

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

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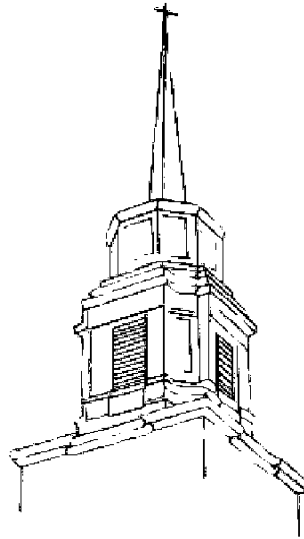
Sean Redrow, Director
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Rectory Office Hours:

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Jimmy Archibald, Manager

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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

Gn 3:9-15

2 Cor 4:13-5:1

Mk 3:20-35

Worship Hymnal #1137

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, June 9, 2018

4:15 PM **Rocco Fresolo, Sr.**, req. by Family; **Guy Corso**, req. by Jim and Judy Burke

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

Sunday, June 10, 2018

8:00 AM **Don O'Keefe**, req. by Sue and Al Johnson; **Ann and Paul Reynolds**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Ryan Quinn**, req. by Family; **In Honor of Anna Leseman's 102nd Birthday**, req. by the Lithuanian Community

12:15 PM **Kathleen Donahue Jones**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Fernanda Azevedo**, req. by Family

Monday, June 11, 2018

6:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

6:15 PM **Dan Martel** req. by Family; **Charlie Hamalainen**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

6:15 PM **Barbara White**, req. by Rosemary Foley

Thursday, June 14, 2018

6:15 PM **Cristina Olivo and Jose Canizares**, req. by Family

Friday, June 15, 2018

6:15 PM **Bernadette Okomo**, req. by Family

Saturday, June 16, 2018

4:15 PM **Joseph Paskavitz, Frank Allelunas and Anthony Dailida**, req. by Family; **Charlie Hamalainen**, req. by Jim and Judy Burke

7:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by a friend; **Gladys Coonan and William St. Laurent**, req. by Family

Sunday, June 17, 2018

8:00 AM **Jim Gannon and Joe Crowley**, req. by Family; **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Nancy, Patty, Al and Lorraine

10:15 AM **Andrew Madonna**, req. by Family; **Alfred Pasquerella and Anthony Guinto**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Deceased Members of the O'Connell and Tangney Families**, req. by Family

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

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Our parish choir ended their season last week and have begun their summer break. It is well deserved. I want to thank all of them for their ministry to us throughout the year. Special thanks go to their (and our) leader, Sean Redrow and to Lucia Falco for her accompaniment, but to all the members who offered their time and talent to our community throughout the past year. You keep getting better and better! More than that, you are a terrific example of true Christian service. All of us at St. John's are deeply grateful to you all.

Dorothy used to say that what is important "is not the serving of the soup, but why we serve the soup." Any and all ministries could be inserted here – singing in the choir, visiting the sick and the prisoner, serving or reading at Mass, comforting the grieving, etc. What our choir has shown me is that the "how" we serve is included in Dorothy's thought. God is in charge of success. We are called to fidelity and to community. Why does the choir gather each year? They simply wish to raise their voices in praise of God and help to raise ours, as well. This response to God's call has drawn them together into a true community. They completely enjoy being together. They care for one another. They are united in their mission. They have formed an excellent choir, but that's just gravy. Why and how they have come together each year is what's most important.

It is tragically clear that the serpent, the evil one, Beelzebul, Satan – referred to in today's readings - is present and active in the world today. As Adam and Eve first discovered, he is the Great Liar. What we experience today is that his lies lead to an immense division. Jesus warns us in today's Gospel passage: "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." Is it an overreaction to be concerned that this collapse is underway? Is it an exaggeration to say that today we fight about everything all the time?

Today, perhaps more than ever, the world relies upon the Christian community to live up to our calling. In a world in which anything that leads to "success" is permissible, we must remain only focused on fidelity. In a world that functions with a "me first" mentality, we must be seeking community. What is important, perhaps now more than ever, is the why and how we respond to God's call to and Jesus' example of service.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Si iniquitates observaveris*, Ps. 130 (129): 3, 4

Op.: # 616 Praise t the Lord, the Almighty

Ps. 130, "With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 674 We Walk by Faith

Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 218, 311

Comm.: *Quicumque fecerit*, Mt. 12:50

Cl.: # 645 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

June 25— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the Rectory. The selection for this month is "The Secret Chord" by Geraldine Brooks.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP will not meet during the Summer months. Meetings will resume in September.

