

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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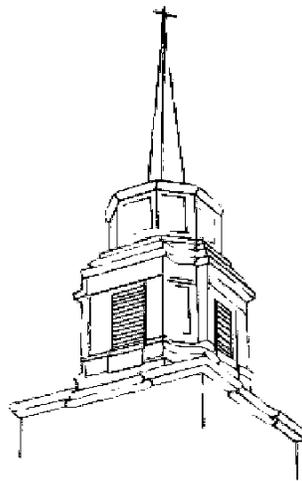
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

Saturday- 3 pm
Monday – Wednesday
After the 6:15 p.m. Mass

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
Fourth Monday of the Month

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 2, 2021

4:15PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Stasia, Anthony and Vincent Savage**, req. by Family

7:15PM **John Sofrin**, req. by Friends

Sunday, October 3, 2021

8AM **Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Gervais Larochelle**, req. by Family

10:15AM **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family;

Katherine McGurl, req. by Family

12:15PM **Walter J. Baldowski (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Linda Richardson**, req. by Family

Monday, October 4, 2021

6:15PM **Warren Washington**, req. by Sisters of Mercy

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

6:15PM **Nancy Masterson**, req. by a Friend

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

6:15PM **Erwin Graves**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 7, 2021

6:15PM **Fr. Joe Coonan (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Denise Boucher Garofoli and Family; **Gervais Larochelle and David Sheehy**, req. by Family

Friday, October 8, 2021

6:15PM **Patrick Foley**, req. by Paula Consalvo

Saturday, October 9, 2021

4:15PM **Eleanor Prevoski (7th Anniv.)**, req. by David and Joann Gaughan; **Cheryl D'Andrea**, req. by Jean Navin

7:15PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Friends

Sunday, October 10, 2021

8AM **Carol Santa Maria**, req. by Family; **Dorothy Parente**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson

10:15AM **Patrick Foley**, req. by Carolyn Chirco;

Olga Kersis, req. by Rita Kapurch

12:15PM **Bob Burke (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Peter Perduta**, req. by Family

7:15PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Dwight Young**, req. by David Young

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

This message should rightly begin, "As I have said before." The truth is that, by this time in our relationship, I have already said everything I know or have thought. Since it would be redundant to acknowledge every time that I am repeating myself, let's just presume that I am. So...

One of my favorite aspects of the Old Testament is how God (YHWH) is sometimes presented as learning on the job. The obvious truth is that it is the people who learn about God and not the other way around. Still, this literary style speaks to an intimacy that must be present in their relationship for the Biblical authors to write in the way they do. Interestingly, today's first reading presents the first thing that God "learns."

As you know, the Old Testament begins, with the Book of Genesis and the Story of Creation. Out of nothing and only through divine love, this glorious creation came to be. We are told that *God looked at everything he had made and found it very good*. But, evidently, not perfect. For soon we hear the first lesson God learns, *it is not good for the man to be alone*. Not surprisingly, God learns well: *This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh*.

The Little Rock Catholic Study Bible reflects, *the man recognizes an affinity with the woman God brought him*. Unlike the animals who were made from the ground, she is made from his very self. This is a lesson which has taken us humans a long time to learn. Indeed, we are continuing to learn about the close relationship God created between man and woman, not a hierarchical union, but as partners, supporting and nurturing each other.

It is clear to us all, I am sure, that this lesson needs to be learned more deeply and practiced more readily in our time. This is true for all our relationships and not only in marriage. In this age of division and alienation, expanding our vision to see that we are all made of the same stuff is critical to achieving the true community God has intended for us.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS— We will be starting the inquiry phase of our RCIA program on Monday, November 1—the Feast of All Saints seems a providential day to begin. If you or anyone you know is interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist, please contact the rectory.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: In voluntate tua, Esther 13: 9, 10, 11 ("All things are submitted to your will, O Lord, and no one can resist your decisions; you have made all things, heaven and earth, and all that is contained under the vault of the sky; you are the master of the universe.")

Op.: # 642 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Ps 128, "May the Lord bless and protect us all the days of our life."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 712 The King of Love, My Shepherd Is
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: In salutari tuo, Ps 119 (My soul aspires after your salvation; I hope in your word; when will you judge those who persecute me? The wicked are persecuting me; come to my assistance, O Lord my God.)

694 Ubi Caritas

Cl.: # 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

SUNDAY'S READINGS - #1188 IN THE HYMNAL

Gn 2:18-24

Psalm 128

Heb 2:9-11

Mk 10:2-16

LIVE STREAMING MASSES will continue on the Parish Facebook Page according to the following schedule:

Weeknights at 6:15 p.m.

Saturday Vigil at 4:15 PM

Sunday Mass at 10:15 AM and 7:15 PM

HOLY COMMUNION will be distributed at 11:30 AM on Sunday morning. Please enter off of Harding Street and proceed behind the rectory and church to the communion station.

2000 HAIL MARY'S- On Thursday, October 7 (Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary), join us virtually in praying 2000 Hail Mary's through the recitation of all the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Because of the pandemic we will be praying the rosary at home instead of in church. You can join at any time of the day from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. We will do this in thanksgiving for graces we received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary during this difficult time and for her protection from Covid-19 through the power of the Holy Rosary. Please visit the parish website to sign-up.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6— Sunday, October 3, 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9 Sunday, October 3, 11:15 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation- class starts Tuesday, October 5, at 6:15 PM in the chapel. Please register ASAP. Parents are required to attend the first class with your child.

Masks are required by all during class.

ST. JOHN'S CHOIR- Our first Sunday back will be October 17 with the first rehearsal on Wednesday, October 20 at 7. We'll meet first at our usual 12:15 Mass on the 17th and sing along with the congregational Hymns and Mass music and then have a brief meeting afterwards for more information, to answer questions, etc. We require that everyone be fully vaccinated and masked at all times in the Choir loft until further notice.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday October 13th at 9:30-11:am. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Bring a friend. Any questions call Connie at 774-262-2512.

WATCH THE BULLETIN AND YOUR FOLCKNOTES FOR MORE ON

FORMED.ORG—Fellow parishioners of St John's signed up for Formed.org since last week and now have free, unlimited, no cost to you access to a wealth of information for everyone about our Catholic Faith. All you need to sign up to benefit from all this valuable and insightful information is an active email address. To use your smart phone for access, go to your favorite App Store, search for Formed.org and download the app. Then follow the simple steps and you are in. For those using other devices the simple steps are as follows: Go to Formed.org/signup, Enter 01604 select St John's parish, then enter your name and email address and you're in. No other passwords needed. In next week's bulletin there will be more details presented in the weekly bulletin column, written by Deacon Ed, our program admin and a Flocknote with several examples of available resources highlighted.

In Our Catholic Community...

EIGHTH ANNUAL CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD - TASTE OF THE DIOCESE GALA

- For the past seven years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called "Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese" as a benefit for Retired Priest's Care. We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics.

On Thursday, October 28, 2021 we are planning an in-person Taste of the Diocese event preceded by live presentations to be streamed online for those who cannot gather with us in person. We are excited to announce a new venue for this year! Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School will host our tasting event in the newly refurbished Gymnasium and the live Presentations will be Streamed on the internet from the Burke Auditorium. Attendees can attend both events or simply drop in at any time for the tasting in the Gymnasium. To make a donation, buy tickets for Taste of the Diocese, or to get more information to place an advertisement, visit worcesterdiocese.org or call Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

- On Friday, Oct. 8 from 7 - 8 pm a holy hour to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us to pray for our priests. Repeats every second Friday of the month

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.

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$7422.16. We also received:

Monthly- \$338.00	Restoration- \$55.00
Parking- \$200.00	Stipends- \$390.00
Day's Pay- \$605.00	Candles- \$649.00
Catholic Schools- \$461.00	

Total- \$10,120.16 Unrestricted- \$9604.16 Restricted- \$516.00

Expenses- \$24,044.13

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FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS- \$100 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$70.02 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$1000 in Thanksgiving to St. Anthony; \$825 IHO The Carroll Wedding; \$25 IMO Latanya Spencer; \$130 IMO Patrick and Christopher Johnson; \$200 IMO John Sillup

FFTP Income- \$3016.03 Expenses- \$11,954.03

This weekend's Second Collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Olga Kersis, Richard Atkins, Nancy Masterson and Donald Cox who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Thomas Brian Henrickson and Ashton James Lizotte who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE

"Perhaps we do not know what love is, nor does this greatly surprise me. Love does not consist in great sweetness of devotion, but in a fervent determination to strive to please God in all things, in avoiding, as far as possible, all that would offend Him, and in praying for the increase of the glory and honor of His Son and for the growth of the Catholic Church."

St. Teresa of Avila