

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Fr. Charles Armev
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Donna Mastrovito
Dianne Gustowski

**Director, After-School Program
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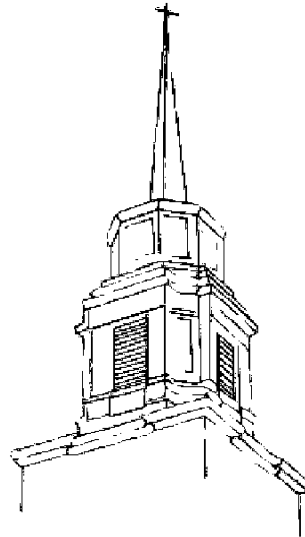
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
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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

Is 50:5-9a

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35

Worship Hymnal #1179

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, September 15, 2018

4:15 PM **Joseph and Ann Kirklauskas, Jan and Michalina Pieniasek and Family, Julia Kasparian, Leo and Helen Matys and Family, Health and Intentions of Lee and Dolores Matys and Elaine Kasparian**, req. by Family; **Paul V. Murphy (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:00 AM **Ray Gleason**, req. by Family; **Matthew Covello**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Peggy Palmer (10th Anniv.)**, req. by family; **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Ron and Rasa Chiras; **Kathy Michelin**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Regina A. Cunic (Month's Mind)**, req. by Lucia M. Baldowski

7:15 PM **Rose and Joseph Pezzella**, req. by Family; **Rosemary Langford and Margarito Lacasatesantos**, req. by Family

Monday, September 17, 2018

6:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

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

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

6:15 PM **Msgr. Edmond Tinsley**, req. by Friends; **Bill Pugliese and John Gingras**, req. by Family

Thursday, September 20, 2018

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

Friday, September 21, 2018

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

Saturday, September 22, 2018

4:15 PM **Catherine Granger**, req. by Family; **Joe Olson**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Frances and David Vautrain**, req. by Niece Barbara Thompson; **Richard Carey**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 23, 2018

8:00 AM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Danute Marcinkevicius; **Allen Piper**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Dorothy Dee**, req. by Lucia Baldowski

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

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

This Sunday we begin our Religious Education program for the 2018/2019 year. In the academic education world, the goal is to encourage "life long learners." So, too, in religious education. This weekend's Scripture readings are clear examples of the challenge it is to be a faithful Christian disciple. Imitating Jesus is a daunting, indeed, a life long task. We pray that this year our children will learn more deeply of the mercy and love of God the Father and His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that they will be open more fully to the gift of their Holy Spirit. We pray that this learning and openness will continue all their life long.

My sincere thanks to our Coordinators, Dianne Gustowski and Donna Mastrovito; to our catechists and aides for sharing their time and talent with the students. Thanks, as well, to the parents, the primary educators of the children, for sharing that ministry with us. Blessings throughout the year on all involved in Religious Education.

Next Sunday we begin our Annual Novena in Honor of the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux. The Novena concludes on her Feast Day, Monday, October 1st. The Novena prayers will be included in all the regularly scheduled Masses throughout the nine days. The Novena booklet will be included in the bulletin next week. This will afford everyone the chance to pray along together, even if one's schedule does not allow for attendance at the 6:15 p.m. weeknight Masses.

St. Therese, like St. Francis Xavier, is a Patron of the Missions. It is part of the beauty of our Catholic faith that these two very different people, who lived very different lives could be joined together as patrons of the missions. Like them, of course, we have been called to missionary work. That is, to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout our lives. Together they remind us that we answer this call, according to Robert Ellsberg "within our own individual circumstances, that engages our own talents and temperaments, that contends with our our strengths and weaknesses, that responds to the needs of our own neighbors and our particular moment in history."

In this particular moment in history, the mission of St. Therese is very applicable and most needed:

"What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love."

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Da pacem, Domine, Sir. 36:18, Ps. 121
Op.: # 972 Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old
Ps. 116, "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living."

Gospel acc.: # 208

Prep.: # 490 My Song is Love Unknown
Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 218, 311
Comm.: Qui vult venire, Ps. 96(95):8-9
923 I Receive the Living God
Cl.: # 627 O God Beyond All Praising

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

September 18— Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

September 21—Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

September 24— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "The Life You Save May Be Your Own: An American Pilgrimage" by Paul Elie.

October 2— Caregivers Support Group, 5 PM in the rectory.

RCIA—The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin this fall for any adult who has had their hearts stirred by the Holy Spirit and wish to join the Catholic Church or were raised in the Catholic Church but drifted away before receiving all the Sacraments of Initiation and seek to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. We typically begin the inquiry phase on a Monday in October and will have a firm date in the coming weeks. Please contact the rectory with any questions.

