

"To Preserve The Flame"

SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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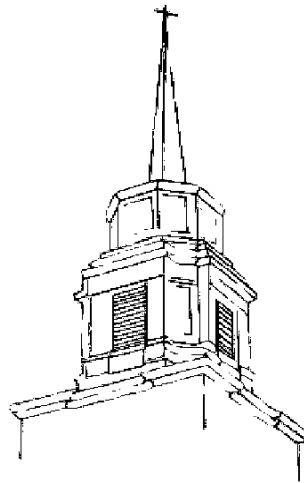
Edward Lally, Director
Lucia Clemente Falco, Asst.

Sacristan

Dolores Vito

Director of St. FX Center And Facilities Manager

Tim Dunn



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 and Sacrament of Confirmation for adults (18+)

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, April 8, 2023– HOLY SATURDAY

7:30 PM THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, April 9, 2023– EASTER SUNDAY

8 AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

10:15 AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

12:15 PM THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

7:15 PM THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

Monday, April 10, 2023

6:15 PM Sirkka Duggan, req. by Family

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

6:15 PM Mary Lizotte (12th Anniv.), req. by Karen

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

6:15 PM Elsa Veloso, req. by Norma

Thursday, April 13, 2023

6:15 PM Michael Lewis and Rose Pezzella, req. by Family

Friday, April 14, 2023

6:15 PM Dennis Cashman, req. by Family

Saturday, April 15, 2023

4:15 PM Esther and Salvatore Ciambrone, req. by Family; Andrew Stanikmas, req. Peter Wood

7:15 PM Joe Hickey, req. by Family

Sunday, April 16, 2023

8 AM Anna, Bill and George Leseman, req. by Barbara Thompson; Jim Lyons (13th Anniv.), req. by his Wife

10:15 AM Deceased Members of the LAOH/AOH; John Lynch (1st Anniv.), req. by Friends

12:15 PM Blanca Ortega, req. by Friends;

Veronica Maedler (50th Anniv.), req. by Family

7:15 PM Joshua and Sophia Kozaczka, req. by Family

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

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Christ my hope has arisen...” – Easter Sequence

“You know what has happened all over Judea ...” (Acts 10:37). Saint Peter’s words in the Acts of the Apostles introduce a compact account of Jesus’ public ministry. For three years Jesus’ preaching, healings, and good works fulfilled the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament. His works of love and words of truth led to the dramatic events of Holy Week which the Easter sequence describes as death and life contending in that “battle stupendous.” On Good Friday it seemed as if sin, death and evil had triumphed. But when all seemed lost, Easter came. Christ rose. Today, the sequence joyfully announces, “The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.”

The joy of that announcement should sound in our souls and resonate in our hearts. Christ’s resurrection shows that, in the end, good triumphs over evil, mercy overcomes sin, and life - eternal life - follows death. In a world weary from conflict, war, indifference, uncertainty and grief, the Easter message of hope is timely and needed.

Easter is not just an end to Lent, a day of feasting, and a break from life. Easter is an elevation of life. Christ’s resurrection should be the lens through which we grasp life’s true meaning and our ultimate goal. It is the perspective which enables us to keep life’s disappointments, tragedies and discouragements in proper perspective. Our faith and God’s grace don’t exempt us from our trials in life. They equip us to live Christ’s Gospel on earth and to share His victory in Heaven.

Today, and every day, we should rejoice in the resurrection and give thanks to God for His mercy and love. We should be resolved, as Saint Paul says, to “seek that which is above” (Col 3:1). May the joy of Easter give you hope, may it guide your life and elevate your vision. Jesus Christ has risen and He promises His faithful followers, “whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live” (John 11:25). With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *I have risen; and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand on me: You hold me fast,
alleluia. Your knowledge has been proven most won-
derful for Me, alleluia*

Op.: #516 Jesus Christ is Risen Today
Ps 118 "This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-
joice and be glad"

Gospel Acclamation: Christ our paschal lamb has
been sacrificed; let us feast with joy in the Lord

Prep.: #511 The Strife is O'er

Eucharistic Accs.: # 365, 366, 367

Cl.: #526 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

SUNDAY'S READINGS #1079 IN THE HYMNAL

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Psalm 118

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

LIVE STREAMING MASSES can now be ac-
cessed through our parish website, stjohnsworces-
ter.org, 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

PARTNERS IN CHARITY – Our parish goal is
\$76,600 again this year. To date, we have received
gifts and pledges totaling \$36,240.00. Thank you to
those who have donated already. Envelopes are avail-
able throughout the church to make a donation or to
make an online donation please visit the Partners in
Charity website www.partners-charity.net.

VOCATION REFLECTION: EASTER SUNDAY

–Christ indeed from death is risen..." Through our
baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world.
Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests,
brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting
you to such a vocation, contact the Vocation Office at
(508)-630-4473 or

email: dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.

