

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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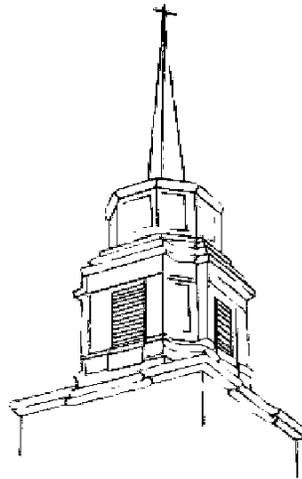
Donna Mastrovito
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**Director, After-School Program
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
Lucia Clemente Falco, Asst. Dir.



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

Holy Days

Vigil 6:15 p.m.
Holy Day 12:15, 6:15 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
stjohnsworc@gmail.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon.-Thurs.-6:45 pm
Saturday- 3 pm

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, July 4, 2020

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**

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

Sunday, July 5, 2020

8:00 AM **William Bresnahan**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Health and Intentions of John Malvarose**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Francis P. Luca**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Health and Intentions of all those affected by Covid-19**

Monday, July 6, 2020

6:15 PM **Marty Harrity**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

6:15 PM **Emmanuel Okrah**, req. by a Friend

Wednesday, July 8, 2020

6:15 PM **Rita Murphy**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Thursday, July 9, 2020

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

Friday, July 10, 2020

6:15 PM **Sr. Annette Zipple**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Saturday, July 11, 2020

4:15 PM **Eleanor Prevoski (6th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Sunday, July 12, 2020

8:00 AM **Elizabeth Spurr**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Joseph Zalieckas**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Joan M. (Sullivan) Hickey**, req. by Ursula Arellano and Eleanora Winston

7:15 PM **Dick Gauthier**, req. by Friends;

Robert N. Cote, Sr., req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

It is a great pleasure to announce that the long-time member of St. John's and newly ordained Deacon John LaRochelle will be with us for both the 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses next weekend. The 10:15 will be lived streamed (every week from here on out) so many of you will be able to see and hear him. Deacon John's summer assignment is at the Cathedral of St. Paul. We are grateful that he will be able to be home with us for next weekend.

This weekend we celebrate – such as we can during these days – the Fourth of July. One of the common refrains that we hear during this holiday is that “Freedom is not Free.” True enough. Still, what we have discovered more clearly during this horrific pandemic is that all of us must be willing to pay the price if any of us can be truly free. The words of the Bishop from the AME Church continue to ring in my ears. He said, “I do not wear this facemask for me, but for you. You do not wear your facemask for you, but for me.” In today's passage from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus prays to and praises the Father. Specifically, because the Father has hidden from the “wise and the learned” what has been revealed to “little ones.” It is only when we humbly recognize our need for God that we are able to respond to each other's needs.

When we arrive at that humble place, we can experience the Lord's “yoke” as easy. In their book “The Gospel of Matthew,” Curtis Mitch and Edward Sri offer insight into the “yoke of Jesus” that we hear of in this familiar passage:

In biblical and Jewish tradition, a yoke is often a metaphor for religious instruction, in some cases the yoke represents the commandments of the Torah that define what it means to live in a covenant relationship with the Lord. In others, it represents the counsel of divine Wisdom that guides men and women toward pious and prosperous living.

Jesus probably had both traditions in mind when he spoke of “my yoke.” On the one hand, his teaching is the messianic Torah, for it brings to perfection the deepest intentions of the Mosaic law. On the other hand, Jesus conveys new wisdom that finds expression and vindication in his messianic works...

The implications of this is clear: Jesus himself is the living embodiment of a new Torah for the people of God and the incarnation of divine Wisdom for all who seek spiritual refreshment and rest. (p. 161)

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Introit: *Suscepimus, Deus*, Ps 48: 10, 11
(We have seen your mercy, O God, in the midst of
your temple...)

Op.: # 707 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Ps 145, "I will praise your name forever, my king and my
God."

Prep.: # 717 Come to Me, O Weary Traveler
Comm.: *Gustate et videte*, Ps 34: 9
(Taste and See the goodness of the Lord...)
Cl.: # 801 Lift Every Voice and Sing

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Zec 9:9-10

Rom 8:9, 11-13

Mt 11:25-30

LIVE STREAMING- Sunday Masses will be live-streamed according the following schedule on the parish Facebook Page:

Saturday Vigil: Live-streamed @ 4:15 PM

Sunday Mass: Live-streamed @ 10:15 AM or 12:15 PM

PARTNERS IN CHARITY has received gifts and donations in the amount of \$61,040. The parish goal is \$76,600 so we are on our way to the goal. Thank you, especially in these uncertain times, for your generosity to this important Annual Appeal of the Diocese.

