

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

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### **Pastor**

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### **Assisting Priests**

Fr. Charles Armev  
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Paul Dacri  
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### **Coordinators of Religious Education**

Donna Mastrovito  
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### **Director, After-School Program and Ascension Clothing Center**

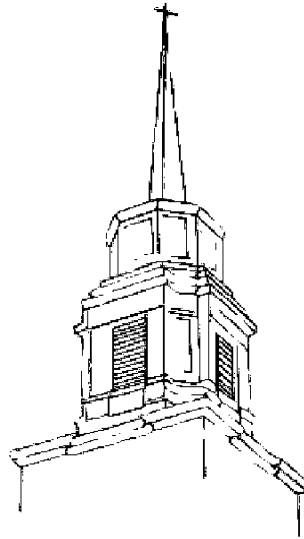
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

### **Music Ministry**

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**

Prv 9:1-6

Eph 5:15-20

Jn 6:51-58

Worship Hymnal #1167

### **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, August 18, 2018

4:15 PM **Catherine Ward and Margaret Murray**, req. by Family; **Leo and Dolores Matys and Family, Julia and Elaine Kasparian and Family, Joseph and Ann Kirklauskas and Family, Jan and Michalina Pieniazek and Family**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 19, 2018

8:00 AM **Jim Gannon**, req. by Family  
10:15 AM **Anthony Guinto (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Danute Marcinkevicius  
12:15 PM **George Abraham**, req. by Wife and Children; **John and Agnes Shea**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

Monday, August 20, 2018

6:15 PM **George Ellis**, req. by a friend

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

6:15 PM **Dan Best**, req. by Family

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

6:15 PM **Happy Birthday Babchi**, req. by Family

Thursday, August 23, 2018

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

Friday, August 24, 2018

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

Saturday, August 25, 2018

4:15 PM **John Michael Cahill, Jr. (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **George Smalanskas**, req. by a friend  
7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 26, 2018

8:00 AM **Rose Johnson**, req. by Family; **In memory of the Boyle Family**, req. by Family  
10:15 AM **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Ron and Rasa Chiras  
12:15 PM **Mr. and Mrs. Mauritz Lundgren**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Kim Kowalick Murphy (20th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Birthday Blessings for Fr. Ralph Diorio and Matthew Garofoli**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

On a spiritual level, Wednesday's celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was an uplifting experience. The Eucharist Preface for the Solemnity is particularly powerful:

*For today the Virgin Mother of God  
Was assumed into heaven  
As the beginning and image  
Of your Church's coming to perfection  
And a sign of sure hope  
And comfort for your pilgrim people...*

In these days, perhaps more than ever, the troubles in the Church and in the world cry out for hope and comfort. We, as God's people, are coming to perfection. It's just a longer and more difficult pilgrimage than we would prefer. The Bread of Life is food for the journey. Mary's intercession can keep us going. On a practical level, celebrating the Assumption is a signal that summer is coming to an end. Not what one would call Good News. Not to overstate it, since I still have Maine and Saratoga on the agenda, but it is time to think about the upcoming year. Perhaps, even, to begin to prepare for the activities and events to come.

What is Good News, is that this means preparing for this year's RCIA program. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is one of my favorite activities. Each year the candidates bring new life to our parish community. Their presence encourages all of us to renew our own faith commitment. They help us to treasure more deeply the gift which faith is for all of us.

The candidates come from different backgrounds with different experiences. Some have had little or no religious upbringing but have had their hearts stirred by the Holy Spirit and wish to join the Catholic Church. Others have been raised in a non-Catholic Christian tradition and have had their hearts stirred by the Holy Spirit and wish to join the Catholic Church. Still others were raised in the Catholic Church but drifted away before receiving all the Sacraments of Initiation. Their hearts, too, have been stirred by the Holy Spirit and they seek to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

If this describes you or someone that you know, you are welcomed and encouraged to participate in the RCIA this year. We typically begin the Inquiry Phase of the program on a Monday night in the beginning of October. If you or someone you know is interested in inquiring, please call the rectory to register. We will contact you with the actual start date in mid-September.

I ask all of us to pray that we, too, will remain open to the stirring of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS**

Introit: Protector noster aspice, Ps. 84 (83): 10, 11  
Op.: # 617 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above  
Ps. 34, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

Alleluia: # 208

Offertory: # 557 O Food of Exiles Lowly

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

Comm.: Qui manducat, Jn. 6: 57

# 705 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

Cl.: # 515 This is the Feast of Victory

**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: An American Pilgrimage" 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.

### **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.

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE-** St. John's is transitioning to a brand new website accessible at the same web address: [stjohnsworcester.org](http://stjohnsworcester.org). The site provides several new ways to keep connected with the parish. Take a moment and check it out!