BIBLE STUDY will not meet during the summer months. We will resume our meetings on Tuesday, September 4 at 7 PM in the rectory.

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 \$64,248.00. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this diocesan effort.

JOHN MCDERMOTT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You won't want to miss John McDermott and friends joyous Christmas Concert at St. John's Upper Church on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM to benefit St. John's Food for the Poor. Tickets are \$20 a piece and Seating is limited! A great Christmas gift for family and friends! **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW.** Call Frank Carroll, 800-343-0939, ext. 0234.

THE LITHUANIAN CHOIR AT ST JOHN'S will be singing at the 10:15 AM Mass on Sunday June 24th to observe the Feast of St John the Baptist. A reception will follow the Mass - all are invited and welcome.

FATHER'S DAY CARDS will be sold at all m Masses next weekend. Donations for the cards will go to the Visitation House. Be sure to put a name on the sheet to be prayed for at a Mass honoring those listed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMP is going to "Set Sail With the Holy Trinity" as we travel with St. Patrick to Ireland to learn all about God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Camp will be held at Ascension for kids entering grades 1-7 and will begin Monday, June 25th and run through Friday, June 29th from 9 AM to 12 noon. There is no cost for this, so encourage your child to bring a friend! Registration is available on the parish website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE for 2018-2019 will be released in June. It will be made available on the parish website under the "Religious Education" section.

THE CLOTHING CENTER at the Ascension Campus has given out 2,385 pieces of clothing in the past year and serve nearly 300 people per week. Clothing center hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Donations can be brought during those hours.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday June 13th, 9:30-11:00am, in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. If anyone needs a prayer shawl for someone, please 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 are still available.

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, June 26 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.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP- Do you have a loved one with Dementia? Would you be interested in learning more about caring for someone with Alzheimer's or Dementia? We are here to help, offer support and provide education. We would be interested in holding a Caregivers Support Group at St. John's Parish. There is no obligation to share, you are welcome to come and just listen! Visit us at our table for more information after Masses on Saturday, June 23rd after the 4:15pm Mass and Sunday, June 24th after the 8:00am, 10:15am, 12:15pm Masses. Have questions? Feel free to contact Jeanne Pellegrino, Alzheimer Program Director at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at 508-755-8605.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC)

New England is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming year. Persons interested in applying or more information should contact Dave Hinch (dhinchen@ivcusa.org), New England Regional Director, for more information and an application. IVC combines service with monthly spiritual reflection in community with other volunteers. Ignatian Volunteers, men and women 50 years of age or better, commit to two days per week of service in parishes, schools, and non-profit organizations working directly with people experiencing poverty or marginalization, or in the pursuit of social justice. The service commitment takes place over a ten month period, September through June.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8069.16. We have also received:
Monthly- \$2384.50.00 Restoration- \$236.00
Candles- \$280.00 Parking- \$140.00
Stipends- \$70.00 Eillen George- \$300.00

Total- \$11,479.66 **Unrestricted-** \$11,243.66; **Restricted-**\$236

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 IMO Patricia Brunelle; \$50 IHO Dan and Joanne Callahan; \$50 from the Sisters of St. Anne; \$50 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$100 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$25 IMO Owen Murphy; \$200 IMO Katherine Foley; \$40 IHO Mo Bergman; \$50 IMO Freddy Potenti; \$50 IMO Pauline Fresolo; \$100 IMO Mary A. McGinn; \$4000 from the Herlihy Family Foundation

Expenses- \$9231.93

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Food for the Poor

Expenses- \$3672.62

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Pauline Fresolo, Stephen Lee, William Gibbons, Sr., Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Nicholas Conlon, Reagan Conlon and Braxton Everson who have entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“Once the dust of the miraculous is shaken from our eyes, this story takes us into the compassion of God for the poor and vulnerable. Once the compassion of God for the poor and vulnerable is noted, this story takes us into the cultural conditions that create the poor and vulnerable. The healings and exorcisms of Jesus are as much social critique as they are stunning miracles. They reveal divine compassion and love and, at the same time, unmask the social conditions that turn people into the poor and vulnerable, invisible and oppressed.”

—Fr. John Shea