THE MSGR. GRIFFIN SCHOLARSHIP is availa-
ble to a parishioner of St. John's who will be attend-
ing the College of the Holy Cross. Please contact Fr.
Madden if you are interested in applying for this
scholarship.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6– Sunday, April 16, 9-10 AM in the Church
Hall

Grades 7-9– Sunday, April 16, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM in
the Church Hall.

CONFIRMATION– Next class will be held April 11 at 7
PM in the main church.

**CLASSES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND
FIRST EUCHARIST** will continue next weekend at 9
AM in the Xavier Center.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR FORMED.ORG.

AND DAILY REFLECTIONS ? Using your browser
from 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. No other passwords needed. To
receive Daily Advent Reflections in your email, once you
have access to the Formed.org platform, using your
browser, type in daily.formed.org. The sign up page will
pop up and prompt you to fill in your email address.
Then it will acknowledge receipt of your sign up. If you
haven't as of yet, please take advantage of our parish's
gift to you.

THE ST. RAFQA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will be meeting on Wednesday April 12 in the downstairs
chapel from 9:30 - 11:00 AM. All knitters and crocheters
are welcome! Bring a friend! Any questions, please call
Connie at 774-262-2512.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IN LEICESTER

– All are welcome on Sunday, April 16, 2:00- 3:00 pm at Saint
Aloysius-Saint Jude Parish, 489 Pleasant St., Leicester
for Divine Mercy Sunday observance. Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament; Homily; Chaplet of the Divine Mer-
cy; Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Benedic-
tion.

OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING

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

In Our Catholic Community...

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY - The St. John's will be offering an adult faith formation opportunity focused on the Eucharist and its importance to us and our faith. The program consists of four sessions every other week meeting in the rectory according to the following schedule. Group one: Tuesdays at 4:30 PM on April 11 and April 25 or Group two: Thursdays at 7:00 PM on April 13, April 27. Each session will include a 45 minute media presentation from the Augustine Institute, the organization that offers Formed to parishes such as ours, followed by opportunity for sharing and discussion. For more information please contact Deacon Ed at his email: deacon.ed.02@gmail.com

2023 VISITATION HOUSE ANNUAL DINNER - We are excited to announce that Visitation House is hosting its Annual Fundraising Dinner on Thursday, April 27 from 5:30 - 9:00 pm at the Tsotsis Ballroom at Assumption University in Worcester. This event presents an opportunity for us to gather once again to raise funds to support homeless pregnant women in need of a safe harbor while preparing for childbirth and transitioning into motherhood. \$100 per person. Tables for 10 at \$1,000. Beer and Wine Cash Bar, Seated Dinner, Visitation House Presentation; keynote by Kailee Perrin, Silent Auction. For more information, visit our website visitationhouse.org/annual-dinner-2023.

LEARN ABOUT BECOMING A DEACON - The Office of the Diaconate is accepting applications from married and single men between the ages of 31 and 60 for this fall's beginning formation process. Applications will be accepted through May 1, with classes to begin in September. Inquiry sessions will be held on request with those who are interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. To schedule a session, email your request to diaconate@worcesterdiocese.org, or submit an inquiry form at worcesterdiocese.org/diaconate-inquiry.

ADOPT-A-STUDENT RECOGNITION NIGHT FUND-RAISER - On Tuesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm you are invited to join Bishop McManus and the Adopt-a-Student Committee at a reception at Saint Paul Jr/Sr High School in Worcester to recognize student scholars and raise needed funds to expand scholarship opportunities to Central Catholic Schools. Consider supporting this critical education program with a Sponsorship, program book advertisement, donation and/or by purchasing tickets. Visit www.adopt-a-student.net/ to learn more and to use the online form.

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$8266.50. We also received:

Monthly- \$3026.00	Restoration-\$561.00
Flowers- \$1311.00	Stipends- \$990.00

Total- \$14,154.50 Unrestricted- \$13,593.50 Restricted- \$561.00

Expenses-\$17,299.87

Schola (1069.60) Altar (1179.30) Fire Extinguisher Service (444.00) House (380.00) Administration (3089.01) Funerals (482.00) Church Repairs (513.01) Diocesan Budget Bill (8632.00) Confirmation (323.00) Copier (950.00) Office (237.95)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS: \$150

IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$174.91 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 IMO Stanley Zytewicz; \$5000 from the Spillane Charitable Foundation; \$455 in memory of Thomas Kelley; \$345 IMO Thomas La-Marche; \$100 IMO Jean Sullivan; \$25 IMO Lynne Sullivan

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$8318.91
Expenses- \$10,804.61

This weekend's second collection is the Easter Offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Deacon Gerald Montiverdi and Robert "Butch" Miller who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Alina Altagracia Gonzalez who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

"Then the angel said to the women in reply, 'Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.'"

Matthew 28:5-6