

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Donna Mastrovito
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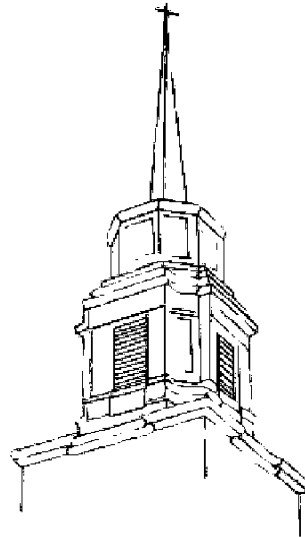
Sean Redrow, Director
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Rectory Office Hours:

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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

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15: 9-17

Worship Hymnal #1092

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, May 5, 2018

4:15 PM **Anna Krusas**, req. by Family; **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**

7:15 PM **Rose and James Riccardi**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 6, 2018

8:00 AM **Robert Jackson (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Susan Stapinski (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Husband Paul

10:15 AM **Jack Cooney**, req. by The Keane Family;

Richard Markowski (2nd Anniv.), req. by Family

12:15 PM **Paul O'Leary (1st Anniv.)** req. by Family;

Frank Luca, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

Monday, May 7, 2018

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

6:15 PM **Margarito Lacastesantos and Florencia Fuentes**, req. by Family; **Lena Rizzo**, req. by Mary Riccardi

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 –Vigil of the Ascension

6:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

Thursday, May 10, 2018—Feast of the Ascension

12:15 PM The People of St. John's

6:15 PM **Juencio Lorente**, req. by Family

Friday, May 11, 2018

6:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

Saturday, May 12, 2018

4:15 PM **Mary Paskavitz, Rose Allelunas and Adele Dailida**, req. by Family; **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Dan Martel**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 13, 2018

8:00 AM **Elsie Gannon and Joan Crowley**, req. by Family; **David Covelto**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Thomas Duquette (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Paul Campbell**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin**, req. by Family;

Walter and Katharina Perduta, Catherine McGurl, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joe Hickey and Dan Best**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

On Monday night our Book Club began what appears is going to be a journey through the "Rediscovering Vatican II" series which was published by Paulist Press several years ago. We started with "Liturgy: *Sacrosanctum Concilium*" a treatment of The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. We were blessed to have the author, Rita Ferrone join us for the discussion. She is a wonderful person and was an invaluable asset for us.

There were two particular lessons learned from the book and through our discussion. First, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* has been an overwhelming success. Its call for a "full, conscious, and active participation" in the Mass has deepened the liturgical experience of so many Catholic people. Second, this "full, conscious and active participation" is hard! To me, the central challenge is that at Mass we are being called to both enter more deeply into the paschal mystery, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and strengthen the personal bonds which are essential to forming a Christian community. I know I find striking this balance very challenging. On the one hand we want to be a welcoming and hospitable community. On the other hand we want to uphold the dignity this sacrosanct event clearly deserves. Reaching this balance must be our constant pursuit.

In this regard, allow me to put forth a modest proposal. In the few minutes before the start of nearly every Mass Sean and our music ministers present us with a beautiful and solemn chant. It is a call to worship. I suggest that we all observe it as such. It is good and necessary to greet one another as members of this community. Still, the chant reminds us to prepare to enter into the divine mysteries.

This Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday and at 12:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. on Thursday. As always we welcome Schola Gregoriana for Thursday night's Mass.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Visitation House has provided us with cards which are available at the back of the church this weekend and next. The suggested donation is \$5 which will support the important ministry that Visitation House offers to vulnerable expecting women in our community. Likewise, next weekend Problem Pregnancy will have roses available for our mothers and to support their life-giving work. We have the great opportunity to honor our mothers and support future mothers and the pro-life work in the diocese.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Vocem iucunditatis annuntiate*, Cf. Is. 48: 20;
Ps. 65

Op.: # 642 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Ps. 98 "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power."

Gospel Acc.: # 208 'Alleluia'

Prep.: # 495 Now the Green Blade Rises

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

Sunday 7:15: # 371, 372, 373, 311

Comm.: *Ego vos elegi*, Jn. 15:16

937 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Cl.: # 612 Sing Praise to the Lord!

