

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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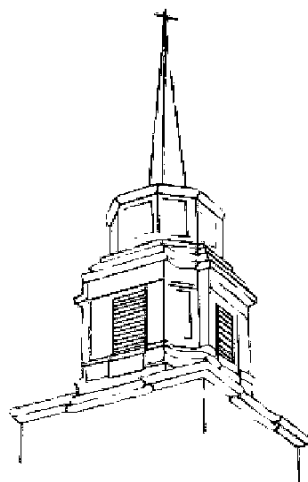
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Tim Dunn



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, May 6, 2023

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Ronald, Joseph and Richard Fresolo**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Germaine Girard**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 7, 2023

8 AM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Carmela Sanchez and Teresa de Jesus Pozo**, req. by Family; **Dickie Flynn**, req. by The Cantwell-Jacques Family
12:15 PM **Jack Maroney** req. by Family;
Katharina Perduta, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joshua and Sophia Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Patricia Borce**, req. by Family

Monday, May 8, 2023

6:15 PM **Justin Joseph Horton**, req. by Family

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

6:15 PM **Normand Thibeault, Sr.**, req. by Carole and Frank Carroll

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

6:15 PM **Juvencio Lorente**, req. by Family

Thursday, May 11, 2023

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

Friday, May 12, 2023

6:15 PM **Laura Fagerstrom**, req. by Family;
Teofila R. Ostrea, req. by Cecilia Catalan

Saturday, May 13, 2023

4:15 PM **Natividad Catalan**, req. by Cecilia Catalan; **Eleanor Currier and Mae Sparks Marcus**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. O'Coin**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 14, 2023

8 AM **Tom Palmer (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends
10:15 AM **Nancy Morgan**, req. by Family; **Walter and Katharina Perduta and Catherine McGurl**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Victor Rivera and John Tomlinson**, req. by Family; **Paul O'Leary (6th Anniv.) and Sharon Charbonneau (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joshua and Sophia Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Health and Intentions of Cynthia Marcus**, req. by Family
The Rosary is prayed each weekday **beginning with the Angelus at 5:50 p.m.**

Dear Friends in the Lord,

This is how today's Gospel passage begins:

*Jesus said to his disciples:
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You have faith in God; have faith also in me.'*
John 14:1

It was the same passage for the daily Mass on Friday and at the Funeral Mass on Friday. Taking place in the Upper Room, it is a critical text. Jesus has washed the feet of the disciples. Judas has left to do what he is to do. *And it was night*. The denial of Peter has been foretold. Then comes the above passage. It is the beginning of what has been named "The Last Supper Discourse." I do not think that name quite captures the moment. All of us have been part of an important family meeting. Something critical is about to happen, so everyone needs to come together to be alerted and to prepare for what is to come. This is what best describes that particular gathering of Jesus and his intimates. He did not gather them in order to present a paper on the socio-political culture of 1st century Palestine. Jesus' intention was to reassure and to encourage them to face both the immediate and future challenges.

The context in which we hear his reassurance and encouragement makes all the difference. At the funeral mass on Friday, looking out at the wife, son, daughter, grandchildren, siblings and friends of a 59 year old man who had passed after a year-long battle with that insidious disease of cancer, it seemed at that moment the words – *Do not let your hearts be troubled* - might ring a bit hollow.

Today's passage includes an additional six verses from both Friday's and the Funeral Mass selection. Hearing it at the celebration of the Fifth Sunday of Easter makes a difference, too. As the Lord's exhortation continues his words offer the encouragement and confidence we yearn for:

*Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do,
And will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.*

The passage concludes with just a hint of the promise we will prepare for and celebrate in these final days of the Easter season. The promise being, of course, the gift of the Holy Spirit. On a week from Thursday, we will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Followed by the Novena to the Holy Spirit leading to Pentecost. Opening ourselves to the grace which leads us to accomplish the works of God with hearts untroubled.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: "Sing to the Lord a new song for He has worked wonders, alleluia; His right hand and His holy arm have brought victory, alleluia. The Lord has made His salvation known; He has shown to the antions His justice, alleluia, alleluia."

Op.: #502 "This Joyful Eastertide

Ps 33 "Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You."

Gospel Acclamation: "I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me."

Prep.: #501 Be Joyful, Mary

Eucharistic Accs.: # 365, 366, 367, 381

Comm: #763 We Have Been Told

Cl.: #762 Christ, the Way We're Called to Follow

SUNDAY'S READINGS #1088 IN THE HYMNAL

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 33

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

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

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet this Monday, May 8th at 7:00 PM in the church hall. All are welcome.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY – Our parish goal is \$76,600 again this year. To date, we have received gifts and pledges totaling \$47,290.00 - 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: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - If you know me, then you will also know my Father." Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are considering this possibility, contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or via email at dinfante@saintpaulknights.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

POST CONFIRMATION ROUNDUP WITH PIZZA

- Any teen who has been confirmed is invited to come on Tuesday May 9 for 6:15 pm Mass, then have pizza and talk about your experiences having received the sacrament of Confirmation. Feel free to bring a friend!

FAMILY FUN DAY on Sunday June 11 at Rutland State Park Pavillion, 11:30 AM - 7PM. Please join us for fun and games as we celebrate the end of a wonderful year of Religious Ed. Cost to park is \$8, but all food and drinks will be provided. There is swimming, hiking, canoeing, and we will have crafts and games as well. Please RSVP by June 1 to Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com, and include the number of attendees. Look forward to seeing you there!

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 Hinchon 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, May 22. 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...

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday May 10, 9:30–11:00am in the downstairs chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome! Bring a friend! Any questions please call Connie 774-262-2512.

SAINT JOHN'S SPRING PREVIEW OPEN HOUSE

will be held Tuesday, May 23, 2023 6:00 - 8:00 PM. During this event, prospective families and students will have an opportunity to hear from Saint John's faculty, staff and students regarding the limitless opportunities available to our students! Limited space is still available for students hoping to enroll for 2023-2024; we encourage both families interested in this coming school year and next school year to attend! To learn more and to register, please visit stjohnshigh.org/preview

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS - On Friday, May 12 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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO SUPPORT VOCATIONS

- The Ancient Order of Hibernians is hosting a pancake breakfast to support vocations and the the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies on Saturday, June 10 from 8:30 to 10:30 am at Fiddlers' Green Pub, 19 Temple St, Worcester. Choice of Blueberry, Strawberry, maple syrup toppings, sausage, juice, coffee or tea. Tickets \$10.00 pp in advance/\$12.00pp at the door. Children under 10 are free If you can't attend, donations also accepted. For tickets contact: Steve orhfenian@msn.com or Billi Belton at mrsorhfenian@msn.com

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 \$8957.00. We also received:

Stipends- \$60.00 Candles- \$674.00

Total- \$8957.00 Unrestricted- \$8957.00 Restricted- \$0.00

Expenses- \$11,613.15

Schola (874.40) House (1583.82) Altar (850.00) Good Friday (347.23) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (675.60) Administration (3089.01) Stipends (950.00) Landscape Equipment (1973.19) Church Electrical work (1233.00) Rectory Alarm (36.90)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS: \$25 IMO

Thomas Kelly; \$375 IMO James Moran; \$50 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$150 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$125 IMO Jim McDonald; \$50 IMO Sherri and Casello Galligan; \$50 IMO Stanley Zytkeiwicz; \$40 IMO C. Michael Lavin

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$1195.00

Expenses- \$6632.20

This weekends second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Scott Jackson who has been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Damien Michael McHugh Carrasco who has entered the Catholic Community through the Waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

“What prevents us from receiving more abundant graces from God may be quite simply our not being sufficiently grateful and not thanking him for the graces he has already given us. There is no doubt that if we thank God with all our heart for each grace received, especially for the inspirations [of the Holy Spirit], he will grant us more.”

Fr. Jacques Philippe