

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

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Donna Mastrovito
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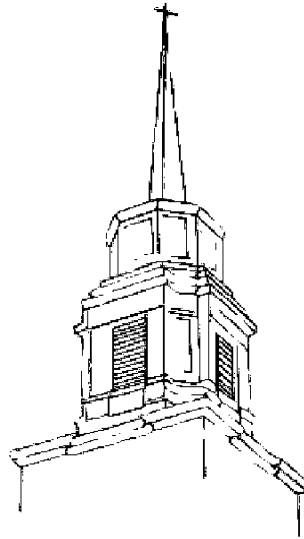
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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 7:7-11

Heb 4:12-13

Mk 10:17-30

Worship Hymnal #1191

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, October 13, 2018

4:15 PM **Dorothy Fresolo**, req. by Family; **Margaret Claire Sullivan**, req. by Mary O'Connor
7:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 14, 2018

8:00 AM **Eddie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Mr. and Mrs. A. Bucciaglia, Mr. and Mrs. C. DeLuca, Mr. and Mrs. S. DelleSemine**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Bernice Boucher and Mona Penny**, req. by Family, **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Irena Juodaitis
12:15 PM **Christopher Bosowski**, req. by Family, **Barbara Luca**, req. by family
7:15 PM **Dwight Young**, req. by Family; **Rose Pezzella**, req. by Family

Monday, October 15, 2018

6:15 PM **Josephine Skowronski (17th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

6:15 PM **Teresa Canizares and Jaime Meneses**, req. by Family; **Paul Campbell**, req. by Family

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

6:15 PM **Barbara Luca**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 18, 2018

6:15 PM **Patricia Dumphy**, req. by Family

Friday, October 19, 2018

6:15 PM **Anthony Miner**, req. by Wife Danute

Saturday, October 20, 2018

4:15 PM **Jack Keaney (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Dori Houston (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Shirley Nagelschmidt (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 21, 2018

8:00 AM **Jonathan Favreau (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **George Comptois**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Bill Abbruzzese**, req. by Family, **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by The Savickas Family
12:15 PM **Barbara Luca**, req. by Family; **Walter and Katharina Perduta**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Recently Pope Francis asked Catholics to pray daily for the protection of the Church from the devil. As we all know, this is a time of crisis for the Church with the sexual abuse cases along with abuses of power and the internal divisions within the Body of Christ. Following the Holy Father's lead, Bishop McManus has asked the parishes in the diocese offer the Prayer to St. Michael at each Mass. He suggested that we pray this powerful intercession after the Prayer after Communion and before the Blessing and Dismissal. Prayer Cards have been ordered which we will place in the pews. I hope that we can begin this practice as early as next weekend.

The Prayer to St. Michael was composed at the end of the nineteenth century by Pope Leo XIII. It was inspired by a vision that the Pontiff had while celebrating Mass. Those present at the Mass reported a change came over his face which was pale and fearful. This vision was of demonic spirits gathering to threaten the Church. After the Mass he quickly composed the prayer.

St. Michael the Archangel has always been known to be a powerful intercessor against evil, especially since he is recorded in the Book of Revelation as, "fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven" (Revelation 12:7-9). Based on this episode in scripture, St. Michael is frequently depicted in art thrusting a lance, spear or sword into Satan, who is often depicted as a serpent or dragon. Ever since Pope Leo XIII composed it, the St. Michael Prayer has continued to be a staple of Catholic prayer and is a prayer many recommend to anyone who needs to combat the presence of evil in their lives.

The Church is most definitely in need of prayer. So, too, is our nation and our world...and all of us. This has been true in every age, of course. In this present age of division, anxiety and fear the intercession of St. Michael and the entire Communion of Saints is most welcomed. Still, I think it is important that we pray in confidence. St. Paul assured us that, *where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more*. Furthermore, Jesus promised, *And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age*.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Si iniquitates observaveris Domine*, Ps. 130
(129): 3, 4

Op.: # 604 Praise the Lord! You Heavens, Adore Him!
Ps. 90, Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will
sing for joy!

