

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Music Ministry

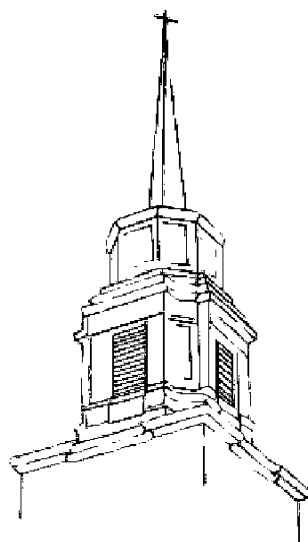
Sean Redrow, Director
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Rectory Office Hours:

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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

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Worship Hymnal #1021

Parish Website

www.stjohnsworcester.org
www.stjohnsfoodforthe poor.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon.-Thurs.. 6:45 pm
Saturday- 3 pm

Holy Days

Vigil 6:15 p.m.
Holy Day 12:15, 6:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office at
least one year prior to planned date
of marriage

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Deacon Paul for
an appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office for
a priest

**Monthly Mass for Healing
Followed by the Celebration
Of the**

Sacrament of the Sick
4th Tuesday of the month
6:15 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 13, 2018

4:15 PM **Catherine Gallagher (25th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Carolyn Prokopowicz**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 AM **John O'Neil**, req. by Family; **Robert and Dorothy Vaicilionis**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **John and Agnes Bartelson, Chandler, Eileen and David Creedon, Esther and Barbara Sheehan, Roger Gonsalves, Gil Berry, Sr. Dorothy Mara and Marx Bowen**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Jean Lotuff**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Francesca Grimaldi (8th Anniv.)**, req. by the Family; **John Harnedy**, req. by the Durocher Family

Monday, January 15, 2018

6:15 PM **Charles and Julia Oroszko**, req. by Family

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Gail McAuliffe**

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

6:15 PM **John J. Healy**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Thursday, January 18, 2018

6:15 PM **William Brosnihan**, req. by Family

Friday, January 19, 2018

6:15 PM **Stanley Choinski**, req. by friends

Saturday, January 20, 2018

4:15 PM **Peg and Bill McKenna (23rd Anniv.)** req. by Family
7:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 21, 2018:

8:00 a.m. **Joseph Mastrovito**, req. by family; **Eddie Gannon**, req. by family
10:15 a.m. **Michael V. Tynan**, req. by Frank Carroll and family; **Theresa Kelly (1st. Anniv.)** req. by family
12:15 p.m. **John and Helen Rosseel**, req. by family; **Francesca Luca**, req. by family
7:15 p.m. **Dufrense, Grygorowicz and Mazur families**, req. by family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

This past Monday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord concluded the Christmas Season. On Tuesday we entered Ordinary Time which will run until Ash Wednesday on February 14th.

Obviously the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons are critically important celebrations. Still, Ordinary Time offers its own benefits, as well. Today's passage from John's Gospel (the last time that we will hear from our Patron until Easter) directly follows the Baptism of the Lord. It is the call of the first disciples. John points two of his disciples to Jesus as "the Lamb of God" so Andrew and the other (tradition says that it is our patron, John) followed him. Their exchange with Jesus is powerful on many levels. This passage concludes with the call of Peter. Their life with Jesus has begun. It will be anything but ordinary.

This first encounter had a profound effect on the three disciples. Indeed, many years later, after the events of Easter and Pentecost, the First Letter of John still carries the experience of this encounter. In that letter, John consistently use the word "abide." It is a great word, one of my favorite Biblical notions. This is what he and Andrew, then Peter, then the others, then the whole world were invited to do. To abide with the Lord.

The miracle of Christmas is that in Jesus, our very God comes to abide with us. It is indeed miraculous and unmerited. Despite our infidelity, weakness and sin, God never gives up on us, but continues to offer a covenant, a relationship to us. Finally, as the parable teaches, God decides "I know what I will do. I will send my Son!" Every year the Church's Liturgy calls us to spend some weeks in preparation and then more weeks in celebration of this wonderful divine decision. The Liturgy invites us to experience again and anew that the very presence of God abides with us.

Now, in the weeks leading to Lent/Easter, the Liturgy invites us to—again and anew—abide with the Lord. To do so in the midst of our routines and responsibilities. The miracle of this season is that we are allowed to start our relationship, our life with Jesus again. It will be anything but ordinary.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Omnis terra*, Ps. 65, 4 et 1-2
Op.: # 616 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Ps.: # 1113, Ps. 40:2 and 4ab, 2-88a, 8b-9, 10
Gospel Acc.: # 20
Prep.: # 736 The Church's One Foundation
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311
Comm.: *Dicit Andreas*, Io 1, 41.42
Cl.: # 610 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

January 16— Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

January 19— Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

January 22— RCIA in the 7 PM rectory.

January 29— The Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "The Shepherd Who Didn't Run, Fr. Stanley Rother, Martyr from Oklahoma" by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda.