**HOPE FOR HOUSING GIFT CARDS-** The Hope for Housing Gift Card program will be starting back up in September with card sale weekends on 9/1-9/2 and 9/15-9/16. As a reminder, gift cards are sold at the Saturday 4:15 PM and Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 AM Masses. You receive the full value of the cards you purchase and the stores donate a percentage to this vital program that supports families in danger of becoming homeless. Its a win-win for everyone! A full listing of card sale dates and details about the program are available on the parish website.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-**Registration and schedule for the 2018-2019 school year is available on the website. We have added a few dates, so please make sure to download the schedule. Also we need a 7th-8th grade teacher and a 9th grade teacher. If you are willing to help please contact Dianne at 508-579-6099, or via email at [dhgustowski@gmail.com](mailto:dhgustowski@gmail.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS-** The Social Activities Committee will be holding the following events (reminder to get your tickets early)

**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.

**HAM AND BEAN DINNER SHOW-** The Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a Ham & Bean dinner show with Sarah the Fiddler on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Dinner will be served after 4:15 PM Mass and tickets are \$20.00 per person (tickets include show with ham & bean dinner, coleslaw, cornbread, coffee and dessert) Tickets will be on sale beginning the weekend of August 25<sup>th</sup> after the Saturday 4:15PM and Sunday 8:00 and 10:15AM and 12:15 PM Masses or by calling Judy 508 478-9813. Get you tickets early, there is a limited number of tickets

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP-** Do you have a loved one with Dementia? Would you be interested in learning more about Alzheimer's or Dementia? We are here to help, offer support and provide education. There is no obligation to share, you are welcome to come and just listen! The support group will be held at St. John's the first Tuesday of each month, beginning on September 4 at 5 PM. When a loved one develops Dementia, it can be difficult for everyone. Hearing how other people have walked through the journey of caring for a loved one with dementia can be helpful. The group will be facilitated by the Alzheimer Program Director at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Jeanne Pellegrino. Jeanne is a certified Dementia Practitioner and has over 20 years of experience working with seniors and people with Alzheimer's and Dementia. Have questions? Feel free to contact Jeanne Pellegrino, at 508-755-8605.

### In Our Catholic Community...

**A MASS FOR HEALING** will be held Tuesday, August 28 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.

**DISMAS HOUSE FUNDRAISER**- St. John's parishioner, Elsie Uffelmann, and her friends Mary-Jean MacDonald and husband, Alan, are running a triathlon (.9 mi swim; 24-mile bike; 6.2 mile run) to raise funds for Dismas House in honor of its 30th Anniversary in the Worcester area. The mission of Dismas House, Fr. John Brooks House, and Dismas Family Farm in Worcester and Oakham, respectively, is "to reconcile former prisoners to society and society to former prisoners through the development of a supportive community comprised of students and former prisoners who live together in a family setting." Containers marked Dismas House will be available at the church entrances during all Masses, if you would like to make a donation. For more information, please see [www.dismasisfamily.org](http://www.dismasisfamily.org) or contact Elsie at 508-612-1869.

**ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PRAYER EXPERIENCE**- A 30 week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer. Starting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include reflection, direction and presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester adjacent to Clark University. Information nights will be held at St. Rose of Lima in Northborough on August 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's in Jefferson on August 26<sup>th</sup> and St. Peter's in Worcester on August 28<sup>th</sup>, each at 6PM. Information and an application forms are available on the web site [www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-home](http://www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-home). You can e-mail with any questions at [worcspex19@gmail.com](mailto:worcspex19@gmail.com) or call Dick at 508-885-4462.

### Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7833.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$1299.00  
Candles- \$269.00  
Parking- \$350.00

Restoration- \$68.00  
Stipends- \$1500.00  
Eastern Europe- \$411.00

**Total-** \$11,730.66 **Unrestricted-** \$11,251.66; **Restricted-** \$479.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$10 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$125 IMO Christine Riccio; \$380 IMO Gail Gully; \$50 IMO Fr. Jim Hoey; \$100 IHO Fr. Ralph DiOrion's Birthday; \$100 IMO Thomas Gentile; \$580 IMO Robert Moynagh; \$70 IMO John Gingras; \$80 IMO Claire Sullivan; \$500 IMO Richard and Eleanor O'Toole

**Expenses-** \$20,668.47

Schola (1996.39) Administration (6788.62) Altar (217.80) Religious Ed Lunch (141.45) Office (190.00) House (119.90) Funerals (929.20) Church Electricity (756.50) Rectory Electric (1162.63) Ascension Electric (329.26) Marriage Prep (27.50) August Budget Bill (7497.00) Eastern Europe (411.00) Rectory Alarm (111.22)

**Food for the Poor-**  
Expenses- \$6781.63

### Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Robert Moynagh, John Gingras, George Smalanskas and Aretha Franklin who have been born into eternal life.

### Word of Life

**“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”**

**— Luke 14:12-14**