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

May 8– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

May 18– Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory

May 21– Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the Rectory.

We continue with the Rediscovering Vatican II series with "Scripture: Dei Verbum" by Ronald Witherup S.S. Holy Cross professor and our Bible Study leader Dr. Mahri Leonard Fleckman will join us.

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 \$53,603.00. 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).

HAITIAN APOSTOLATE RAFFLE WINNERS

April 28– \$100 Barbara Ross

April 29– \$150 Donna Sanas

April 30– \$500 Sue Dadah

The Haitian Apostolate Raffle was able to raise \$754.00 this year. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for your generosity to this wonderful cause.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1-6– This Sunday, May 6 at 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7- 9– This Sunday, May 6 11:15 AM in the church hall.

THE LORD OF PARDON PRAYER GROUP

(Bulusan Mission) will celebrate their Anniversary Mass at St. John's on Saturday, May 26 at the 4:15 PM Mass. Following the celebration of Holy Mass will be the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rosary and Mayflower procession. There will be a potluck dinner after the procession, please bring a dish or dessert. A raffle will be held to benefit the St. John's Food for the Poor along with games prizes and music. All are welcome to come and enjoy this special celebration.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will be meeting on Wednesday May 9th at 9:39-11 am, in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to come! If anyone would like a shawl for someone, call Connie at 508-755-5172.

COMEDY/DINNER SHOW- The Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a Comedy/Dinner Show "Jokes My Irish Father Told Me" on Saturday, June 9th at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM with the doors opening at 5:00 PM. A full course chicken dinner, with salad, rolls & butter, coffee & dessert will be served. The cost is \$30.00 per person, come, enjoy the food, show and a fun filled night. Tickets will be sold after 4:15 PM, 10:15 AM & 12:15 PM Masses or call Judy 508 478-9813.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS– The Social Activities Committee will be holding the following events (reminder to get your tickets early so you don't miss out):

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.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, May 22 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.

IRISH TENOR EMMETT CAHILL LIVE IN CONCERT, Presented by The Emerald Club, will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 7:30-9:30 PM here at St. John's. Join The Emerald Club for a live benefit concert featuring Emmett Cahill, Ireland's most exciting young tenor. Emmet, the lead singer with the popular Irish music group Celtic Thunder, is on a nationwide tour of the United States and this is his only scheduled appearance in New England in 2018! Emmet will perform selections from his debut album, "Emmett Cahill's Ireland," which reached #1 on Billboard World Music chart. Don't miss this unforgettable evening of songs and stories for the whole family to enjoy! Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at www.Emmettcahill.com. Any additional questions please contact Bob Spellane at bobspellane@gmail.com or 508-259-7946.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT- If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT IN WORCESTER - Blessed Sacrament Bereavement Support group will meet Thursday, May10 from 6:30- 8 PM, Epiphany House, 551 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA. For further information please contact Blessed Sacrament Rectory at 508 755-9152 or Cecelia M Mason at ceceliamason@yahoo.com, Tel: 508 335-0898.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7320.66. We have also received:

Candles- \$288.00	Parking- \$500.00
Stipends- \$887.00	Donation- \$100.00
Haitian Raffle- \$75.00	

Total- \$9170.66 Unrestricted- \$9170.66; Restricted- \$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$530 IMO Fr. Jim Hoey; \$235 IMO Charlie Hamalanien; \$25 IMO Zohra; \$100 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$40 IMO AJ Lorente; \$725 IMO Kathleen Donahue Jones; \$45 IHO Moleka and Vincent Calandra

Expenses- \$12,725.96

Schola (906.80) Haitian Raffle (1200.00) Administration (2028.06) Fire Alarm Repair (3739.00) Stipends (1500.00) Envelopes (689.30) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) House (105.00) Church Security Cameras (1250.00) Marriage Prep (27.50) Church Alarm (145.90) Copier (602.40)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$5198.00
Expenses- \$3797.98

This weekend's Second Collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Katherine Foley and James Guenette who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“To love is to live in communion with others, to transmit to them the life and love of Jesus. It is to reveal to them that they are loved, loved by Jesus. In this way we become their friend because we are a friend of Jesus. In this friendship nothing is hidden or secret. Jesus has shared everything he has heard from the Father; all is given.” –Jean Vanier