

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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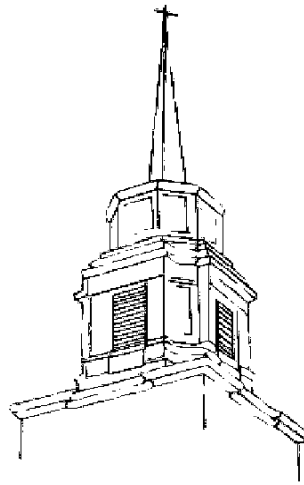
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, 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

Monday, October 18, 2021

6:15PM **Gladys Fallon**, req. by Family

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

6:15PM **Brian G. Campbell**, req. by Sarah and their Son Liam

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

6:15PM **Nuala McLaughlin**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 21, 2021

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

Friday, October 22, 2021

6:15PM **Helen Shea Cosgrove (25th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Saturday, October 23, 2021

4:15PM **Lolita Catalan**, req. by Family; **John Trumpaitis (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

Sunday, October 24, 2021

8AM **Joe and Joan Crowley**, req. by Family; **Olga Kersis**, req. by Barbara Thompson
10:15AM **Olga Kersis**, req. by Paul and Kathleen Zavorskas; **Shirley Wheeler**, req. by Family
12:15PM **The Burke, Miller, Crawford, Moran, Pepin and Tringuk Families**, req. by Jim and Judy Burke; **Katharina Perduta**, req. by Family
7:15PM **Skip Young**, req. by David Young

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

As you read this bulletin, I am in Pittsburgh. In fact, if you are reading it at the Sunday night 7:15 p.m. Mass, I am in Heinz Field awaiting the Steelers game against the Seattle Seahawks. Clearly, I am a glutton for punishment. Whenever I am away from Temple Street, I miss St. John's and Worcester – at least a little bit. This time it is more than a little, though. The Superintendent of Schools, Maureen Binienda – who has done so much for Worcester and our children – was kind enough to invite me to offer the Benediction at the dedication of the new South High School's Brian A. O'Connell Memorial Auditorium. As many of you know, Brian was a life-long member of St. John's. An active, dedicated and strong supporter of our parish and its mission. He also served on the School Committee for over thirty years. I regret not being able to attend this event. Brian's wonderful combination of a superior intellect and sincere kindness was a gift to the parish and the city. We all miss him. My prayer is that this memorial will help us at St. John's and the City to remain committed to creating a thoughtful and caring community.

Another important event this Sunday is the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Paul Cathedral which Bishop McManus is celebrating to mark the opening of the Diocesan Phase of the XVI Synod of Bishops. That Synod will meet in Rome next year to consider the topic: *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*. The Mass begins our prayer that the Holy Spirit guide us in providing input to the Synod and to pray for the Bishops who will gather in 2022-3. Bishop McManus writes:

Pope Francis recognizes that synodality is an integral part of the form, style and structure of the Church. He has asked the faithful of every diocese to reflect upon their experience of consultative processes in the Church as part of our mission of journeying together to deepen and spread the faith in our lives and our world.

The Bishop goes on to say that this Synodal consultation will provide a buttress to our efforts to get people back to Mass so that we can deepen and spread the faith in all our parishes and in the diocese.

Finally, this weekend's passage recounts one of the most iconic exchanges in the Gospels. James and John ask Jesus that they may sit "one on your right and the other on your left" in heaven. The demand that they state at the beginning of the encounter is the give-away: "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask you." The Lord indulges them – "What do you wish me to do for you? – so to teach them: "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized..." Having been made in the image and likeness of God, we continue to try and make God into our image. Thankfully we will not succeed.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Ego clamavi, quoniam exaudisti me, Ps 17 (I have called out because you answer me, O God; incline your ear and hear my words; keep me, O Lord, like the apple of your eye; protect me under the shadow of your wings.)*

Op.: # 531 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus Ps 33, "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.", # 1194

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 780 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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

Comm.: *Domine, Dominus noster, Ps 8 (O Lord our governor, how admirable is your name in all the earth!)*

708 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

Cl.: # 785 The Church of Christ in Every Age

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1194 IN THE HYMNAL

Is 53:10-11

Psalm 33

Heb 4:14-16

Mk 10:35-45

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— This Sunday, October 17, 9 AM in the church hall.

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

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

We will have our annual pumpkin painting event 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.

THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE is sponsoring A Social Gathering with Dinner & Raffles on Sunday, November 14th following the 12:15 PM Mass. Tickets will be on sale after the 4:15, 8:00, 10:15 & 12:15 masses or by calling Judy Burke (508)478-9813. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, which includes (Full Course Dinner: Salad, Pasta, Roast Chicken, Potato, Vegetable, Rolls & Butter, Coffee/Tea, Dessert)

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.

EMMANUEL RADIO PLEDGE DRIVE - Emmanuel Radio Network is hosting our annual Fall Pledge drive on Wednesday, Oct. 20 through Friday, Oct. 22. Listen LIVE from 7:00am to 6:00pm. Help us celebrate our tenth anniversary on the air and add prayer requests to your pledges. There will be a special book giveaway on the 21st! Be an angel and support our 2021 Fall Pledge Drive! For More details or to donate visit 1230Radio.com or call 508-767-1020. You can also mail your tax-deductible gift to P.O. Box 20027 Worcester, MA 01602. Emmanuel Radio – Truth for Life!

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.

THE DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

will be conducting a signature petition drive after all the Masses on the weekend of November 6th and 7th. The petition reads: "This proposed law will require that, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if a child is born alive all reasonable steps in keeping with good medical practice shall be taken to preserve the life of a child born alive." The petition drive will take place in the church hall.

TRAVELING HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

- Join us for the traveling holy hour for vocations on Wednesday, November 3 at 7 PM at Holy Family Parish in Leominster. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$7117.66. We also received:

Monthly- \$170.00	Restoration- \$110.00
Parking- \$35.00	Stipends- \$985.00
Donation- \$125.00	Day's Pay- \$450.00
Religious Ed Collection- \$1590.00	

Total- \$10,582.66 Unrestricted- \$10,472.66 Restricted- \$110.00

Expenses- \$10,391.71

Schola (989.44) Advertising (228.20) House (336.63) Funerals (611.20) Administration (4982.32) Envelope Service (729.28) Landscape (600.00) Ascension Landscape (377.77) Church Electric (547.37) Rectory Electric (864.50) Church Alarm (125.00)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS- \$50 IMO Olga Kersis; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$70 from a friend; \$350 IMO Stephen Greaney; \$650 IHO the Carroll Wedding; \$2500 from the Good Neighbors Family Trust; \$200 from the 2000 Hail Mary's Days; \$125 IMO Regina Barnicle; \$50 IHO Charles and Linda's 46th Wedding Anniversary; \$20 IMO Richard Atkins; \$50 IMO John Sillup

FFTP Income- \$15,008.53
Expenses- \$14,724.64

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Brian McPherson, Mary St. Germaine, Fr. Joseph Nally, Raymond Fosse and Franky Martinez who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE

"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head."

St. Charles Borromeo