

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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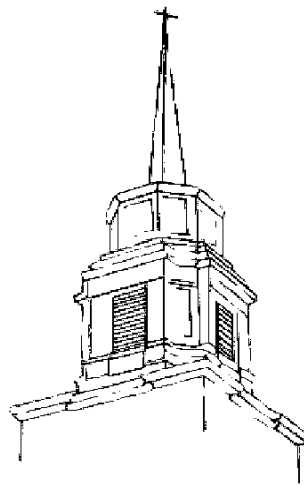
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 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; **Joshua**
Kozaczka, req. by Family

Monday, October 25, 2021

6:15PM **Liza Mary dr Magdalena Skinner**, req. by
Family

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

6:15PM **Marie Castellano**, req. by Family; **Ernesto**
Nunag (14th Anniv.), req. by Family

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

6:15PM **Health and Intentions of John Shusta**, req. by
Family

Thursday, October 28, 2021

6:15PM **Mary Senyk**, req. by Family

Friday, October 29, 2021

6:15PM **Paul Senyk**, req. by Family

Saturday, October 30, 2021

4:15PM **Victoria Steele**, req. by Family; **John**
Margaret and Gene Gingras, Bridget and William
Comey, req. by Family; **Patricia Brunelle**, req. by
Family

7:15PM Msgr. **Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Friends

Sunday, October 31, 2021

8AM **James Lapierre**, req. by Family; **Olga Kersis**,
req. by Lithuanian Choir

10:15AM **Olga Kersis**, req. by Carol Grigas and
Rebecca Paldino; **The Deluca, DeleSemine and**
Bucciaglia Families, req. by Family

12:15PM **Health and Intentions of Bob Joseph**, req.
by Friends

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

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

What a difference a week makes. As you may – or may not – recall, last week’s Gospel passage included the demand that James and John, the “Sons of Thunder,” presented to Jesus: *Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.* Displaying an admirable amount of patience, Jesus replied: *What do you wish me to do for you?* The Lord indulges and then teaches them. This week’s passage from Mark follows immediately upon that lesson. As they enter Jericho, Jesus is approached by another person. Bartimaeus, though, does not demand, he begs. *Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.* When the crowd tries to silence him, the Son of Timaeus keeps calling to the Lord. He cries out, he prays, even more fervently: *Son of David have pity on me.*

Context is everything. The exchange recounted last week is in response to Jesus’ third prediction of his passion. He has again told the disciples that when they arrive in Jerusalem he will be *handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.* After the first prediction, Peter rebukes him. After the second prediction, all of them argue over who is the greatest. After the third prediction, two of them vie for special treatment. On the road outside of Jericho, though, Jesus is not resisted, questioned or ordered. Bartimaeus is blind, but he recognizes who is passing along the road to Jerusalem.

The response is the same, but its intention is not. As to James and John, Jesus responds to the blind man: *What do you want me to do for you?* Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith and in need. Jesus recognizes, then, that he is prepared for and open to receive the healing and merciful love of the Lord. The same promise is offered to us. When we approach Jesus acknowledging both our need and his power, we will be able to go forth since it is faith which saves us.

On Friday morning, I had the blessing of attending the Inauguration Mass of Vincent D. Rougeau as the new President of the College of the Holy Cross. Since I am a crier, it might not be surprising to tell you that I was moved to tears, but I was – three different times. Most powerfully at the Missioning of the New President. As you know, Dr. Rougeau is the first lay and the first Black President of the college. I am sure that this added to the impact of that moment. As did the prayer, the crying out, that God grant him “fidelity, courage and joy.” This is what Bartimaeus meant. Perhaps, it is even what Peter, James and John – at some level – were seeking. Surely it is true for all of us – lay or clergy or religious, Black or White or Brown, rich or poor, Democrat or Republican or Fed Up with Both – what we want is fidelity, courage and joy.

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Laetetur cor quaerentium Dominum, Ps 105 (Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice; seek the Lord and be strengthened, seek his face for evermore.)

Op.: # 590 Word of God, Come Down on Earth
Ps 126, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy, we are filled with joy."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 517 Rise to Sing! The Light is Breaking
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: Laetabimur in salutari tuo, Ps 20 (We shall rejoice in your salvation; and in the name of the Lord our God shall we place our pride.)

972 Your Hands O Lord, in Days of Old
Cl.: # 650 Amazing Grace

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1197 IN THE HYMNAL

Jer. 31:7-9

Psalm 126

Heb 5:1-6

Mk 1o: 46-52

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 24, 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9 This Sunday, October 24, 11:15 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation— Tuesday, November 9, at 6:15 PM in the chapel.

We will have our annual pumpkin painting event this 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)

ANNUAL HARVEST BAZAAR IN WORCESTER

- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish will hold its annual Harvest Bazaar on Saturday, November 6, from 9am-3pm at 37 Massasoit Rd. in Worcester. Come and enjoy great Italian food, Fried Dough and homemade Italian Cookies as you shop for Christmas items, a Handbag, Scarf, an Accessory or two, or Jewelry. Take a chance on the many offerings in the Basket Raffle or try to win \$\$ in the Cash Raffle: \$1000, \$500 or \$250! Join our parish community once again and have some fun!!

SCOUTING RETREAT- All Catholic Scouts are invited to join us for the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Retreat on Saturday, October 30 at La Salette Shrine in North Attleboro. Join us for a day of fun, faith, and fellowship with other scouts from around the Diocese of Worcester. The retreat is open to youth ages 10 and up. The theme is *Exploring Our Faith Journey Through Scouting*. The retreat includes a light continental breakfast, lunch, keynote speakers, various activities, prayer, Adoration, confessions, and Mass! Cost to attend is \$40/person. To sign up, go to neworchester.org/scouting-retreat.

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 worcesterdiocese.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 \$6997.66. We also received:

Monthly-	\$20.00	Restoration-	\$45.00
Parking-	\$40.00	Stipends-	\$340.00
Religious Ed Collection-	\$129.00		

Total- \$7571.66 Unrestricted- \$7526.66 Restricted- \$45.00

Expenses- \$6096.64

Schola (989.44) Maintenance (258.60) Administration (2845.66) Church Water/Sewer (177.72) Rectory Water/Sewer (1630.82) Ascension Water/Sewer (194.40)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS- \$90
IMO Brian Angers; \$25 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$120 from a friend; \$100 from a friend

FFTP
Income- \$1640.00
Expenses- \$4045.78

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Cathy Morrissey and Colin Powell who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE

"When you pray, you only have to ask for two things: You should ask for the light to see the will of God, and you have to ask for the courage to be able to do the will of God."

Venerable Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz