

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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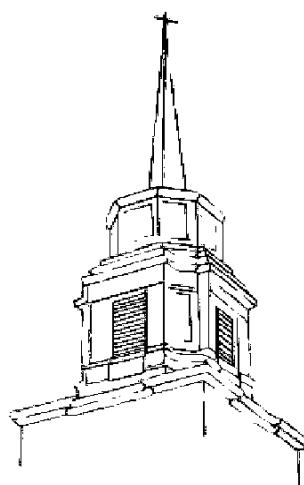
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Donna Mastrovito
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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
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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 8, 2022

4:15 PM **Helen May**, req. by Family; **Judette Florestal**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, October 9, 2022

8 AM **Mary Jane (25th Anniv.) and Anthony (25th Anniv.) Dattis**, req. by Family

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

For the Blessed Souls in Purgatory

12:15 PM **Msgr. Edmond Tinsley**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Rev. Joseph A. Coonan (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Denise Boucher Garofoli and Family;

Joshua Kozaczka, req. by Family

Monday, October 10, 2022

6:15 PM **Michael Dalton**, req. by Lynda Bombard

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

6:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by a Friend

Thursday, October 13, 2022

6:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

Friday, October 14, 2022

6:15 PM **Rose Pezzella**, req. by Frank Carroll

Saturday, October 15, 2022

4:15 PM **Dorothy and Ronald Fresolo**, req. by Family; **Walter and Kathleen Gallivan**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Josephine Skowronski (20th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 16, 2022

8 AM **Jonathan Favreau**, req. by Parents

10:15 AM **Dori Houston (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Anthony Miner**, req. by Daughter Danute

12:15 PM **Walter and Kathleen Gallivan**, req. by Family; **Cathy Morrissey**, req. by Family

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

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

First of all, many of you have noticed and commented on the work that has been done on our grounds here on Temple Street. Thank you. As the neighborhood is being built up, we wanted to make sure that St. John's keeps pace. Our contribution, of course, must include not only a beautifying but a sanctifying presence, as well. You will notice that Friday was a big day in this regard. A statue of our patron, John was placed in the Pollination Garden adjacent to the railroad wall. A statue of the Pieta was placed in the shrine area next to the church, behind the rectory. I am most pleased about it. I love them both. Those who have been a part of St. John's for many, many years know that the shrine area was originally established by the Vietnamese community and featured St. Andrew Dung- Lac. They took the statue with them to their home at Our Lady of Vilna. Still, St. John's was gifted with the statue of Our Lady of La Vang that is in the church vestibule. The Pieta allows us to not only maintain a Marian presence, but an additional reminder of her fidelity even in the face of persecution and death, as well. There is more work planned to complete the shrines, including a mural which will feature quotes from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si*, subtitled "*on care for our common home*." All of this work is being financed by the Legacy of Hope campaign. Thank you for the beauty and sanctity of your generosity to St. John's.

Secondly, news reports have made it clear that relief assistance is greatly needed for those parts of the Caribbean and Florida that were impacted directly by Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services are on site assisting families with essential needs and are relying on Disaster Relief Funding through the USCCB. We would like to take up a special collection next weekend. The Diocese will arrange for timely transfer of collected funds through the USCCB to appropriate relief efforts. Further, please know that the Diocese has placed a Hurricane Relief Donation page on the website, <https://worcesterdioecese.org/hurricane-relief>, if you would like to make a credit card donation.

Today's readings focus on what is one of the most critical attributes necessary for Christian discipleship – gratitude. In this valley of tears, it is also one of the most challenging attributes to attain and maintain. This week, I have pondered whether the Mary we have placed in our new shrine feels gratitude. A print of Massimo Stanzione's *Pieta* has the dominant place in my office. It is powerful. Neither he nor Michelangelo suggest even a hint of gratitude. How could she possibly be grateful in that moment? Because she is full of grace? Perhaps, but our best chance is more in keeping with the Samaritan leper of today's Gospel story. He went back to Jesus. Often enough, we can only feel gratitude if we go back to the Lord. So, let's get going.

*The root of joy is gratefulness.
It is not joy that makes us grateful;
it is gratitude that makes us joyful.*
(Bro. David Seindl-Rast)

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Si iniquitates, Ps 130: 3, 4 (O Lord, if you were to take into account our iniquities, who would withstand the test? But forgiveness abides with you, O God of Israel.)*

Op.: # 798 For the Healing of the Nations

Ps 98, "The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving pow'r." # 1192
Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 975 Banned and Banished by Their Neighbors
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: *Aufer a me, Ps 119: 22, 24 (Remove from me all scorn and contempt, for I have kept your commandments; for your law is the object of my meditations.)*

857 For the Fruits of All Creation

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

READINGS ARE AT #1192 IN THE HYMNAL

2 Kgs 5:14-17

2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19

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

Weeknights at 6:15 p.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:15 p.m.

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.

