

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

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Donna Mastrovito
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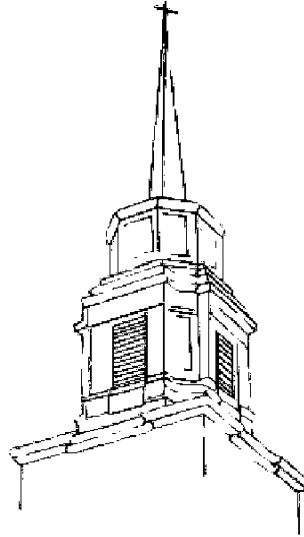
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Rectory Office Hours:

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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

Acts 4:8-12

1 Jn 3:1-2

Jn 10:11-18

Worship Hymnal #1086

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, April 21, 2018

4:15 PM **Albert Agurkis**, req. by Marje and Paul Korpinen; **Catherine Palmer**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Maureen Janulewicz**, req. by Family;
William Leseman (7th Anniv.), req. by Wife, Anna

Sunday, April 22, 2018

8:00 AM **David Covello**, req. by Family; **Eugene and Evelyn Foley**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Wilbur, Teresa and Edward Roix, Andy Sokolowski, Eva James**, req. by Family; **Patricia Gaudette**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Robert Siemaszko (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Stephen Reidy**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Family

Monday, April 23, 2018

6:15 PM **John L. McCluskey and Hon. Charlotte A. Perretta**, req. by Family

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

6:15 PM **Judy Boyle Anders (13th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Thursday, April 26, 2018

6:15 PM **Annie Dolan**, req. by Family

Friday, April 27, 2018

6:15 PM **Pauline Garbis**, req. by Son; **Spero Dodos**, req. by a Friend

Saturday, April 28, 2018

4:15 PM **Joseph Fresolo**, req. by Family; **Special Intention of the Piper Family**
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Sunday, April 29, 2018

8:00 AM **David Covello**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Juozas and Janina Miliuskas**, req. by Family; **Fr. James Hoey**, req. by Bill and Sophia Zinnel
12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin** req. by Wife Helen and Family; **Leslie John Dudley (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Walter Grzesik**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday” because each year the gospel passage is taken from the 10th chapter of John’s Gospel. This chapter presents varied reflections about Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Here at St. John’s this year it also “First Communion Sunday.” At the 10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday thirty-eight of our children will receive the Eucharist for the first time. It is a most fitting day for this important celebration.

Monika Hellwig offers a wonderful reflection on the Good Shepherd: “The image of the shepherd has a long history in Israel. God has been imagined as the shepherd of Israel (Ps. 23), David, Israel’s best loved King, came to the throne from a youth spent as a shepherd. Jesus himself was fond of the image and used it for God in one of his most striking parables about forgiveness in Luke 15. The image seems to be used because the shepherd leads the flock into safe pathways, to places of nourishment, protecting it against attack, providing the focus which unites the flock and gives it a sense of direction and purpose. Beyond all this, the shepherd is a symbol of compassion, in the root sense of that word, for the shepherd fulfills all those tasks by entering into the life and the experience of the flock, sharing its risks and hardships, becoming responsible for its fate.”

It is in the Eucharist that we experience the real presence of the Good Shepherd in the fullest way. Jesus willingly goes even to his death for our sins. Still, he does not abandon us but through the Spirit remains our Shepherd. Congratulations to the children who receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time this Sunday. The celebration reminds all of us of the gift of the Eucharist. My thanks to Donna Mastrovito who always does an exemplary job in preparing the students. This year (with 38 of them!) we owe her some special thanks! Thanks, as well, to Carole Cronin and Sue Basiul for their expert assistance and to Sisters Mary, Carol and Janet for organizing the reception which follows the Mass.

In more mundane, if necessary matters – before the winter we had contracted with a roofer to repair the two side roofs of the church. As we all know so well, it was a difficult winter and there were numerous shingles which blew off the upper roof. Therefore, we are having it replaced, as well. The total cost will be around \$60,000. Quite a bit of money. We will be using our savings to pay for the work. I am, always, most grateful for your long standing and continual generosity to St. John’s.

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Misericordia Domini*, Ps. 33 (32): 5, 6

Op.: # 512 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Gloria: # 297

Ps. 118 "The Stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone".

Gospel Acc.: # 208 'Alleluia'

Prep.: # 712 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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

Comm.: *Ego Sum Pastor Bonus*, Jn. 20: 14

939 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Cl.: # 515 This is the Feast of Victory

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

April 24– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

April 28– Filipino Choir will be at the 4:15 PM Mass.

April 30– Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the Rectory.

This month's selection is "Liturgy" by Rita Ferrone who will be present at the meeting.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY is underway. This year's theme is "Faith in Action– Loving God by serving others." The appeal's patron is Dorothy Day, Servant of God. This year our parish goal is \$76,600. To date we have raised \$43,683.00. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this diocesan effort. Donations may be made to St. John's, or by sending directly to the Chancery and also online.

TEAM ST. JOHN'S FOOD FOR THE POOR will once again participate in the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc. Walk for the Homeless on Sunday, May 20 at Elm Park, Worcester. To join our team go to www.walkforthehomeless.org. Any questions please contact team captains Linda Murphy (508-987-8304) or Connie Bartelson (774-262-2512).

