

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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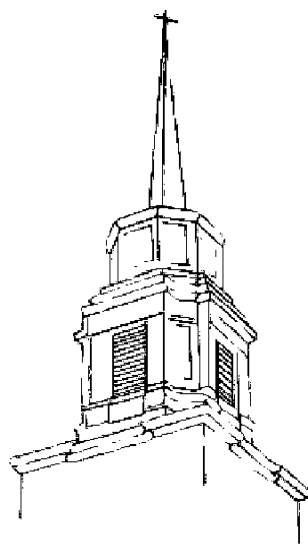
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Ez 17:22-24

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mk 4:26-34

Worship Hymnal #1140

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 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'Connor and Tangney Families**, req. by Family

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

Monday, June 18, 2018

6:15 PM **Joan M. Zinnel (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Bill, Sophia and Family

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

6:15 PM **Loretta Barry**, req. by Rosemary Foley; **Starlene Goodrich**, req. by a Friend

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

6:15 PM **Delia Rueda and Jose Almeida**, req. by Family

Thursday, June 21, 2018

6:15 PM **Pauline Fresolo**, req. by Francine and Elliott Smith

Friday, June 22, 2018

6:15 PM **Charles W. Hamalainen**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Saturday, June 23, 2018

4:15 PM **Rose and Nicholas Oliveri**, req. by Family; **Anthony Genatossio (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Alexander Maleskas and Family**, req. by Daughter; **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Coin**, req. by Anna Leseman and Family

Sunday, June 24, 2018

8:00 AM **Rose and Al Johnson**, req. by Family; **Marie Pare**, req. by Friends at VAAH

10:15 AM **John Coakley**, req. by Family; **Jean Lotuff (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Josephine Skowronski**, req. by Family; **In Honor of Rich Riley's 67th Birthday**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Steven M. Jiencke**, req. by Mike Scaglione; **Graciela Quiquandon**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

It has been said – by Richard Rohr, O.F.M. if I remember correctly – that all our problems are psychological in their root and that the root of all their solutions is spiritual. I am not sure if I agree completely with the first part, but I am in unequivocal agreement with the second part.

The challenge, though, is that spiritual solutions come slowly. The consolation is that they do, indeed, come. The Scriptures always present us with a challenge and a consolation. Today they ask us to reflect on the challenge and consolation which comes with the sometimes slow but always certain action of God.

We believe that Jesus “is the Alpha and the Omega.” It is the “time between” that tests our patience! Today’s readings use the images of forestry and farming to express the good news. Jesus’ parables often make reference to planting and growing. In today’s Parable of the Mustard Seed Jesus builds on Ezekiel’s image of a majestic cedar in the first reading. He points out how something as tiny as a seed grows into something so much larger than itself. Jesus invites us to see that this is the work of God. St. Paul understood this invitation and encourages us to “walk by faith and not by sight.”

What is critical here, I think, is that we understand our role in this process. Our mission is to plant and till. God is responsible for the success of the mission. “God gives the increase.” Which likewise reminds us of the patience that is required. We cannot merely, passively, sit around and wait. We must tend to the soil, plant the seeds and care for them. If so, “through it all the seed will sprout and grow. We know not how.”

Finally, I wanted to offer a gentle reminder and a subtle request about the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. For years we have not only met but exceed – some years in a substantial way – our parish goal. This year we still need to donate about \$10,000 to meet the goal. I guess I could be a bit more patient since the drive does not conclude until the end of August. Still, I want to encourage anyone who has not made a gift/pledge to please consider doing so. The appeal is needed for the Diocese to continue to offer its many services to the people of Worcester County. Thank you.

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Exaudi Domine voce meam, Ps. 27 (26): 7, 9

Op.: # 601 The God of Abraham Praise

Ps. 92 "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 723 When Jesus Came Preaching the Kingdom of God

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

Comm.: Unam petii, Ps. 27 (26): 4

956 Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup

Cl.: # 627 O God, Beyond All Praising

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 \$65,398.00. 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 Masses this 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 on the website in the coming weeks. We are looking for teachers and classroom aides for the upcoming school year. Please contact Dianne at 508-579-6099 or dhgustowski@gmail.com.

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.

THANK YOU- The Social Committee would like to thank everyone that supported our Comedy/Dinner Show on Saturday, June 09th. The profit that was made from the Show and Raffles amounted to \$759.50 which was donated to St. John's Food for The Poor, Thanks to all of you.

BUS TRIP TO FATIMA SHRINE- The Social Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to The Fatima Shrine in Holliston, MA. on Sunday, July 15th. The bus will leave St. John's at 1:00 PM and return approximately 6:00 PM. The cost of this trip is \$10.00 per person which includes the round trip bus fare and a picnic lunch. We will have a group Rosary, a picnic lunch and you will have time to enjoy the grounds and the gift shop. A Sign Up sheet will be on the tables in the back of the church. The deadline for sign up is July 6th. If the Bus is not filled, we will have to cancel the trip. Everyone is welcome. So please Sign up early. Thank you.

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):

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 \$7906.66. We have also received:
Monthly- \$1313.00 Restoration- \$110.00
Candles- \$311.00 Parking- \$180.00
Stipends- \$600.00 Dinner Show- \$1947.50
Catholic Communication- \$460.00

Total- \$12,828.16 **Unrestricted-** \$12,258.16; **Restricted-** \$570.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$790 IMO Pauline Fresolo; \$50 IMO Paul and Ann Reynolds; \$120 IMO Patricia Brunelle; \$200 from a friend; \$100 IMO Wendy Martin; \$550 IMO Stephen Lane

Expenses- \$13,828.16

Schola (1057.88) Stipends (200.00) Funerals (152.80) Administration (5030.95) State Payroll Taxes (1157.77) Dinner Show (1188.00) House (472.31) After School (1500.00) Advertising (240.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (1080.34) Maintenance (600.00) Ascension Electric (481.40) Marriage Prep (55.00) Catholic Communication (460.00) Church Alarm (111.06)

Food for the Poor

Income-\$ 8785
Expenses- \$4527.13

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekend's second collection is the Peter's Pence Collection

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Lenny Smith and John Happinan who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Savanna Lokko who has entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"It is good to feel Jesus' compassionate gaze upon us, just as it was felt by the sinful woman in the house of the Pharisee. In this passage two words persistently return: *love* and *judgment*. There is *the love of the sinful woman* who humbles herself before the Lord; but before that is the *merciful love of Jesus* for her, which drives her to approach him... Simon's *judgment of the woman* distances himself from the truth and prevents him from even understanding who his guest is. He stopped at the surface... Yet Jesus urges each of us never to stop at the surface of things, especially when we have a person before us. We are called to look beyond, *to focus on the heart* in order to see how much generosity everyone is capable of. No one can be excluded from the mercy of God." —Pope Francis