

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

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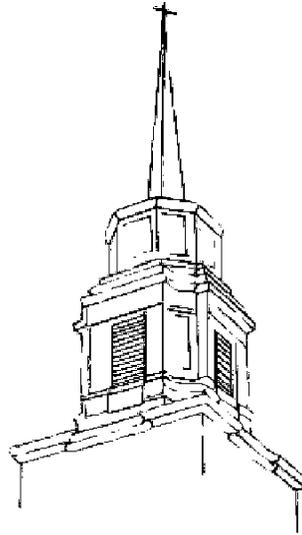
Donna Mastrovito
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

2 Kgs 5:14-17

2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19

Worship Hymnal #1192

Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
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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 visit the parish website
under the "Sacraments" tab

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office

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 12, 2019

4:15 PM **Dan Martel**, req. by Family; **John Trumpaitis (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Wife Kathy
7:15 PM **Henry, Anne and Thomas Donovan**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 13, 2019

8:00 AM **Eddie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Robert Foley**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Health and Intentions of Kathy Walsh**, req. by a Friend
12:15 PM **Walter J. Baldowski (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Wife
7:15 PM **Dwight Young**, req. by Family

Monday, October 14, 2019

6:15 PM **Rose Pezzella**, req. by Family

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

6:15 PM **Walter (35th Anniv.) and Kathleen (1st Anniv.) Gullivan**, req. by Family; **Josephine Skowronski**, req. by Family

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

6:15 PM **Rosalina Nacario**, req. by Piper Family

Thursday, October 17, 2019

6:15 PM **Barbara Luca (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Friday, October 18, 2019

6:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Harrington House

Saturday, October 19, 2019

4:15 PM **Dorothy Fresolo**, req. by Family; **John Bill Abbruzzese**, req. by Family; **Thanks to God for Blessings Received**, req. by Le Family
7:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 20, 2019

8:00 AM **Christopher and Patrick Johnson**, req. by Family; **Jonathan Favreau (12th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Alphonse and Cecelia Bender, Roland Thibeault**, req. by Family; **Katharina Perduta (11th Anniv.) and Catherine McGurl (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Burke, Crawford, Miller, Moran, Pepin and Tringuk Families**, req. by Family; **Barbara Luca (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dan Walsh**, req. by Dave Young; **Jim McDonald**, 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 of Jesus' encounter with the ten lepers is the classic thanksgiving text. Indeed, it is the Gospel passage for the Mass on Thanksgiving Day. Which is why it must have reminded me to announce that the annual parish missionary trip to Brit's Home and St. Francois Parish in Grand Goave, Haiti has been scheduled for July 19 – 25, 2020. Over the next couple of months, the parish Haitian Apostolate will be providing information regarding the trip. This will be directed both to those who are interested in making the trip and to those who are interested in supporting our pilgrims as well as the orphanage and the parish. If you are interested in going on the trip, feel free to contact me with any questions. It would be most helpful to visit belikebrit.org, as well.

January 12, 2020 will mark the 10th anniversary of the Haitian earthquake which took the life of Britney Gengel and over 300,000 other people. I cannot help but believe that this anniversary will be an opportunity for many to receive special graces. These graces will be available to all those who open their hearts to the Haitian people in any way. Of the many things which I have learned on my trips to that beautiful and terrible island, the vital force of gratitude is the most instructive.

On our trip in 2017, we helped to build a home for a husband and wife. During that week, the husband was working up in the mountains, so we did not meet him until the last day. The wife, though, was present each day. Along with a few of her neighbors, she helped and encouraged us throughout the week. She wore a t-shirt which read something along the lines of: "I saw it, I wanted it, I got it." I told her that I was sure the shirt had come from the United States! On the last day, when we were blessing and then turning over the key to her new home, she had changed. In place of the t-shirt was her best dress. Her hair had been styled meticulously. As you know, I am crier, but it wasn't only me that was moved by her gratitude. The truth be told, it is the Haitian workers hired by Be Like Brit who do most of the work. Plus, the "house" of which we speak is smaller than my office in the rectory. I could not help but realize that her gratitude was out of proportion to what she had received. I recognized, too, that this was an indictment of me. How much more grateful that I could be.

It is difficult to know how the Haitians carry on in the face of the tragedy and trauma that has dominated their history. It is, certainly, grace. Thankfully, it is a grace which they openly express and freely share.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Intro: *Si iniquitates observaveris Domine*, Ps. 130: 3,
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Op.: # 572 I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Ps. 98 "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving pow'r."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 798 For the Healing of the Nations

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

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

939 Gift of Finest Wheat

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

RCIA - Monday, October 21st is the first class of the inquiry phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Any one who is interested in receiving Baptism, the Eucharist or Confirmation is invited to attend. Please contact the rectory office if you have any questions.

DID YOU KNOW? Hope for Housing gift cards are a great way to help prevent homelessness - at no cost to you. Simply purchase a gift card (D&D, Grocery, Panera, CVS, etc) after Mass at St. John's. You keep the card, at full value, and the store donates a percentage to the Hope for Housing program, helping local at-risk families stay in their homes when money is tight. Sales of gift cards will resume in September, starting on the 7th/8th and continuing on the first and third weekends of each month at the Saturday 4:15 and Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 Masses For more info, see the church website or text Dan at 508-405-1615.

