MEDICAL NOVENA AT O.L. MT. CARMEL AND O.L. LORETO continues on Tuesday, September 21 at 7 PM and will run each Tuesday, 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. Alfredo Porras.

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 speaker this week is Bishop Robert McManus.

AMPLIFY – DIOCESAN YOUTH NIGHT- All high school youth are invited to join us for our first Amplify of the school year on Saturday, September 25 at St. Anthony of Padua in Dudley! The night will begin following the 4pm Mass with dinner and a cornhole tournament (with prizes!). We'll then conclude the night with praise & worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, and confessions. There is NO COST to attend! However, if you are attending please go to the sign-up link at neworchester.org/amplify-september-25th-st-anthony-of-padua. *Deadline to register is Monday, September 20th!*

In Our Catholic Community...

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEX ED -

Worcester Public Schools Sex Ed. How high is the risk for Sexually Transmitted Diseases? Under a sex-ed curriculum being introduced in the Worcester Public Schools this Fall, the "answer key" for 7th Grade Teachers lists "bathing together" and "mutual masturbation" as having "no risk for STDs. Anal sex and oral sex using condoms are labeled "low risk for STDs. Is this what you want your 12 and 13 year old sons and daughters learning in school this year? Please see the *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* curriculum on the publisher's website at http://3rs.org/3rs-curriculum/3rscurric_search/. Bishop McManus is urging parents of Worcester Public School students to familiarize themselves with this explicit, age, inappropriate curriculum which lacks a moral grounding. Massachusetts law allows parents to opt their children out of sex-ed programs. For opt out forms, please visit <https://worcesterschools.org/sexual-healtheducation-curriculum-information-sessions/> or ask your parish for a hard copy. Thank you.

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.

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$9100.96. We also received:

Online- \$10,081.47	Donation- \$1000.00
Stipends- \$685.00	Monthly- \$227.00
Restoration- \$109.00	Parking- \$70.00
Les Cayes- \$3059.00	

Total- \$23,545.77 Unrestricted- \$20,377.77 Restricted- \$3168.00

Expenses- 20,375.06
Schola (988.04) Church Hall (415.00) Administration (5114.26) House (1228.18) State Payroll Taxes (1341.64) Haitian Wire (562.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (4486.97) Alarm Monitoring (689.93) Funerals (305.60) Church Landscaping (600.00) Ascension Landscaping (377.77) Altar (60.45) Lithuanian Wire (530.00) Ascension Electric (340.01) Live Stream (75.00) Les Cayes Relief (3134.00) Fire Alarm (126.21)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS- \$100 IMO

Ellen O'Leary; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 IMO Chester Savickas; \$400 in honor of the Carroll Wedding; \$50 IMO David Perry; \$50 IMO Peggy Sokolowski; \$25,000 from the George I. Alden Trust

FFTP Income- \$8232.26 Expenses- \$5702.12

This weekend's Second Collection is the One Day's Pay Collection.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of George Saucier, Norman McDonald and Nathan Carreau who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE

"Our Lord's love shines out just as much through a little soul who yields completely to His Grace as it does through the greatest . . . Just as the sun shines equally on the cedar and the little flower, so the Divine Sun shines equally on everyone, great and small. Everything is ordered for their good, just as in nature the seasons are so ordered that the smallest daisy comes to bloom at its appointed time."

St. Therese of Lisieux