

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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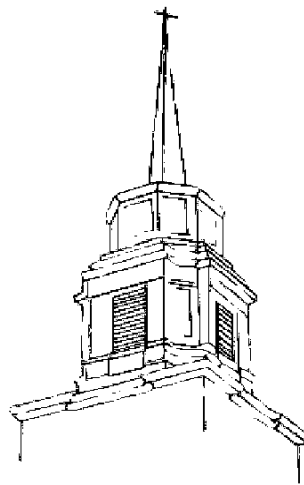
Donna Mastrovito
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Music Ministry

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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 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; **Benedicta Myefski**, req. by Family

7:15PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by family; **Apifania Fe Padilla and Remedios Padilla**, req. by Friends

Monday, September 27, 2021

6:15PM **Latanya Spencer**, req. by Rich Riley

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

6:15PM **Amelia Takahashi**, req. by a Friend

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

6:15PM **Patricia Prendiville**, req. by Family; **Manuel and Concepcion Catalan**, req. by Family

Thursday, September 30, 2021

6:15PM **Nancy Gallo**, req. by a Friend; **Michael Lewis**, req. by Family; **Luzonia V. Nunag**, req. by Family

Friday, October 1, 2021

6:15PM **Maria Rosa**, req. by Family; **Margaret M. McDonald**, req. by Family

Saturday, October 2, 2021

4:15PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Stasia, Anthony and Vincent Savage**, req. by Family

7:15PM **John Sofrin**, req. by Friends

Sunday, October 3, 2021

8AM **Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Gervais Laroche**, req. by Family

10:15AM **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family; **Katherine McGurl**, req. by Family

12:15PM **Walter J. Baldowski (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Linda Richardson**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Our Annual Novena in Honor of St. Therese continues through this Friday, October 1st, which is her Feast Day. It began last Thursday with the Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio). The nine days include the Feasts of Cosmas and Damien (not celebrated this year because it falls on Sunday), St. Vincent de Paul, St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz (the protomartyr of the Philippines), Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael and St. Jerome. Mystics and Martyrs, Physicians and a Doctor of the Church, Angels and a servant of the poor. Therese of the Child Jesus called it "the Little Way," and so it is. Her novena reminds us that there are a variety of ways to travel it. St. Therese wanted "to spend heaven doing good on earth." We continue to honor her and rely on her powerful intercession so that, like the others in her and our communion, we find our path to doing God's work.

At the Parish Council meeting on Monday, Deacon Ed presented a plan for the implementation of Formed, an evangelization program from the Augustine Institute that provides us with access to a large range of Catholic material. There is information in this bulletin and will be in future ones, as well. We also discussed – and are moving forward with – the sale of both the Ascension campus and St. Casimir's School. Finally, we are going to begin to reach out to our new neighbors on Green Island and beyond. I hope that having our steeple prominently displayed for those attending Polar Park might be a help, too.

When I was growing up, my parents did everything they could think of to encourage me to behave. Since none of the usual strategies were effective, they turned to Msgr. Romano Guardini, the great German priest and theologian. Whenever I did anything which demanded corrective action, I had to go to my room and read Guardini's classic, *The Lord*. I had no idea who he was. Guardini, I mean. And true knowledge of the book's subject eluded me, as well. Years later, somewhat repented, and a seminarian, I told the Rector about it. He was fascinated. What is more impressive is that Guardini still instructs me. I hope the following quote helps us all:

"When we come into church from the outside our ears are filled with the racket of the city, the words of those who have accompanied us, the laboring and quarreling of our own thoughts, the disquiet of our hearts' wishes and worries, hurts and joys. How are we possibly to hear what God is saying? That we listen at all is something; not everyone does. It is even better when we pay attention and make a real effort to understand what is being said. But all this is not yet the attentive stillness in which God's word can take root. This must be established before the service begins, if possible in the silence on the way to church, still better in a brief period of composure the evening before."

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Omnia quae fecisti nobis, Domine*, Dan 3:31,
29, 30, 43, 42

Op.: # 818 Help Us Accept Each Other

Ps 19, "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 534 Come Down, O Love Divine

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

Comm.: *Memento verbi tui*, Ps 119: 49, 50

595 In This Place Your Word is Planted

Cl.: # 592 God Has Spoken by the Prophets

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1182 IN THE HYMNAL

Nm 11:25-29

Psalm 19

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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— Sunday, October 3, 9 AM in the church hall. There is still time to register online.