THE PARISH CHOIR IS BACK! We sing on Sundays at the 12:15 Mass, and rehearse on Wednesday nights right after the 6:15 Mass at 7:00 in the Choir loft. Come to Mass and then rehearsal! You don't even need to know how to read music to join! Just love singing, be able to carry a tune, and want to learn more about music and faith and how the two work together! We can always use more singers, come give it a try! We provide the other singers, the music and the rehearsal time and space, you just provide the voice and an eagerness for learning and praying in song with a group of fun people! Come talk to one of the musicians after one of the Masses to learn more, or contact Sean Redrow, Director of Music SPRedrow@aol.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6– Sunday, October 20, 9 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9– Sunday, October 20, 11:15 AM in the Church Hall

Confirmation– Sunday, October 20, 11:15 AM in the Xavier Center.

PUMPKIN PAINTING- Our annual Pumpkin Painting event will take place Sunday, October 20 in the church hall following the 10:15 AM Mass. This event is free and open to all children of the parish. Refreshments will be provided.

INTERNATIONAL POT LUCK SUPPER-The Social Committee will be holding an International Pot luck Supper on Saturday, October 26th after the 4:15 PM Mass at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Please sign up on the sheets at the back tables if you are bringing a dish to share or just attending.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS- The Social Committee will be selling a glass Christmas ornament which has St. John's Church on it. The ornaments will be sold for \$15.00 each. Supplies are limited, so get them early! The ornaments will be sold after the Saturday 4:15 PM and Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 AM, 12:15 PM Masses beginning the weekend of October 26th or by calling Judy 508-478-9813.

THE FILIPINO CHOIR will be at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, October 26, and will join the parish international potluck supper at the St. Francis Xavier Center after the Mass.

PRO-LIFE BALLOT INITIATIVE– This weekend volunteers from the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions will be collecting signatures on a petition to amend the state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. Please stop down in the church hall and sign this petition to help save the lives of unborn babies. If you want to get involved and do more to help the prolife movement please contact Joe Godek at jogopapa7@gmail.com or at 508-614-5971. Please visit stoptaxpayerabortion.org for more information.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held on Tuesday, October 22 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.

CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD AND SUPPORT

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT- Forms are available in the church or online at worcesterdiocese.org to order tickets or to make a donation to the 6th Annual "Celebrate Priesthood – Taste of the Diocese" to be held on Tuesday, October 22 beginning at 5:30 PM at the Atrium at St. Vincent Hospital. Join us for a Gala featuring a wide variety of food, wine, beer and soft drinks from leading restaurants and ethnic parishes. Our open reception format gives everyone a chance to mingle, visit with friends and priests who you may not have seen in years as well as give thanks for the gift of the priesthood in our lives. Can't attend? Donations gladly accepted and opportunities also available online for memorial gifts, sponsorships, advertising, and legacy gifts.

CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR THOSE

FIGHTING ADDICTIONS- Worcester Diocese Calix Society meeting takes place on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. (next one is October 19), with the potential for Mass and Adoration either before or after. The location is on the second floor of the Emmaus Center across from Sacred Heart Parish in Webster. Calix is a fellowship that provides Catholic support for those seeking freedom from the slavery of addiction, and for their families and friends who also suffer. A key mission of the Calix Society is to lead members back to the rich sacramental life of the Catholic Church, by "substituting the cup that stupefies with the one that sanctifies." For more information, contact Kyle at 508-887-2225, or via email at krichardmcd@gmail.com.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7433.17. We have also received:
Monthly- \$2336.00 Restoration- \$226.00
Candles- \$219.00 Parking- \$220.00
Stipends- \$745.00 Novena- \$246.00

Total- \$11,525.17. **Unrestricted-** \$11,299.17 **Restricted-** \$226.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$500 IMO Albert O'Donnell; \$25 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$1000 from a friend; \$50 IMO Daniel Joseph O'Leary; \$125 Imo Glennon Griffin; \$30 IMO William O'Neil; \$100 Imo Gail Final; \$150 IMO John Dowd; \$200 IMO Thomas Cullen; \$1380 IMO John Harvey; \$500 IHO Sr. Anne Marie

Expenses- \$32,447.55

Schola (1012.68) Altar (858.76) After School (62.91) Advertising (211.90) Admin (4907.64) Ascension Phone (152.16) Clergy Benefits (2014.00) State Payroll Taxes (1056.83) Rectory Smoke Detectors (1979.33) House (1457.90) Envelopes (713.95) Federal Payroll Taxes (2789.30) Church Lock Repair (491.40) Legacy of Hope (1000.00) Funerals (682.00) Ascension Electric (404.01) Marriage Prep (27.50) Postage (32.00) Sound System 1/3 (11,949.92) Copier (643.00)

Food for the Poor Expenses- \$4,422.58

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

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Diahann Carroll who has been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Benjamin Joseph Collier and Evangelina Rose Agbanyo who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"Belatedly I loved thee, O Beauty so ancient and so new, belatedly I loved thee. For see, thou wast within and I was without, and I sought thee out there... Thou didst call and cry aloud, and didst force open my deafness. Thou didst gleam and shine, and didst chase away my blindness. Thou didst breathe fragrant odors and I drew in my breath; and now I pant for thee. I tasted, and now I hunger and thirst. Thou didst touch me, and I burned for thy peace." –St. Augustine