THE ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHOIR starts this Wednesday, September 19 at 7 PM in the choir loft. We rehearse on Wednesday's and at 11:30 AM on Sunday's prior to the 12:15 Mass. Come join us!

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 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM at the Msgr. Tinsley Center is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Sr. Pat Murphy at 413-455-6289.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6— This Sunday, September 16, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9— This Sunday, September 16, 11:15AM - 12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)— This Sunday, September 16 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

HAM AND BEAN DINNER SHOW— The Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a Ham & Bean dinner show with Sarah the Fiddler on Saturday, September 22nd 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 are on sale at the Saturday 4:15PM and Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 AM and 12:15 PM Masses or by calling Judy 508 478-9813.

2018 PUBLIC SCHOOL ROSARY CRUSADE is coming to Elm Park in Worcester on October 13 at Noon. For more information contact Joe at 508-459-9687.

ST. JOHN'S CYC BASKETBALL season is about to begin. We are looking for boys who are members at St. John's between the ages of 14-18 to join the team. First practice is Monday, September 10. For details please call Coach Ray Matress at 508-612-6007 or email at raym577@gmail.com.

BE LIKE BRIT GALA— Dance the night away with The World Premier Band at Be Like Brit's 8th Annual Gala; Saturday, November 3rd at Mechanics Hall. This is a fabulous night of fun and all proceeds go directly in helping Be Like Brit and their mission of "Raising the next Generation of Leaders in Haiti" which includes Darwens, St. John's sponsored child. For tickets and/or to become a sponsor, please go to www.BeLikeBrit.org/gala or email Cherylann at Cherylann@BeLikeBrit.org We hope to see you there!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

St. John's— Saturday, September 29, 9 AM and Tuesday, October 16, 6 PM

Holy Name— Sunday, October 28 12-2 PM

St. Peter-Marian— Sunday, October 28, 1-3:30 PM

Notre Dame Academy— Sunday, October 21, 2-4 PM

St. Mary's Jr./Sr. High— Wednesday, October 24 6:30 -8:30 PM

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, September 25 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.

THE FILIPINO CHOIR will be at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, September 29. A reception will follow the Mass. All are welcome.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be returning to their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 — 11:00 AM in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome on October 10th. If you have any questions, please call Connie at 774-262-2512.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE- On Sunday, September 23 from 1 – 4:30 PM, the Diocese of Worcester's Environmental Stewardship Initiative will sponsor the Worcester Catholic Environmental Stewardship Conference at the Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. On this 5th anniversary year for Pope Francis' encyclical, *On the Care of our Common Home (Laudato Si')*, hear from speakers including Bishop McManus, Fr. William Campbell, SJ and Dr. Katherine Kiel from Holy Cross, Secretary Matthew Beaton of Massachusetts, and a Panel of Parish leaders involved in environmentally responsible programs. Visit environment.worcesterdiocese.org today to register (no cost).

DISMAS HOUSE FUNDRAISER- Many thanks to all who generously sponsored Elsie Uffelmann and MaryJean And Alan Tepp's successful run of the Olympic-length triathlon in Sag Harbor, NY, on September 9th. All donations went directly to Dismas House and Family Farm on their 30th anniversary. Dismas responded that they appreciate our support and thank us for thinking of them!

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$9078.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$151.00	Restoration- \$133.00
Candles- \$316.00	Parking- \$110.00
Stipends- \$1000.00	Rent- \$75.00

Total- \$10,863.66 **Unrestricted-** \$10,730.66; **Restricted-** \$133.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$25 IMO Gerald Soucy; \$328.78 via United Way of Central Mass.; \$300 IMO Shirley Rezuke; \$70 IMO Christopher Sebring; \$50 IMO Dori Houston; \$100 from a friend; \$275 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$100 IMO Fr. Jim Hoey; \$20 in Thanksgiving to St. Anthony; \$20 Imo Christopher Riccio; \$75 IMO Paul Darcy; \$50 IMO Robert Moynagh

Expenses- \$18,580.21

Schola (1200.24) Lithuanian Reception (169.53) Be Like Brit Darwens Sponsorship (4800.00) Administration (5083.28) Clergy Benefit Plan (1007.00) Boiler Inspection (100.00) House (1200.00) Garage Repair (812.27) Alarm, System (689.93) Funerals (634.80) Church Electric (946.36) Rectory Electric (1279.90) CCD Prayers Cards (35.01) Copier (621.89)

Food for the Poor-
Expenses- \$5355.58

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Matthew Covello, John Baganski, Patricia Daly and George McMahan who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Alonzo Davidson and Tyler Kittredge who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“In prayer we shift the center of living from self-consciousness to self-surrender. God is the center toward which all forces tend. He is the source, and we are the flowing of His force, the ebb and flow of His tide.”

—Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel