

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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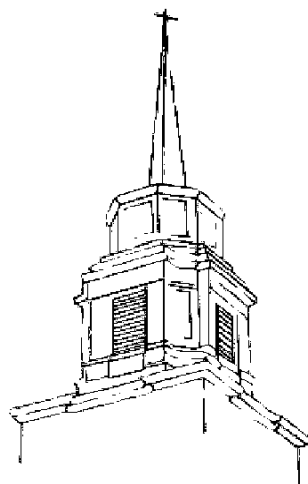
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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, October 9, 2021

4:15PM **Eleanor Prevoski (7th Anniv.)**, req. by David and Joann Gaughan.; **Cheryl D'Andrea**, req. by Jean Navin

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

Sunday, October 10, 2021

8AM **Carol Santa Maria**, req. by Family; **Dorothy Parente**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson

10:15AM **Patrick Foley**, req. by Carolyn Chirco; **Olga Kersis**, req. by Rita Kapurch

12:15PM **Bob Burke (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family;

Peter Perduta, req. by Family

7:15PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Dwight Young**, req. by David Young

Monday, October 11, 2021

6:15PM **Nathan Carreau**, req. by Roy Funeral Home

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

6:15PM **Helen Francis DeGemmis**, req. by Family

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

6:15PM **Alfred Nickolas DeGemmis**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 14, 2021

6:15PM **Rose Pezzella**, req. by Family

Friday, October 15, 2021

6:15PM **Walter and Kathleen Gallivan**, req. by Family; **Josephine Skowronski**, req. by Family

Saturday, October 16, 2021

4:15PM **Bill Abbruzzese**, req. by Family; **Rocco, Dorothy, Joseph and Richard Fresolo**, req. by Family

7:15PM **Brian O'Connell (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Patty; **Robert Cole Skinner**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 17, 2021

8AM **Brian O'Connell (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Lorraine, Dottie and Patty; **Jonathan Favreau (14th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

10:15AM **Dori Houston**, req. by Nancy Morgan;

Anthony Miner (10th Anniv.), req. by Wife Danute

12:15PM **Thomas Donovan**, req. by Family; **Martha Scannell Brennan and Elizabeth Brennan**, req. by Family

7:15PM **Maria Therese Skinner**, req. by Family; **Ken Hunt**, req. by Cynthia Taberner

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

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In March 2020, just as we experienced the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, our parish council launched a parish wide survey that consisted of 10 questions. That survey response time continued for a couple of months and once the results were compiled, the parish council reviewed the results and saw some interesting trends. One common thread in the responses to the open-ended questions was that many parishioners wanted to have more opportunities to learn about our faith, to learn about and become active in the New Evangelization. As a result, we embarked on a search for an appropriate response to that voiced need. For the past several weeks you have seen an invitation to sign up for Formed.org. This is in response to what we heard from parishioners through the survey and also through person-to-person discussions and contact. In order to meet that desire and need, St. John's Parish is truly pleased to offer this excellent resource to our parishioners at no cost to them.

Formed.ORG is a wide net of Catholic resources for all ages, for all levels of Faith Formation from over 75 different Catholic apostolates and individuals. The intent of Formed.org is to be able to reach the missing generation in our church, and their children, by having a presence in their online world and having the Presence of our Lord in their lives equipping parents with the tools needed to be the primary educators in the faith. It is also a wonderful resource for adult faith formation, Sacramental preparation, RCIA and all other types of catechesis. At this time Formed.org contains over 4,000 different media and is updated with new content regularly.

Over 5,000 parishes and over 1,000,000 users now use Formed.org in their faith formation ministries, for personal enrichment and in the mission of New Evangelization. You can learn about the mission of Augustine Institute and view an introduction to Formed.org. at www.atvimeo.com/180804716 or browse the platform <https://watch.formed.org/browse>.

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 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, your iPad, your smart phone (Android or iPhone) to join. All you need to sign up to benefit from all this valuable and insightful information is an active email address. To use your smartphone 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.

We hope you enjoy all Formed.org has to offer.

