

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Donna Mastrovito
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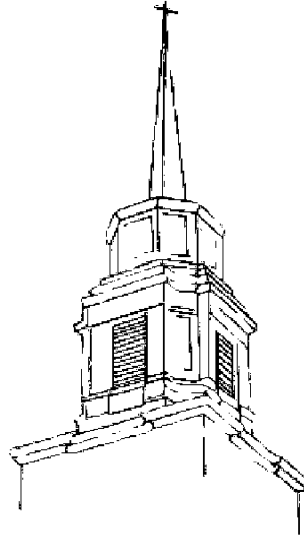
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Nm 11:25-29

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Worship Hymnal #1185

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 29, 2018

4:15 PM **Stasia and Anthony Savage**, req. by Family;

Mary Genatossio (29th Anniv.), req. by Family

7:15 PM **Patricia Prendiville**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 30, 2018

8:00 AM **Eugene Foley**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by the Savickas Family,

Andrew Shea, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCluskey

12:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for John Garofoli,**

Michele Sargent, Paloma Garofoli and Nicolina

Pasquale, req. by Family; **Jane Stanick (Month's Mind)**,

req. by Family

7:15 PM **Michael Lewis**, req. by Family

Monday, October 1, 2018

6:15 PM **James F. and Elizabeth Sullivan**, req. by

Family

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

6:15 PM **Felicidad Oviedo and Eladio Murillo**, req. by

Family; **Eleanor Prevoski (4th Anniv.)**, req. by David

and Joanne Gaughan

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

6:15 PM **Deanna Lund**, req. by Frank Carroll; **Heber**

Catalan, req. by Family

Thursday, October 4, 2018

6:15 PM **Manuel and Concepcion Catalan**, req. by

Family

Friday, October 5, 2018

6:15 PM **Walter J. Baldowski (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by

Wife Lucia

Saturday, October 6, 2018

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased**

Members of F.O.S.S.; Eleanor Prevoski (4th Anniv.),

req. by Family

7:15 PM **Christopher Sebring**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 7, 2018

8:00 AM **Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **James**

Shugrue, req. by Nancy, Al and Lorraine

10:15 AM **Catherine McGurl**, req. by Family, **Zigmas**

Dabrila, req. by Grazina Bazakas and Family

12:15 PM **Rev. Joseph A. Coonan (7th Anniv.)**, req. by

Denise Boucher Garofoli and Family; **Alphonse and**

Cecelia Bender and Roland Thibeault, req. by Family

7:15 PM **James McDonald**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

In today's passage from the Gospel of Mark, Jesus says, *For whoever is not against us is for us*. It is true that in Matthew 12:30 and Luke 11:23 he also says that those who are not with him are against him. Therefore, it is the context that is critical in interpreting what he is teaching. When I was transferred from St. Mary's in Jefferson all the way back in 1989, I was given a framed poster that included a quote from the Brazilian educator and philosopher Paolo Freire. It still hangs in my office. The quote reads:

*Washing one's hands of the conflict
between the powerful and the powerless
means to side with the powerful
not to remain neutral.*

We all know of situations where that those who did not acknowledge the problem were the problem and that those who remained neutral were in fact taking sides with the status quo. Jesus did not hesitate to acknowledge the problem at hand. He never ever remained neutral in the face of any problem. Therefore, if we are not with him we are against him.

In the passage today, though, the context is different. What the disciples have witnessed – and tried to stop – was an act of healing and redemption. Their problem is that the person is “not one of us,” at least in their eyes. Jesus sees it differently. The disciples are concerned about ritual and credentials. Jesus is focused on the substance of what is being accomplished.

The image underneath Freire's quote on the poster is a pyramid depicting the global inequality of material wealth. As many of you know, perhaps far better than me, Freire was the son of a devout Catholic mother, but he himself was more of a spiritualist. In that sense, he was not one of us. In that superficial sense. In his teaching, though, he sounds very much like the apostles James in today's second reading. In that sense, he is very much like those Jesus references in the Gospel.