Grades 7-9 Sunday, October 3, 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.

We are looking for someone to help with computer and administrative tasks. Please email Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR- Our first Sunday back will be October 17 with the first rehearsal on Wednesday, October 20 at 7. We'll meet first at our usual 12:15 Mass on the 17th and sing along with the congregational Hymns and Mass music and then have a brief meeting afterwards for more information, to answer questions, etc. We require that everyone be fully vaccinated and masked at all times in the Choir loft until further notice.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SIGN UP FOR

FORMED.ORG - Join fellow parishioners of St John's in signing up to have free, unlimited, no cost to you access to a wealth of information about our Catholic Faith for everyone: adults, teens, middle school, elementary and pre-school children. You can access over 4000 different programs, websites, books, podcasts and movies from any device and use it anywhere that you are: on the road, in your car or in the comfort of your own home. You can use your computer, iPad or smart phone to join. All you need to sign up is an active email address. To use your smart phone for access, go to your favorite App Store, search for Formed.org and download the app. Then follow the simple steps and you are in. For those using other devices the simple steps are as follows: Go to Formed.org/signup, Enter 01604 select St John's parish, then enter your name and email address and you're in. No other passwords needed. In the coming weeks, in future bulletins and by FlockNote, we will provide more details and update you about this gift from the parish to our parishioners.

In Our Catholic Community...

EIGHTH ANNUAL CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD - TASTE OF THE DIOCESE GALA - For the past seven years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called "Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese" as a benefit for Retired Priest's Care. We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics. On Thursday, October 28, 2021 we are planning an in-person Taste of the Diocese event preceded by live presentations to be streamed online for those who cannot gather with us in person. We are excited to announce a new venue for this year! Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School will host our tasting event in the newly refurbished Gymnasium and the live Presentations will be Streamed on the internet from the Burke Auditorium. Attendees can attend both events or simply drop in at any time for the tasting in the Gymnasium. To make a donation, buy tickets for Taste of the Diocese, or to get more information to place an advertisement, visit worcesterdioocese.org or call Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368.

"GREEN" MASS IN WORCESTER - All are invited to participate in a Mass for Creation - Celebrating the Care of our Common Home -- on Friday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 pm at St. John Church, 44 Temple St., Worcester. Bishop McManus will be the principal celebrant. Sponsored by the Diocese of Worcester Environmental Stewardship Team.

JOIN THE LIFE CHAIN ON OCTOBER 3 - All are invited to join the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 3 from 2:00 - 3:30 PM. This event of peaceful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life is held annually on Respect Life Sunday across the nation. Life Chain stations will be located at Elm Park/Highland St. and at Denny's Restaurant on Lincoln St. in Worcester and at White City Plaza in Shrewsbury. Signs will be available at the local Life Chain stations. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, contact Joe Godek at 508-614-5971

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$8962.66. We also received:

Monthly- \$110.00	Restoration- \$15.00
Parking- \$40.00	Stipends- \$410.00
Day's Pay- \$1976.00	Tax Refund- \$23.08
Mission Appeal- \$1276.00	

Total- \$12,811.74 Unrestricted- \$11,520.74 Restricted- \$1291.00

Expenses- 19,285.32
Schola (928.64) Altar (1217.15) CCD (112.42) Administration (3114.52) Celebrate Priesthood Ad (750.00) House (243.55) Haitian Donation (562.00) Rectory Plumbing (90.00) Church Alarm (66.00) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Rectory Electric (1494.04) Church Electric (702.91) Diocesan Budget Bill (8128.00) Mission Appeal (1276.00) Office (70.09)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS- \$1700 IHO the Carroll Wedding; \$50 from a friend; \$116.03 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$200 IMO Latanya (Spencer) Hall; \$25 IMO Peggy Sokolowski; \$150 IMO Karen Burke

FFTP Income- \$30,780.69 Expenses- \$8103.76

This weekend's Second Collection is the Annual Catholic Schools Appeal.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Patrick Foley, John Sofrin and Nathan Carreau who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Anna Rose Schlegel and Sonny Paul DiLeo who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

St. Therese of Lisieux