In Christ's Peace,
Deacon Ed

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Si iniquitates observaveris Domine, (O Lord, if you were to take into account our iniquities, who would withstand the test? But forgiveness abides with you, O God of Israel.)

Op.: # 617 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Ps. 90 "Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!", # 1191

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 778 For God Risk Everything!

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

Comm.: Aufer a me, Ps 119 (Remove from me all scorn and contempt, for I have kept your commandments; for your law is the object of my meditations.)

575 Many and Great, O God

Cl.: # 602 Christ is the World's Light

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1191 IN THE HYMNAL

Wis 7:7-11

Psalm 90

Heb 4:12-13

Mk 10:17-30

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 and 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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We will be starting the inquiry phase of our RCIA program on Monday, November 1—the Feast of All Saints seems a providential day to begin. If you or anyone you know is interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, please contact the rectory.

THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN-UPS will be held from Tuesday, November 2 through Friday, November 5 and Tuesday, November 9 through Friday, November 12 from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Sign-up will be done over the phone only and for those who live within the parish boundaries. If you would like to donate a basket and all the fixings, please email or call the rectory.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6— Sunday, October 17, 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9 Sunday, October 17, 11:15 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation- Tuesday, October 19, at 6:15 PM in the chapel.

We will have pumpkin painting on Sunday, October 24 after the 10:15 AM Mass in the Xavier Center. All are welcome to attend.

Masks are required by all during class.

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.

THE ST. RAFQA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday, October 13th at 9:30-11:am. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Bring a friend. Any questions call Connie at 774-262-2512.

ORGAN AND VIOLIN CONCERT IN

WORCESTER - On Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 7:00 pm, organist Elizabeth Noone, director of music at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Worcester and her daughter, violinist Julia Noone, will perform a concert at Blessed Sacrament Church. Julia Noone, a graduate of Notre Dame Academy and New England Conservatory of Music is currently Assistant Concertmaster of the Louisville Orchestra and has recently performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Sun Valley Symphony and as guest Associate Principal with the Royal Scottish Orchestra. The program, including the works of Bach, Vivaldi and others will feature the recently restored Skinner Organ at Blessed Sacrament. Free and open to the public.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP- Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 111 Worcester Street, West Boylston will hold its next six-part series of "A New Day Ministry" beginning Monday, October 18 from 1 -2:30 PM. For more information or to register (required prior to start of sessions) call Renate Isbell at (508) 835-3286.

DIOCESAN SCOUT RETREAT- All Catholic Scouts ages 10+ are invited to the Diocesan Scouting Retreat which will take place on Saturday, October 30. The event will take place at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette from 8am-5pm. The day will include fun activities, inspiring talks, times of prayer and worship, and Mass! Cost is \$40. Registration information is available at neworchester.org/scouting-retreat.

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$8513.66. We also received:

Monthly- \$2002.00	Restoration- \$295.00
Parking- \$35.00	Stipends- \$2440.00
Donation- \$898.45	Rent- \$4833.72

Total- \$19,017.83 Unrestricted- \$18,722.83 Restricted- \$295.00

Expenses- \$14,531.52
Schola (1072.40) Altar (933.00) Administration (5431.18)
Clergy Benefit Plan (1057.00) Rectroy Electric Repair (500.50) House (1153.62) Funerals (611.20) Plowing Contract (3200.00) Ascension Electric (246.37) CCD (49.99) Office (276.26)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS- \$116 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$90 IMO Dick Atkins; \$570 IMO Stephen Greaney; \$175 IMO Olga Kersis; \$100 IHO the Carroll Wedding

FFTP Income- \$2875.02 Expenses- \$12,649.16

YEAR TO DATE - in September, the first month of FY 2021/2022 we had an operating cash loss of \$3,981.62. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support of St. John's and our mission.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Loring Lamoureux and Regina Barnicle who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Finn Patrick Collins and Maddox Mark Hickey who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE

"To become holy, to become saints, we must of course try as hard as we can to do God's will as it comes to us in a general way that is valid for everyone: through Scripture, the Commandments, and so on. It is also indispensable to go further: to aspire to know not only what God demands of everyone in general, but also what he wants more specifically of us individually."

Fr. Jacques Philippe