We all know and experience the many problems the world faces. In working to resolve them, we who follow Christ would be good to remember that those who are not against are for us.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Omnia quæ fecisti nobis, Domine*, Dan 3: 31, 29
30, 43, 42

Op.: # 563 At the Name of Jesus

Ps. 19, "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."
Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 534 Come Down, O Love Divine

Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm: *Memento verbi tui servo tuo*, Ps.119 (118):49,
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940 Take and Eat

Cl.: # 592 God Has Spoken by the Prophets

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

October 2— Caregivers Support Group, 5 PM in the rectory; Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

October 3— Social Activities Committee, 7 PM in the rectory.

October 19—Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

October 29— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "Wise Blood" by Flannery O'Connor.

ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE LITTLE

FLOWER, ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX will run through this Monday, October 1. The Novena prayers will be included in all the regularly scheduled Masses throughout the nine days. The Novena booklet are included in the bulletin this 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.

RCIA—The first session of the RCIA will be held Monday, October 15 at 7 PM in the rectory. This meeting begins the Inquiry Stage of the process. Anyone who wishes to inquire about receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist are invited to attend. If you have any questions please call 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6— This Sunday, September 30, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9— This Sunday, September 30, 11:15AM - 12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)— This Sunday, September 30 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

THE CCD PROGRAM is in need of a 5th and 6th grade teacher. Please contact Dianne if you are able to help at dhgustowski@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION deadline is October 7. All students must attend the October 14 class in order to be confirmed in 2019.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION— Grades 1-9 open enrollment is still available on the parish website under the Religious Education tab.

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

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SHOW will be held on Saturday, November 3rd at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and include the show and a dinner of pasta & meatballs, salad, rolls & butter, coffee & dessert. Dinner will be served following the 4:15 PM Mass. Tickets will be on sale after the 4:15 PM, 8:00, 10:15 AM and 12:15 PM Masses or by calling Judy 508 478-9813.

THANK YOU— The Social Committee would like to thank all who participated in the Dinner show with Sarah the Fiddler. Everyone in attendance had asked to book Sarah again, they all loved the show. The profit from the show of \$450.00 dollars, will be sent to St. Michael's in Lithuania for their food pantry .

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!

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, October 23 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 ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday October 10, 9:30am-11:00 AM, in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Come join us. If you would like a shawl for someone in need, please call Connie at 508-755-5172

A DAY OF PRAYER— The 10th Annual 2000 Hail Mary's in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary will be held at St. John's in the lower church on Sunday, October 7. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the St. John's Food for the Poor. You may bring all clothing and non-perishable food items to the lower church when you come. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. The schedule is:

- 8 AM— Start of the Rosary
- 9 AM-5:30 PM— Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3 PM— Divine Mercy Chaplet (resume the Rosary immediately after)
- 5:30 PM— End of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALHAMBRA #88 will be hosting their 18th annual Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, October 6 at 11 AM at Elm Park. The walk benefits the mentally and physically ill children of Massachusetts. For more information please call 508-615-5129.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

St. John's— 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

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$11,636.81. We have also received:

Candles- \$252.00

Parking- \$35.00

Stipends- \$445.00

Donation- \$1270.00

Novena- \$831.00

Total- \$14,469.81 **Unrestricted-** \$14,469.81; **Restricted-** \$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$220 IMO Christopher Sebring; \$200 from a friend; \$980 IMO John Belanger; \$100 IMO Joe, Claire and Jack Healy; \$200 IMO Paul Dacri; \$90 from St. John's Prayer Group

Expenses— \$12,431.15

Schola (989.44) Elevator (440.00) Funerals (152.80) Administration (3584.89) Ascension Phone and Internet (142.29) State Payroll Taxes (1263.70) Federal Payroll Taxes (4298.48) CCD (70.73) Church Gas (19.00) Rectory Gas (62.70) Ascension Gas (19.00) Church Alarm (60.00) Postage Supplies (415.96) Preserve the Flame (564.00) Altar (313.43) Rectory Alarm (34.73)

Food for the Poor

Expenses- \$5937.62

YEAR TO DATE— In September, the first month of the Fiscal Year 2018/2019, we had a cash surplus of \$1713.25. Thank you for your generosity to St. John's

This weekend's second collection is the Annual Catholic Schools Appeal.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Francis Dube and Doug Eicholz who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Eli Voyer, Jaylianyce Rivera and Kaylee Marie Blain who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.”

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux