

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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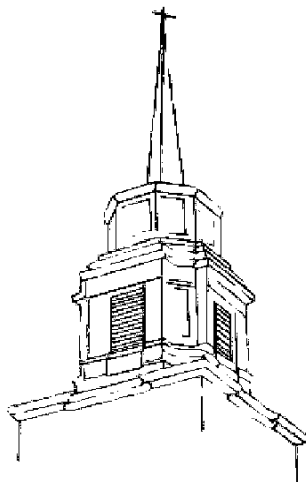
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And Facilities Manager**

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
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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 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 22, 2023

4:15 PM **Bernadette Boucher (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **John Strzelewicz**, req. Family
7:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Family

Sunday, April 23, 2023

8 AM **Zachary Covello**, req. by Family; **Joann Brosnan**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Paola Cordova and Susana Patino**, req. by Family; **Earnest and Jeanette Brackett**, req. by Children
12:15 PM **Lolita M. Catalan**, req. by Family; **Catherine McGurl**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joshua and Sophia Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Walter Grzesik**, req. by Friends

Monday, April 24, 2023

6:15 PM **Marguerite Conlin**, req. by Frank and Carole Carroll

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6:15 PM **Judy Anders Boyle (18th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

6:15 PM **Stanley Baronowski and Toni Casarano**, req. by Family

Thursday, April 27, 2023

6:15 PM **Pauline Garbis**, req. by her Son; **Marilyn Early**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Friday, April 28, 2023

6:15 PM **Ramona LeBeau**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Saturday, April 29, 2023

4:15 PM **Thomas LaMarche**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Sunday, April 30, 2023

8 AM **Raquel Foley**, req. by John Foley; **Sr. Mary Barry**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Eugene Cox**, req. by Friends
12:15 PM **Alejandro "AJ" Lorente**, 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.**

Dear Friends in the Lord,

At the 10:15 Mass this Sunday, the following twenty-one young people will receive First Holy Communion:

Luca Angiulo, Lila Caldwell, Keira Dailey, Liam Gauvin, Micah Gauvin, Brianna Grant, Deignan Malek, Mia Marcano, Jason Leo McCluskey, Julianna McLaughlin, Rose Lee Saucier McLaughlin, Avarose Nabulsi, Madelynn Ngo, Mindy My Ngo, Delaney Pacheco, Maverick Pappas, Jaden Posey, Irisa Prunier, Evelyn Ramey, Lilah Reynolds, Leo Voyer.

Our sincerest congratulations to each of them and to their parents and family. Our deepest thanks to their wonderful teacher Donna Mastrovito, as well as Carole Cronin and Leonila Prunier for their assistance and to Srs. Carol and Janet for putting together the reception following the Mass.

Providentially, the Gospel passage is The Appearance on the Road to Emmaus from Luke 24:13-35. It is known as the "Gospel paradigm" for the Mass. The event takes place "That very day, the first day of the week," that is to say, it is Resurrection Day, Sunday. We are told that the "two of Jesus' disciples" were "conversing about all the things that had occurred" and were "looking downcast." Every one of us, at one time or another, has entered the church in a similar fashion, with fear and anxiety. Like these two disciples we listen to the Scriptures. Then hear them broken open in a homily (though not one so intimately connected with the Word as this one!). Most importantly, as we gather, we then experience the four vital actions of Jesus that were performed at the Last Supper, at the house in Emmaus, here with these beautiful children for the first time and across the globe every day: *he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them.*

Having recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, the disciples changed direction and headed to the holy city. Their experience, and ours, is that the Eucharist is more powerful than any fear or anxiety we experience. Indeed, it is more powerful than the evil which is so active in the world today. To that end, the "Satancon" convention will be held in Boston from April 28-30 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. The organizers of this convention are billing it as "the largest satanic gathering in history." As we gather at the table of the Lord, let us pray that it will be a failure.

At the end of Mass we are told to "go forth" to love and serve the Lord. We are sent forth to live out the reality of what we have just experienced and proclaim it to others. The very word Mass comes from the Latin word, *missa*, which is where we also get the word mission.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: "All the earth cry out to God with gladness, alleluia; sing hymns of praise to the glory of His Name, alleluia; make your praise to Him to be glorious, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Op.: #527 I Know that my Redeemer Lives!
Ps 16 "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

Gospel Acclamation: "Lord Jesus, Open the Scriptures"

Prep.: #506 Who Are You Who Walk In Sorrow
Eucharistic Accs.: # 365, 366, 367, 381

Comm: #935 Draw Near

Cl.: #512 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

SUNDAY'S READINGS #1082 IN THE HYMNAL

Acts 2:14, 22-23

Psalms 16

1 Pt 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

LIVE STREAMING MASSES can now be accessed through our parish website, stjohnsworcester.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 \$40,140.00 - over half of our parish goal! Thank you to those who have donated already. Envelopes are available 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: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or email: dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.

THE MSGR. GRIFFIN SCHOLARSHIP is available to a parishioner of St. John's who will be attending 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 30, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9– Sunday, April 30, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM in the Church Hall.

FIRST EUCHARIST will be celebrated at the 10:15 a.m. Mass this Sunday, April 23rd.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, May 8th at 7:00 PM in the church hall. All are welcome. Please forward any suggestion for the agenda to the rectory by Friday, May 5th. Thank you.

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

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.

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.

THE LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY at St John's is pleased to announce that we will be holding our Annual Mary Crowning at the Saturday 4:15 PM Mass on May 6th to begin the month of May which is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. The Lithuanian choir will be singing hymns to observe this occasion, and we will begin with the traditional procession of members of the community bringing roses to honor Mary. Deacon Eduardas Meilus will read the gospel in both Lithuanian and English and be presenting the homily. Following the Mass there will be a reception. All are invited and welcome to this celebration!

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 it's 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 25 or Group two: Thursdays at 7:00 PM on 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.

ST. THOMAS MORE LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP - Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of varying amounts, usually around \$3000, to a law student attending an accredited law school in the fall. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website, or by calling Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before June 15, 2023. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated; you can contact us at the above address or phone number.

VIANNEY DINNER - The final Vianney dinner before summer break is Thursday, May 4 at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies at 51 Illinois St., Worcester. 6:05 pm Mass, 6:30 pm dinner, and 7:00-8:30 pm social. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend! You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food.

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$7979.00. We also received:

Monthly- \$31.00	Restoration- \$115.00
Donation- \$850.00	Stipends- \$1245.00
School Rent- \$14,708.75	

Total- \$24,928.75 Unrestricted- \$24,813.75 Restricted- \$115.00

Expenses- \$18,003.46

Altar (4549.70) Schola (792.24) House (429.35) Advertising (60.00) State Payroll Taxes (1249.30) Federal Payroll Taxes (5785.46) Administration (3716.21) Haitian Apostolate (562.00) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Funerals (329.20)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS: \$200 IMO Bob Ryngiewicz; \$200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$120 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$125 IMO Thomas Kelley; \$500 In thanks for the kindness of Deb O'Connor; \$2000 IMO Jenny Lamby

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$7430.78

Expenses- \$4342.18

There is one collection this weekend.

Our Parish Community...

...Welcomes Avarose Nabulsi, Luke Anton Christiansen, Hayden Michael Washington and Antonio Philip Washington who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Ginjah Lally-Knuth who has been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE:

"It is part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through trial and suffering. Only by carrying the Cross can one reach the Resurrection."

—Fulton Sheen