THANK YOU to all the members of our Music Ministry, the St. John's Parish Choir, the Schola Cantorum, the Filipino and Lithuanian choirs, and our Cantors for giving of themselves and their time and talent to make our sung prayer so rich and beautiful during the Advent and Christmas seasons! Your gorgeous music making blesses all of us! We are beginning our new Choir semester. If you would like to join us, please contact Director of Music Sean Redrow at SPRedrow@aol.com or simply come up and introduce yourself after Mass. The Parish Choir rehearses weekly at 7 p.m. in the choir loft, and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. before the 12:15 Mass. We'd love you to come and add your voice to ours!

HOTEL GRACE is looking for volunteers for the night shifts. The night shifts run from 11 PM to 3 AM and 3 AM to 7 AM. If anyone is interested in volunteering for these shifts, please contact Fr. Madden at the rectory. Thank you.

ST. PETER CENTRAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will host an Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. There are openings in Grades Pre K to 7. Please visit us on January 28 or call 508-791-6496 for information or visit our website www.stpetercentralcatholic.com. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grade 1-8— On Sunday, January 21 at 9 AM. Grades 1-6 will meet in the church hall, and grades 7-8 at 11:30 in the church hall.

Grade 9— On Sunday, January 21, 1130 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation— On Sunday, January 21, 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM in the Xavier Center.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST

will begin this Sunday, January 14 at 9 AM in the Xavier Center. Parents must attend the first class with their child. Registration and schedules are available on the parish website. Please contact Donna with any questions at mastrovito21@charter.net.

CYC BASKETBALL continues its season at Assumption College on Saturday, January 13 at 1:15 PM and 3:45 PM and on Sunday, January 14 at Noon. Please come and support the team.

THE FILIPINO CHOIR will be at the 415 PM Mass on Saturday, January 27. There will be no reception in order to allow room for the emergency shelter. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

CAR DONATION PROGRAM- Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities and help us help your Worcester County neighbors? It's quick and easy to do. Just call 1-888-CAR-7308 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program. The car in your driveway can help us to continue to offer many services to children, families and elders in our community so that they may regain home for a brighter future. Thank you!

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET - Tune in on Monday through Friday on Charter TV3 on channel 193 at 9 am for the local Daily Mass on cable celebrated by various priests from around our diocese. Also airs at 4:30 pm in Shrewsbury on Ch. 28, and 5 pm in Clinton area on Ch. 8.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, January 23 at 6:15 PM. After the Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. Anyone seeking the healing touch of God's love and mercy is welcome.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT THE RAILERS- Join us on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 for the Diocese of Worcester Night at the Railers. We will be celebrating Trax's Birthday and our Catholic Schools. Come hear students from Our Lady of the Angels School sing the National Anthem, students from Our Lady of the Valley School sing God Bless America and students from St. Anna School sing America the Beautiful! Tickets are \$15. Proceeds will go to our participating Catholic Schools. Also, don't forget to visit us on the concourse and get your Chuck-A-Puck! All seats are in Section 106, which are normally \$25. To purchase your tickets for \$15, visit railers.isportstix.com/order/seats/119/, and enter the Group Code: DioceseWorcester, if prompted. Tickets will be left at "will call the night of the game" window unless other arrangements are made.

MAESTRO HOSPICE CARE needs hospice volunteers to help both in the office and in the community. Choose how you would like to serve: anticipatory and bereavement support, emotional support and companionship, Legacy projects, behind the scenes in the hospice office. Contact Liz at ezejerski@maestrohomecare.com.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8,397.19 We have also received:
Monthly—\$2586.00 Restoration—\$386.00
Candles- \$237.00 Stipends- \$1270.00
Parking- \$215.00 New Year's- \$256.00
Christmas- \$110.00 Rent—\$75.00
Donation—\$1,000.00 After School—\$25.00
Christmas Flowers—\$20.00 Carh Free Press—\$39.00

Total- \$14,616.16 **Unrestricted-** \$14,230.16; **Restricted-**\$386.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$830 or New Van, \$470 IMO Pat Gaudette, \$250 IMO Milton Pepin, \$55 IMO Mary Moran, \$1,352 IMO Andrew Stencel, \$610 from the Cullen Family of Milford, #50 IMO Maureen Janulewicz, \$60 from the Sisters of St. Anne, \$100 IMO Peg and Bill McKenna, \$100 IMO Paul Leary, \$100 IMO Vincent Flynn, \$100, \$2500, \$100, \$75, \$153.85, \$50, \$100, \$500, \$20, \$50 from a friend

Expenses— \$14,216.55
Schola (1522.32) Funerals (611.20) Administration (4825.60) House repair and maint. (2124.45) Fed payroll tax (1006.67) Advertising (130.00) Sanding (480.00) Copier (1012.28), Organ Tuning (602), Ascension alarm (11.21)

Food for the Poor
Income- \$6,859.53 Expenses -\$2742.11

Today's Second Collection is for The Catholic University of America.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Offers prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Stanley Choinski who has been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“Discipleship begins with dwelling in Christ, entering the place of his loving embrace, staying under the gaze of his tender mercy. It involves living with a heart open to love, a heart willing to change, a heart ready to serve, a heart disposed to pray, like Samuel, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’ Fr. Daniel Groody, CSC