

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

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Donna Mastrovito
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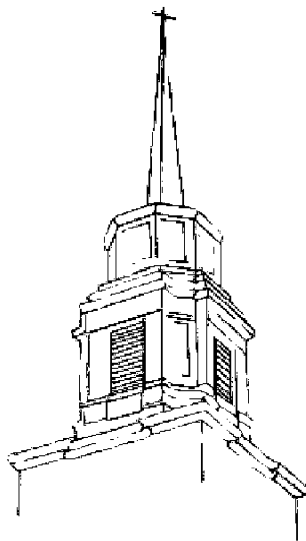
Sean Redrow, Director
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Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
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

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15

Mk 5:21-43

Worship Hymnal #1146

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 30, 2018

4:15 PM **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Montiverdi and Sons**, req. by Family; **Edward F. Crawford (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **All Osodo Family Birthdays**, req. by Family

Sunday, July 1, 2018

8:00 AM **J. Elizabeth Spurr**, req. by Family; **Doris Bucknam and Lena Holman**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **James Crossman (14th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Raymond DeVerna and Family**, req. by William and Sophia Zinnel
12:15 PM **Walter J. Baldowski**, req. by Wife Lucia
7:15 PM **Walter O'Connor, Sr. and Walter O'Connor, Jr.**, req. by Family

Monday, July 2, 2018

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

Tuesday, July 3 2018

6:15 PM **Ruben and Ricardo Almeida**, req. by Family

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

6:15 PM **John F. Healy (35th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Health and Intentions of Regina Cunic**, req. by Friend Lucia Baldowski

Thursday, July 5, 2018

6:15 PM **Felix Akaab (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Friday, July 6, 2018

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

Saturday, July 7, 2018

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Joseph Morrissey**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Kassia Smith**, req. by Family; **Nellie Wisboro (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Son

Sunday, July 8, 2018

8:00 AM **J. Jim and Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Marie Pare**, req. by VAAH Friends
10:15 AM **Rose Gerdauskas (100th Birthday Remembrance) and Lucy Bilzerian**, req. by Marie and Arthur Bilzerian; **Leonard Smith**, req. by Mary and Joe McClusky
12:15 PM **Frank Luca**, req. by Family; **Brendan Michael Baker**, req. by Frank Carroll
7:15 PM **Robert N. Cote, Sr.**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today's Gospel passage from Mark – the intertwined story of the synagogue official's daughter and the hemorrhaging woman – was the passage I was asked to explain for the final in my course on the Synoptic Gospels in my first year of theology. I am still a little bit shell shocked whenever I read it! It is a gorgeous passage, though. When presented in conjunction with the other Scripture passages that we hear today it is all the more powerful.

The Book of Wisdom, in today's first reading, reminds us that *God did not make death nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living*. This message is clear. As Monika Hellwig writes, *It is characteristic of God to give life, to sustain life and to desire not death but fullness of life*. Which means, of course, *What is crushing and deadly is not from God but from human corruption*. This is a difficult lesson and one that we have to re-learn over and over throughout our lives. Still, it is clear – the problem is not with God, but with us.

The "Good News" is that God has always and continues to help us solve the human problem. In the Gospel passage Jesus heals both the young girl and the suffering woman. This divine healing is not only physical but spiritual. Jesus restores life, but he has to summon forth a deepening faith in the woman and in the parents of the girl. Hellwig again, *That is a powerful message for our times. God, acting through the Spirit of the Risen Christ, offers restored life to the human community, but there is a great need of deepening faith to receive the gift of restored life*.

In the second reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians Paul points us to the best way to increase our faith, *as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their (the poor) needs*. Saint John Paul II implored us constantly "do not be afraid." Pope Francis consistently encourages us to "go forth." They are, of course both right. In going forth to assist those in need our faith is deepened. As we display God's love we receive God's love. We experience the truth of Jesus' instruction, *Fear is useless, what is needed is faith*.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Omnes gentes plaudite manibus, Ps. 47 (46): 2

Op.: # 630 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Ps. 30, "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

Alleluia: #208

Offertory: # 689 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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

Comm.: Inclina aurem tuam, Ps. 31 (30): 3ab

Cl.: # 637 Now Thank We All Our God

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB, will not meet in July and August. The next meeting will be Monday, September 24, 7 PM in the Rectory. The selection for September is "The Life You Save May Be Your Own" by Paul Elie.

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 \$66,023.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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. 0110.

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. We will be closed the last week of July. Donations can be brought during those hours.

A TASTE OF THE DIACONATE is a cookbook celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Diaconate Program in the Worcester Diocese. It is a collection of 143 recipes by the Deacons, candidates and their families. Cost of the book is \$10.00 which will support the Diaconate program. Books will be available at all Masses or by contacting Deacon Paul. Thank you.

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 if you are interested in helping out.

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)

August 12- 3rd Annual Parish Picnic

September 22- Musical Dinner Show (Sarah the Fiddler)

October- Apple Festival (Date, TBA)

November 3- Mystery Dinner Show

November 14- John McDermott Concert

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

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) New England is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming year. Persons interested in applying or more information should contact Dave Hinchey via email at dhinchey@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.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held this Tuesday, June 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.

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! Have questions? Feel free to contact Jeanne Pellegrino, Alzheimer Program Director at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at 508-755-8605.

CHANCERY SUMMER HOURS- The Chancery Offices will be open from 8 AM to 5:30 PM from Monday - Thursday and closed on Fridays from June 22 through August 24 inclusive. Thank you for your understanding. Our summer schedule provides good cost savings and efficient operation during the summer given the number of employees with scheduled vacations.

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.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7849.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$1617.00	Restoration- \$160.00
Candles- \$312.00	Parking- \$105.00
Stipends- \$355.00	Donation- \$100.00
Peter's Pence- \$416.00	

Total- \$10,914.66 **Unrestricted-** \$10,338.66; **Restricted-** \$576.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 IMO Patricia Brunelle; \$100 from the Melvin Cutler Charitable Foundation; \$100 IMO Jim Hoyer; \$500 IMO Mary Wolochowicz; \$100 IMO Alan Charbonneau; \$25 IMO Stephen Lane; \$125 IMO Owen Murphy; \$12,439.40 from the Walk for the Homeless; \$100 IMO Pauline Fresolo; \$100 IMO James Birch; \$15,000 from a friend

Expenses- \$12,080.56

Schola (1003.64) Funerals (152.80) Lithuanian Reception (50.48) Administration (4566.37) Altar (59.40) Ascension Phone (142.38) Church Gas (33.45) Rectory Gas (92.62) Ascension Gas (70.24) Household (539.80) Stipends (1640.00) Envelopes (699.90) Federal Payroll Taxes (973.40) Church Alarm System (94.73) Religious Education Catholic Camp (65.00) Stained Glass Window Repair (675.00) Peter's Pence (416.00) Preserve the Flame (559.00) Office Supplies (246.35)

Food for the Poor-
Income- \$1503.71
Expenses- \$4527.13

YEAR TO DATE- In June we had a net cash loss of \$6,491.43. This brings our cash gain for FY 17/18 to \$25,167.08. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's.

Word of Life

“In all of these encounters [on the road to Jerusalem], we hear the requests, we listen to Jesus' response, but we learn nothing of the outcome of the meetings. It is as though Jesus is saying to us by this narrative silence:

Listen to the answer your own life makes.”

–Sr. Verna Holyhea