HOPE FOR HOUSING GIFT CARDS will be sold in April on the weekend of 4/21-4/22 at the Saturday 4:15, Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 AM Masses. Turn grocery shopping into an act of love!

HAITIAN APOSTOLATE RAFFLE WINNERS

April 14– \$100 Carlene Sherbourne

April 15– \$150 Hong Li

April 16– \$50 Fr. Madden

April 17– \$50 Fr. Madden

April 18– \$50 Kevin Paradise

April 19– \$50 John Assad

April 20– \$50 Larue Nelson

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1-6– Sunday, April 29 at 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7- 9– Sunday, April 29 11:15 AM in the church hall.

FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated at the 10:15 AM Mass this Sunday, April 22. Thirty-eight of our children will receive the Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations to them and their families. Many thanks to Donna Mastrovito for all her work in preparing the children for this great sacrament

THE LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY AT ST.

JOHN'S will be having a Mass with a Mary Crowning and Lithuanian Choir at 4:15 PM on Saturday, May 5th. A reception will follow the Mass. All are welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS– The Social Activities Committee will be holding the following events:

June 9– Comedy/Dinner Show (Jokes My Irish Father Told Me

July 15– Bus Trip to Fatima Shrine in Holliston (Rosary and Picnic)

August 12– 3rd Annual Parish Picnic

September 22– Musical Dinner Show (Sarah the Fiddler)

October– Apple Festival (Date, TBA)

November 3– Mystery Dinner Show

December– Bus trip to Lasalette to see Christmas Lights, Date TBA.

ANNUAL SPRING FLING HAM & BEAN DINNER IN WORCESTER

St. Katharine Drexel Circle, #1398, a circle of the Daughters of Isabella, is hosting their Annual Spring Fling Ham & Bean Dinner on Friday, May 4 at 6 pm, at the Msgr. Ducharme Center, 10 Dupont St., Worcester. Menu includes Ham, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw, Salad, Rolls, Desserts, and hot and cold drinks. Good food, beautiful themed baskets for our Chinese Auction, and even a grand prize -- you won't want to miss it! Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children under 12. Please contact Terry Turgeon at 508-757-6209, to reserve or purchase tickets. Join us to celebrate the final arrival of spring!

DIOCESE SPECIALS, created by the TV Ministry of the Diocese of Worcester, air weekly on WCCA TV, Ch 194 on your cable box, on Tuesdays at 8pm.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, April 24 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.

"MISGIVINGS" - Our Lady of Providence Parish will host "Misgiving" on Saturday, May 12 in the Gym at St. Bernard Church, 228 Lincoln St., Worcester. The one-man show is a "divine" comedy of bellylaughs, blessings, blarney and bingo! Begins with a Social hour at 5 pm, Dinner is at 6 pm and Showtime is 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 and there will be a 50/50 raffle. For reservations contact Renee Jalbert at the Parish Office at 508-755-3820.

UPCOMING CURSILLO OPPORTUNITIES- Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Our 2018 dates are: Men - June 14-17; Women - May 3-6 & October 25-28. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com.

OPEN HOUSE AT VENERINI- Venerini Academy will hold its Spring Open House on Monday April 23 through Friday April 27 from 9-11 a.m. Visit our classes, meet our parents and faculty. Located at 27 Edward St. Worcester. Contact us at 508-753-3210 x7310 for more information.

SCOUTING RELIGIOUS AWARDS MASS- The annual scouting awards Mass will take place on Saturday, May 5 at 5 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester. This Mass acknowledges the religious emblem recipients for our various youth scouting programs. Bishop McManus will be the celebrant. All are welcome.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8319.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$124.00	Restoration- \$176.00
Candles- \$221.00	Parking- \$315.00
Stipends- \$545.00	Prayer Shawl- \$65.00
Donation- \$720.00	Partners in Charity- \$505.00

Total- \$10,990.66 **Unrestricted-** \$10,244.66; **Restricted-** \$746.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 from DCU; \$10,000 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 IMO Maureen Janulewicz; \$25 IMO Fr. Jim Hoey; \$25 IMO Guy Corso

Expenses- \$25,325.01

Schola (968.68) Haitian Raffle (700.00) Altar (2885.00) Administration (5747.50) Church Water/Sewer (1297.43) Rectory Water/Sewer (597.38) Ascension Water/Sewer (311.75) Donation (1540.00) Rectory Repair (86.35) Maintenance (600.00) Church Electric (1244.11) Rectory Electric (798.99) Funerals (176.40) Confirmation (330.00) Partners in Charity (505.00) Diocesan Budget Bill (7425.00) Church Alarm (111.42)

Food for the Poor

Expenses- \$3541.54

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Paul Johnston, John Bruyure, Charles Hamalainen, Kathleen Donahue-Jones, Mark McCluskey, Gema Danahar, Lydia Pirro, Gil Santos and Bruno Sammartino who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"If we pray and act in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd, then we are already coming to a deeper understanding of all our brothers and sisters, and to more compassion and generosity towards them, and especially toward those who are like lost sheep, those with whom nobody falls in love, and who first need great love, encouragement, and respect before we can expect from them a satisfying response." –Bernard Häring