

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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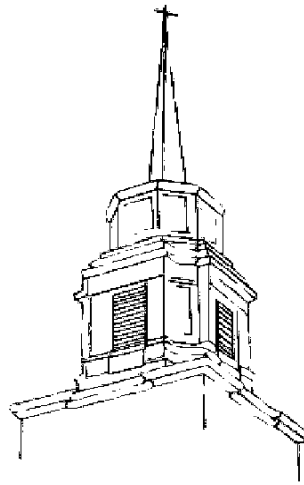
Donna Mastrovito
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Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
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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, 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

Monday, November 22, 2021

6:15PM **Edward Bazilewicz**, req. by Family

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

6:15PM **Lolita M. Catalan**, req. by Family

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

6:15PM **Jane O'Coin (6th Anniv.)**, req. by Family;
Health and Intentions of Courtney Gablaski, req. by Family

Thursday, November 25, 2021– Thanksgiving Day

8:00 AM **For the People of St. John's**

Friday, November 26, 2021

6:15PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Friends

Saturday, November 27, 2021

4:15PM **Margaret A. Murphy (30th Anniv.)**, req. by Migliorelli Family; **Timothy and Eugene Sweeney**, req. by Family
7:15PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Friends

Sunday, November 28, 2021

8AM **Josephine Zalieckas (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Jose Nicolas Almeida and Delia Rueda**, req. by Family
10:15AM **Barbars and John Jacques**, req. by Family; **Frank and Jennie Domiziano, Maria Servido**, req. by Family
12:15PM **Jane Scola (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Edward Belton, Ann and Albin Zukowski**, req. by Family
7:15PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **George and Julia Bakanas, Joan Nicholas, George Bakanas, Jr., Gina Bakanas and Fr. John Bakanas**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today's Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe concludes our Liturgical Year. It is a relatively modern feast which was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as part of the Jubilee Year. Through this feast, the Holy Father wanted to reassert the ultimate, universal sovereignty of Jesus Christ and his law of truth and love. The second reading's passage from Revelation reminds us: "*I am the Alpha and the Omega,*" says the Lord God, "*the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.*" This brings to mind the tradition of our elder sisters and brothers in the faith. On the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, which fell on October 31st, in the first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses spoke to the people the words which became known as the Shema Yisrael prayer. Its first verse - *Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!* – proclaims the monotheistic essence of Judaism. To this day it serves as the centerpiece of Jewish morning and evening prayer. Likewise, we would do well to offer the prayer of Consecration to Christ our King. It concludes:

*Grant, O Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm;
give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry;
praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation. To it be glory and honor forever. Amen*

Finally, on the subject of the power of praying together – included with this bulletin and at the tables in the back of church and side exits are copies of the latest and more hopeful version of the Prayer in Time of Pandemic. It concludes with our deep hope as we conclude the Liturgical Year: *...trusting in your loving protection we might see the end of this pandemic and rejoice in your mercy. Through Christ Our Lord. AMEN*

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

HAVE YOU SIGNED-UP FOR FORMED.ORG AND THE DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS ? - Now is the time to join fellow parishioners of St John's in signing up to receive unlimited, no cost to you access to a wealth of information about our Catholic Faith. All you need to benefit from all this valuable and insightful information is an active email address. Using your browser from any device, go to [Formed.org/signup](https://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. If you received a FlockNote invitation, just click on the link and follow the prompts. To receive Daily Advent Reflections on the Scripture readings, once you have access to the Formed.org platform, using your browser, type in daily.formed.org. The sign up page will pop up and prompt you to fill in your email address. Then it will acknowledge receipt of your sign up. If you have not yet taken advantage of our parish's gift to you, please do so today.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS will be held at 8 AM in the Upper Church. Breakfast to follow at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Happy Thanksgiving!

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Dignus est Agnus, Rev 5:12 and 1:6 (The lamb who has been slain is worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honor; let glory and dominion be his forever and ever.)*

Op.: # 563 At the Name of Jesus
Ps 93, "The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty."
1209

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 571 Crown Him with Many Crowns
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: *Sedebit Dominus Rex in aeternum*, Ps 29:10b, 11b (The Lord will sit on his royal throne forever; and the Lord will bless his people in peace.)

567 O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us

Cl.: # 570 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1209 IN THE HYMNAL

Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8

Psalm 93

Jn 18:33b-37

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6— Sunday, November 21, 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9 Sunday, November 21, 11:15 AM in the church hall.

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

SUPPLY DRIVE— Please return filled bags 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 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.

HELP FOR OUR MONTHLY MEAL AT THE MUSTARD SEED — on the first Monday of every month, we provide the meal the Mustard Seed. We are in serious need of more volunteers to assist us. The meal needs to be ready at 4:00 p.m. If that is not a good time for your schedule, there is preparation that must be done beforehand, as well. If you are interested in helping, please contact the rectory by phone or email. Thank you.

REFUNDS FROM THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE DINNER on November 14th are available. Judy Burke will be at the 4:15 Mass on Saturdays to give refunds or you can contact Judy at 508 478-9813 to make arrangements to get your refund

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM CENTER AND SCHOOL OF JOY

— Our friend Maysoon Khair will be here on the weekend of November 27 and 28 representing over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles. Due to the troubled situation in the Holy Land and the interruption of the tourist trade, our Christian families in Bethlehem must seek alternative ways to earn a living. After all Masses there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved items; such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, Last Supper and many other beautiful religious statues. Please stop by to see the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to support the children and Christians living in the Holy Land. Thanks and God Bless you.

In Our Catholic Community...

ADVENT CONCERT IN WORCESTER -Blessed Sacrament Parish, 551 Pleasant St., will hold an hour of Advent Music Sunday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. with tenor, Travis Benoit and organist, Elizabeth Noone performing solo works and hymns for congregational singing. It is free and open to the public.

TRAVELING HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS -

The December Traveling Holy Hour for Vocations is Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 6 pm at Saint Mary Church in Uxbridge as part of their 40 Hours Devotion. All are invited to join in praying for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life.

LESSONS AND CAROLS - Assumption University will offer its annual Service of Lessons and Carols on Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 pm in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, 500 Salisbury St., Worcester. Guests from off campus who wish to attend are asked to complete the form at form.jotform.com/212026475293050 by December 6 to request a campus access pass. The one hour service will include scripture, music and prayer. All are welcome.

WEBINAR: "FACING THE REALITY OF DEATH WITH THE CONFIDENCE OF FAITH" -

The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Worcester will offer a webinar on this topic on Tuesday, November 30 at 2:00 PM. This presentation will examine some of the basic moral principles that help to guide us in medical decision-making, and will offer practical ways to assist us in helping our loved ones to live out their final days with the true dignity each human person deserves. A brief overview on the status of the pending physician-assisted suicide legislation will be included. **PRE-REGISTRATION BY NOV. 29 IS REQUIRED** to receive a log-in link. To register, please email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org with "webinar registration" in the subject line, and include your name, parish, and email address. All are welcome!

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$8206.66. We also received:

Monthly- \$207.00 Restoration- \$130.00
Stipends- \$70.00

Total- \$8613.66 Unrestricted- \$8483.66 Restricted- \$130.00

Expenses- \$4266.10
Schola (839.44) Altar (215.00) Administration (2845.66)
Church Electrical Repair (176.00)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS- \$50 Imo Sr. Ann Marshall, Fr Tom Fleming and Sr. Eileen Joseph; \$10 from a friend; \$1000 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$15 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$300 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$3000 from Molina Healthcare; \$100 IMO Olga Kersis; \$100 IMO Jadwiga Burzynski; \$500 from Life in 3D; \$1000 Arbella match of Jim O'Connor Ins. Agency Gift

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Income- \$2115.00
Expenses- \$7581.88

This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families Dennis Foley, Richard Hackett and Julio Lugo who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Owen James Alley who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE

**“There are far, far better things ahead
than any we leave behind.”- C.S. Lewis**