SEAN REDROW, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC is featured in the Catholic Free Press this week. It is a wonderful and well-deserved article. In order to provide people with a chance to thank Sean for his more than thirty years of service to St. John's, we are having receptions after both the 12:15 and 7:15 p.m. Masses on Sunday, October 30. They will be in the St. Francis Xavier Center. All are welcome.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS is always an important part of every liturgical year. We will begin this year's process in October. Any adult who is interested in receiving any of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist – can register by emailing or calling the main office. The starting date and schedule will be available shortly. Please call or email Fr Madden if you have any questions.

VOCATION REFLECTION – 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" How will you respond in gratitude to the mercy the Lord has shown you? Consider giving thanks as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.

PONDER: CONTEMPLATIVE BIBLE STUDY YEAR A by our own Mahri Leonard Fleckman is available. As you know, the book is based on our parish Bible Study. Mahri has gifted us with several free copies. Please call or email the rectory to reserve a copy.

FORMED.ORG – Simple steps to sign up: On any device - Go to Formed.org/signup, Enter 01604, select St John's parish, then enter your name and email address and you're in. There's content for everyone.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- Registration is open for grades 1-9, Confirmation, and First Reconciliation/First Eucharist. The updated calendar is posted on the parish website. All positions are filled but we can always use volunteers. Please contact Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com if you are interested. If you want to do Home Study for Religious Ed, register your child(ren) as usual but email Dianne that you want the home study and she will send you the info for the digital form of the Weeklies.

CONFIRMATION—Next class will be held October 20 from 6:15-8 PM. Class is held in the chapel and church hall and includes Mass. Please contact Dianne with any questions.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS—On Friday, October 14 from 7 - 8 pm a holy hour to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. The holy hour consists of time for silent adoration, a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us to pray for our priests. Repeats every second Friday of the month.

ST. FRANCIS ADULT DAY HEALTH OPEN HOUSE will be held on Thurs., Oct 13 from 4—6 p.m. at 37 Thorne Street. Observe a live presentation of their OmniVR which helps enhance participant involvement and motivation. Tour the Sensory Room and participate in the Dementia Live experience for a deeper understanding of what it is like to live with cognitive impairment. RSVP to 978-891-2707.

In Our Catholic Community...

OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING – will be celebrated on Monday, October 24 . After the 6:15 PM Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those seeking God's healing and merciful grace.

LITHUANIAN FOLK DANCE EVENT- There will be a performance of Boston's Samburis Lithuanian Folk Dance Group at Maironis Park on Sunday October 23, 2022 located at 52 South Quinsigamond Ave in Shrewsbury. The performance begins at 1:00 PM and will be followed by a late lunch. Samburis is the oldest Lithuanian Dance group. It is a rare opportunity to be able to see them dance in our area. They have just returned from performing at the Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival in Philadelphia, PA Tickets are \$25 and reservations can be made by contacting Romas Juozelskis at: 978-509-2468 or via email at maironis.manager@gmail.com

NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS PARISH NOVENA - Fr. Frederick D. Fraini, III will begin a Novena to the patrons of our parish on Sunday, October 9 at 7 pm and it concludes on Wednesday, October 19 at 6 pm with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus. Other guest speakers include: Fr. James Boland October 10; Fr. Jonathan Slavinskas October 11; Fr. Nicholas Desimone October 12; Msgr. Francis Scollen October 13; Fr. John Gavin, SJ October 14; Fr. Donato Infante October 17; Fr. John Madden October 18. For complete details on the speakers and saints, visit <https://namartyrsauburn.org/novena-to-our-parish-patrons>. North American Martyrs is located at 8 Wyoma Drive, Auburn.

ANNUAL HARVEST BAZAAR IN WORCESTER- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish will hold its Annual Harvest Bazaar on Saturday, October 29 from 9 am - 3 pm at 37 Massasoit Rd. in Worcester. Come and enjoy great Italian food, fried dough, and Italian cookies as you shop for Christmas items, a handbag, scarf or jewelry. Some vendors will also be there. Take a chance on the basket raffle or the CASH raffle of \$1000, \$500 or \$250.

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$7354.00 We also received:

Monthly- \$1481.00
Stipends- \$800.00

Restoration- \$160.00

Total- \$9795.00 Unrestricted- \$9795.00 Restricted- \$0.00

Expenses- 19,596.76

Schola (914.44) Funerals (305.60) Be Like Brit Sponsorship (6000.00) Clergy Benefit Plan (1132.00) Administration (5926.24) House (270.42) Plowing Contract (3200.00) Altar (1473.06) Advertising (300.00)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS: \$250 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$30 from a friend; \$1,000 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$100 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$1,000 IMO Rev. Jim Hoey; \$1,000 IHO Father John Madden; \$50 IMO Claire Grisson; \$100 IMO Pepper Moran; \$1,000 IMO Jean Largess; \$50 IHO Charles and Linda Oroszko's Wedding Anniversary; \$500 IMO Tom Lawler

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$6810.00

Expenses- \$7482.34

This weekend's second collection is the Special Offering for CCD. Thank you for your generosity to St. John's.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Loretta Webb, Harriet Bomba and Julie Ann Lavallie who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Josephine Rose Donahue and Zoey Rae Duca who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather we must be simple, humble and pure. We should never desire to be over others. Instead, we ought to be servants who are submissive to every human being for God's sake. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do his work.

St. Francis of Assisi