THE CLOTHING ROOM at the Ascension Campus will be re-opening this Tuesday, July 7 We will resume taking clothing donations at this time. Anyone coming into the clothing center will be required to wear a mask or face covering.

JOIN OUR GENERAL FLOCKNOTE GROUP- We encourage you to stay connected through Flocknote during this challenging time and receive Father Madden's weekly messages and other important updates. We encourage you to use the commenting feature on Flocknote to share your thoughts, concerns, and prayers - so our community as a whole can provide support and prayers as needed.

NOT ON FLOCKNOTE? Simply fill out the short form on the parish website to connect to St. John's on Flocknote. You can choose which groups in the parish you would like to hear from.

THANK YOU to all the families, parishioners and members of St. John's for another wonderful year in Religious Education. More information will be forthcoming about re-opening in the fall and how we plan to proceed with classes. Have a great Summer!

PLASTIC BAG DONATIONS- Our Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry is in need of donations of plastic bags for our "to go" meals and various donations that are given out each day. Any and all donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at the St. Francis Xavier Center, the rectory, or left in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) NEW ENGLAND

a yearlong volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming (September to June) year. Volunteers give two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with non-profits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director Dave Hinch newengland@ivcusa.org, or check out the IVC New England website @ www.ivcusa.org/new-england.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER -

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Let God amplify the love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are September 12-13, 2020 in Medway, MA and Oct 16-18, 2020 in TBD, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET -

If you do not have Facebook and cannot stream the Mass here at St. John's, tune in on Monday through Friday on Charter TV3 on channel 193 at 9 AM for the local Daily Mass on cable celebrated by various priests from around our diocese. Also airs at 4:30 pm in Shrewsbury on Ch. 28, and 5 pm in Clinton area on Ch. 8.

In Our Catholic Community...

SUMMER CHANCERY HOURS- Although the chancery is not yet open to the public, employees have been working in various departments throughout the crisis, both in office and at home. Beginning this Friday, June 19 through August 21 we will be CLOSED on Fridays.

DRIVE THRU POLISH DINNER SALE-

On Saturday, July 11 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., St. Andrew Bobola Parish, Main St., Dudley will be holding a drive thru sale of Polish Dinners. This will take place in the church parking lot. Food will be packaged for take out, but several tables will be set up outside for people to eat on site, appropriately social distanced, should they choose. Price will be \$15 per “Plate” which will include Kielbasa, Kapusta, a gołąbek (stuffed cabbage), and 2 homemade pierogi (one cheese, one cabbage). Please swing by to pick up some fresh Polish food.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL

MISCONDUCT- If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Joseph Bugel, Carl Reiner and Curtis Wolfe who have been born into eternal life.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5362.56. We have also received:

Monthly- \$185.00	Restoration- \$155.00
Stipends- \$945.00	Parking- \$35.00
Peter’s Pence- \$348.00	Donations- \$150.00

Total- \$7180.56 Unrestricted- \$6677.56 Restricted- \$503.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$383.40 from National Grid; \$50 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$15 from a friend; \$4511.10 from the Estate of Ruth Wallance; \$490 IMO Anna Naum; \$25 IMO Dorothy Foley; \$18 IHO Kathleen Sullivan Warnken; \$100 IHO Fr. John Gee’s retirement; \$200 IMO Jennifer Lamby; \$60 IMO Patrick and Christopher Johnson; \$500 IMO Carol Burke Doyle

Expenses– \$7008.68

Administration (2045.32) Altar (1238.51) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (625.85) Church Water Check (90.00) Stipends (875.00) Church Alarm (66.00) House (308.00) Postage (67.71) Peter’s Pence (348.00) Legal Fees (171.00) Preserve the Flame (388.00) Ascension Fire Alarm (117.13) Copier (668.16)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$7697.50
Expenses- \$4665.31

This weekends second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

YEAR TO DATE-In June, we had a cash gain of \$21,535.41. This brings our cash gain through ten months of FY 2019/2020 to \$92,636.88. This is remarkable!

Thank you for your generosity to St. John’s. Remember that we have received a bequest in the amount of \$300,000 as well.

Word of Life

“There is nothing that we can do but love, and dear God— please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as well as our friend.”

–Dorothy Day