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 778 For God Risk Everything

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

Comm.: *Aufer a me opprobrium et contemptum* Ps.
119 (118):22, 24

939 Gift of Finest Wheat

Cl.: # 602 Christ is the World's Light

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

October 16— Bible Study, 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.

RCIA—The first session of the RCIA will be held this 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 at 508-770-0110.

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@BeLikeBrit.org We hope to see you there!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6— This Sunday, October 14, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9— This Sunday, October 14, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)— This Sunday, October 14, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

PUMPKIN PAINTING for children will be held on Sunday, October 28th at 11:15 AM in the church hall. This is open to ALL children of St. John's. Just come downstairs after the 10:15 AM Mass to join us.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP- Tuesday, November 6th at 5:00 PM in the Church Hall. 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! 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. The group will meet the 1st Tuesday of each month. Have questions? Feel free to contact Jeanne Pellegrino, at 508-755-8605.

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.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS will once again be given out at St. John's. We will provide a basket to any family that lives within the church boundaries and has a zip code in the 01604 and 01610 (Vernon Hill) neighborhoods. Sign-ups for the baskets will be held **OVER THE PHONE ONLY** from Tuesday, October 30 - Friday, November 2, Tuesday, November 6-Friday, November 9 and Tuesday, November 13 - Friday, November 16 from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT WORCESTER RAILERS- Join the Worcester Railers for their opening night on Saturday, October 20 at 7 pm! The Diocese of Worcester and The Catholic Schools Office are offering an Opening Night Discount! All tickets are \$14 in the upper level mid-ice section and \$16 in the lower level mid-ice. A \$6 and \$11 savings per ticket! Don't forget to *Click on your school* so you are seated with your classmates! Orders after Oct. 5 have no guarantee of lower level seats or being placed with the group. Here is your chance to meet Boston Bruins Legend, Ray Bourque! If you are responsible for 50 purchased tickets, you will get 2 free tickets and a "meet and greet" for you and one other person to the Worcester Railers on Saturday, Nov. 3! Visit <https://railersh.com/worcesterdiocese>. For more information, contact Connor Haynes at conrh@railersh.com or 508-365-1752.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL will hold its annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 17 from 9 AM to 3 PM, 75 Mendon St. Features include, raffles and crafts for adults and children, wreaths, baked goods, food and drink, silent auctions and picture opportunities with Santa.

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 \$7043.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$2091.00	Restoration- \$270.00
Candles- \$200.00	Parking- \$215.00
Stipends- \$340.00	Donation- \$175.00

Total- \$10,334.16 **Unrestricted-** \$10,064.16; **Restricted-** \$270.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$20 IMO John Belanger; \$150 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$300 IMO Paul Dacry; \$25 IMO Donna Ferguson; \$25 IMO Robert Lucier, Jr.; \$500 from the 2000 Hail Mary's Event; \$125 IMO Jim McDonald; \$100 IMO Virginia Waitonis

Expenses- \$9381.26

Schola (989.44) Administration (5035.12) Altar (541.81) Free Press Ad (195.60) Plowing Contract (1666.66) Ascension Plowing Contract (416.66) Ascension Electric (449.38) House (86.59)

Food for the Poor

Expenses- \$4354.78

This weekend's second collection is the Special Offering for CCD.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of David Suprenant, John Benison, Philip Landry and Joseph Wyngowski who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Thomas William Duffy who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"Like the young man who asked Jesus what to do, few of us are prepared for Jesus' shocking invitation to go and sell all... When that loving look of Christ really sets eyes on our soul, we can expect, first, inner turmoil—for we too have many possessions. If we have the courage to stick it out in this loving gaze of God, our hearts will be branded with the Spirit of Life. In that Spirit of the living God we are set on fire with passion and compassion for and in the world. —Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers