

*"To Preserve The Flame"*  
**SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH**

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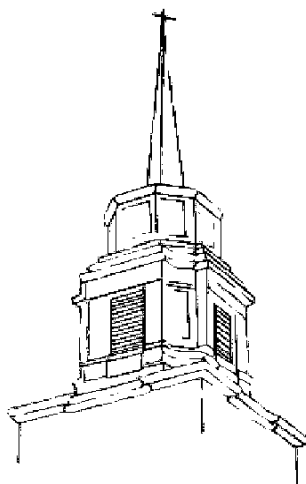
Donna Mastrovito  
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**Ascension Clothing Center**

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](mailto: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, November 13, 2021

4:15PM **Michele A. Sargent (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Helen Shea Cosgrove**, req. by Family  
7:15PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Friends

### Sunday, November 14, 2021

8AM **Fr. Joe Coonan**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson; **Josephine Senyk**, req. by Family  
10:15AM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family  
12:15PM **Thaddeus Skowronski, Jr.**, req. by Family  
7:15PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family

### Monday, November 15, 2021

6:15PM **David Ramelli (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Marjorie Habib**, req. by Family

### Tuesday, November 16, 2021

6:15PM **Lula Francesca Rose Warden**, req. by Family

### Wednesday, November 17, 2021

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

### Thursday, November 18, 2021

6:15PM **Emile Dumas**, req. by Family

### Friday, November 19, 2021

6:15PM **Frank Krzywda**, req. by Dianne Gustowski

### Saturday, November 20, 2021

4:15PM **Eleanor Prevoski (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Cheryl Seymour (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Children  
7:15PM **Marbury J. MacDuffie (20th Anniv.)**, req. by Friends

### Sunday, November 21, 2021

8AM **Christopher Johnson**, req. by Family; **Christine Olivo and Jose Canizares**, req. by Family  
10:15AM **Paul and Elizabeth Mitchell**, req. by Family; **Olga Kersis**, req. by the Miliauskas Family  
12:15PM **Francisco Austriaco**, req. by Family; **Genevieve Powers**, req. by Family  
7:15PM **Bobby Young**, req. by Dave Young; **Jim and Lena Barry and daughter Eileen Barbieri**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time we celebrate in this liturgical year. The year ends with next Sunday's Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. Its Gospel passage is taken from John. In one of those aspects of the Church's liturgy that fascinates me, today's Gospel passage immediately precedes the passage which we heard on the First Sunday of Advent as we began the liturgical year. I find all the things like this to be cool – in the deliberate, thoughtful way the liturgy has been constructed. So the readings, though they refer to the end times, in fact call our attention to the present. As we began the year, Mark's Gospel encouraged us to "Watch." As we end the year, Jesus tells us "of that day or hour, no one knows." We know neither the end of our own personal days nor the day that Jesus will return. We do have today, though. We know that He is present to us this day. We have been promised that "the wise shall shine brightly, like the splendor of the firmament." Who are the wise? Those who live each day to the fullest. The Twelve Step groups are centered on this wisdom and the insight that, in fact, we can only live one day at a time. The truth is that yesterday is ancient history and tomorrow is a long way off. Mark tells us that Jesus is coming so we must "watch." Written a bit later, Matthew and Luke assure us that He is still coming so we must be prepared. Finally, written even later, our patron John tells us that He is here, so we must recognize that this is the day.

The Office of Religious Education informed us this week that our own Carmen Tomlinson, having completed the required courses, has been certified as an Administrator of Religious Education. Along with Dianne Gustowski and on behalf of us all, I want to congratulate Carmen on this achievement. I personally want to thank her for her long and continuing commitment to Religious Education here at St. John's. We have been blessed to have her as a catechetical leader in our parish community.

Finally, the Prayer in Time of Pandemic, composed by the diocesan Office for Worship, has been updated. The change adds a more hopeful nature to the prayer. As you know, we have been using the prayer to conclude the Prayers of the Faithful since the beginning of the pandemic. To that end, next weekend we will have copies of the new prayer available in the bulletin and at the entrances of the church and will begin using it at all the Masses. I believe the sharing of the prayer increases its power and hope that all of us can join together "that trusting in (God's) loving protection we might see the end of this pandemic and rejoice in your mercy."

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr John Madden

## THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: Dicit Dominus: Ego cogitationes pacis, Jer 29:11, 12, 14 (The Lord says: "I am pondering thoughts of peace and not of affliction; you shall call upon me, and I will hear you; and I will bring you back from all the lands where you are held captive.)

Op.: # 391 City of God, Jerusalem

Ps 16, "You are my inheritance, O Lord, O Lord.", # 1206

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 411 As Servants Working an Estate

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

Comm.: Amen dico vobis: Quidquid orantes petiis, Mk 11:24 (Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in your prayers, believe that you shall receive it, and it shall be granted unto you.)

# 468 Before the Fruit is Ripened by the Sun

Cl.: # 409 Sleepers, Wake!

### SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1206 IN THE HYMNAL

Dn 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Heb 10:11-14, 18

Mk 13:24-32

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 meeting Monday, November 22 at 7 PM in the rectory. If you or anyone you know is interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, please contact the rectory.

THANKSGIVING BASKET'S will be given away on Tuesday, November 23 from 12-3 PM at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Anyone who is donating a basket please bring it down prior to the 12 PM on November 23. Thank you for your generosity.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6– Sunday, November 14, 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9 Sunday, November 14, 11:15 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation– Tuesday, November 23, at 6:15 PM in the chapel.

SUPPLY DRIVE- This weekend is our yearly Fill-A-Bag Supply Drive bag distribution. Families will be at all Masses handing out paper bags for you to fill with personal care items. The list is stapled to the bag. Please return them no later than November 23rd. Thanks for your generosity

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- We are looking for a guitar player to help out with CCD classes. Please email [dhgustowski@gmail.com](mailto:dhgustowski@gmail.com) if you are able to help. We are also looking for hospitality volunteers, preferably those without kids in the program, to assist with special functions. email me as above. Thanks!

Masks are required by all during class.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION - An Advent Day of Recollection for men of high school or college age will take place on Dec. 12 from 1:00-5:30 pm at North American Martyrs in Auburn. The guest preacher is Father Ryan Connors who will be speaking on the topic of "Advent: Waiting for the Lord." The day will consist of Sunday Mass, two spiritual talks, and Eucharistic adoration with time for confessions. Father Ryan Connors is a priest of the Diocese of Providence, RI. He serves as Professor of Moral Theology at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, MA. He previously served as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in East Greenwich, RI. He earned a doctorate in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. He is a member of the Academy of Catholic Theology. At the same time both brilliant and hilarious, he also rides a unicycle and juggles. This event is free but registration is required. Please visit our website to register [www.worcestervocations.com/advent](http://www.worcestervocations.com/advent).

PLASTIC BAG DONATIONS are greatly appreciated and always accepted. Donations can be dropped off at the Xavier Center, the rectory or the back of the church.

## In Our Catholic Community...

**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** - On Monday, November 15 at 7 PM at Our Lady Of Loreto Church, 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester, come join the OLMC Knights of Columbus and our Pastor and Deacon as we pray the Rosary, Adore the Eucharist, hear a reflection, Benediction, and pray the Litany to St Joseph as Protector of the Family. We are praying for the pre-born, their mothers, the elderly and the mental and physically challenged. All attending will receive a Knights of Columbus Rosary for Life Prayer Card.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL IN WORCESTER** - St. Christopher Church, 950 West Boylston St., Worcester will be having their annual Christmas Festival on Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Festival will feature food, raffles, flea market, crafts, jewelry, baked goods and much more!! No admission fee! Come start your Christmas shopping while enjoying the festivities! For more information, call the parish office at 508-853-1492.

**AMPLIFY NIGHT** - All high school youth (Grade 9-12) are invited to join us for the next Amplify night on Saturday, December 4 at North American Martyrs in Auburn. We will begin following the parish 4:30 PM vigil Mass with dinner and a trivia night (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 following link to sign up: [neworchester.org/amplify-december-4th-north-american-martyrs](http://neworchester.org/amplify-december-4th-north-american-martyrs). Deadline to sign up is November 30.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IN AUBURN** - St. Joseph Parish Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM at 68 Central St., Auburn. Come and enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas Bazaar and check out the Collectibles, Attic Treasures, Plants, Jewelry, Knit Goods, Holiday Decor, Toys, Candy and Baked Items and so much more! Take a chance on one of the many raffles. There is something for everyone! Free Admission. Free Parking. Handicap Accessible.

## Financial Report

This weekend we received \$9827.66. We also received:  
Monthly- \$1848.00                      Restoration- \$313.00  
Parking- \$375.00                        Stipends- \$630.00  
Donation- \$50.00                        All Souls- \$278.00  
All Saints- \$267.00

Total- \$13,588.66    Unrestricted- \$13,275.66    Restricted- \$313.00

Expenses- \$12,593.29  
Schola (1233.80) Altar (571.11) Administration (571.11)  
House (2413.54) Clergy Benefit Plan (1057.00) Funerals (305.60)  
Church Electric (588.94) Rectory Electric (811.23)  
Church Alarm (124.75) Copier (475.00)

**FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS-** \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$62 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$5,000 from a friend; \$100 IMO Mary Desy; \$50 IMO Olga Kersis; \$20 IMO William Cotter; \$500 IMO Michael Clancy; \$1657 from George's Coney Island; \$5000 from Country Bank; \$50 IMO Norman Emmons; \$100 IMO EMG and RPJ; \$50 IMO Cathy Morrissey

### **FOOD FOR THE POOR**

Income- \$13,062.00  
Expenses- \$10,334.12

## Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Patrick Kerrigan, Deb Schofield, Jadwiga Burzynski, Edwin Lopes, Nancy Johnson and Bernard Moisan who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Angelo Salvatore Camp and Roan Zupcu Harvey who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

## **WORD OF LIFE**

**"We do not come to church to attend the service as a spectator, but in order, along with the priest, to serve God. Everything we do—our entering, being present, our kneeling and sitting and standing, our reception of the sacred nourishment—should be divine service. This is so only when all we do overflows from the awareness of a collected heart and the mind's attentiveness."**

**-Fr. Romano Guardini**