

*"To Preserve The Flame"*  
**SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH**

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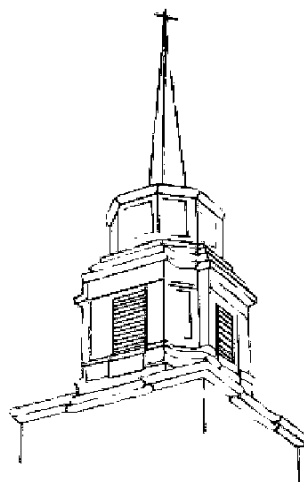
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Tim Dunn



**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](mailto: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 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

#### Monday, May 15, 2023

6:15 PM **Anthony, Anna and Olga Kersis**, req. by Family

#### Tuesday, May 16, 2023

6:15 PM **Jack Shea**, req. by Wife

#### Wednesday, May 17, 2023

6:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Family

#### Thursday, May 18, 2023– The Ascension of the Lord

12:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Family  
6:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

#### Friday, May 19, 2023

6:15 PM **Michael Gonsalves**, req. by Friends

#### Saturday, May 20, 2023

4:15 PM **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family; **Jack Shea**, req. by Wife  
7:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family

#### Sunday, May 21, 2023

8 AM **Ann and Paul Reynolds**, req. by Family  
10:15 AM **Marco Almeida and Blessed Souls in Purgatory**, req. by Family; **David Vayo**, req. by Family  
12:15 PM **Joseph O'Connor (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Wife and Family  
7:15 PM **Joshua and Sophia Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Francisco Austriaco**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Happy Mother's Day! As you know, I have been proposing that this holiday be celebrated in the Catholic Church on September 8, the Feast of the Birth of Mary. The proposal is going nowhere, so I am focusing on the fact that at least the secular world celebrates it during the month of May. We have not lost all our influence on the larger society. I find it significant that we began the month with our Lithuanian community crowning Mary and that we will end the month with our Filipino community doing the same. The significance deepens, too, since the last Sunday is Pentecost. We need Mary's intercession always, of course, and I have to believe that in the final days of the Easter Season she will be particularly helpful.

My sister, Nora recently told me that the best thing on Instagram these days is Paws for Prayer with Rooney on our parish page (or is it called a feed?). She went on to comment on what a great job our "Instagram peeps" are doing. I agree. As you know, we went on Instagram for evangelization reasons. Specifically, to attract as many of our new and younger neighbors to our community and mission. I am continually impressed with the variety and depth of the content. To that end, I encourage all of you to follow *stjohnsworcester* on Instagram. Better still, to encourage your children, grandchildren and every young person you know to follow us, as well. They will be entertained and enriched.

For instance, this week a short piece by Bishop Barron called "4 Ways to Grow the Church" was posted. Originally published at the Bishop's website Word on Fire.org, it was reprinted by Worcester West, a newsletter published by Parish Neighbors. Each of the four ways are simple enough on their face: Bring Another Family to Mass, Pray for the Expansion of the Church, Invite Seekers to Raise their Questions and Be Kind! In discussing the 4 Ways at Monday's Parish Council meeting, we agreed on the need to be intentional and consistent in implementing these practices.

The post was further inspired by the documentary, *Pope Answers*, covering Pope Francis sitting down with a group of 20-somethings and answering their honest and sometimes controversial questions. He does so in his typically straightforward and nonjudgmental way. A key moment was when one of the young people commented: "I think people are disappointed with the Church and not with God." The Holy Father replied: *"When there is no testimony the Church becomes rusty. It becomes a club of nice people who do their religious duties but lack the courage to get out to the suburbs. We all like to be comfortable."* (This was translated from Spanish so when he says suburbs it has a different connotation than what we mean here in the US) Pope Francis echoes his predecessor in today's passage from 1 Peter: *Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope. (3:15)*

When doing so, Be Kind. Who knows, maybe Mother's Day will moved to September and Father's Day to March 19<sup>th</sup>.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### **THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS**

Int.: "Proclaim this with shouts of joy; announce it, speak out, and let it be heard, alleluia; tell all nations even to the ends of the earth; the Lord has delivered His captive people, alleluia, alleluia."

Op.: #532 Go to the World

Ps 66 "Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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Gospel Acclamation: "All who love Me will keep My word, says the Lord; and My Father will love them, and We will come to them."

Prep.: #508 This is the Day of New Beginnings

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

Comm: #759 Unless a Grain of Wheat

Meditation: #882 Salve Regina

Cl.: #953 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

### **SUNDAY'S READINGS #1091 IN THE HYMNAL**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm 66

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

**LIVE STREAMING MASSES** can now be accessed through our parish website, [stjohnsworcester.org](http://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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD** – is this Thursday. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. and on Thursday at 12:15 and 6:15 p.m.

**THE NOVENA OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** will begin on Friday at the 6:15 p.m. Mass and continue through Saturday, May 27. Novena prayers are available on the tables in the back of the church. All are welcome to attend.

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY** – Our parish goal is \$76,600 again this year. To date, we have received gifts and pledges totaling \$48,555.00 - 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](http://www.partners-charity.net).

### **VOCATION REFLECTION: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:newengland@ivcusa.org), or check out the IVC New England website [www.ivcusa.org/newengland](http://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](http://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 Reflections in your email, once you have access to the Formed.org platform, using your browser, type in [daily.formed.org](http://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.

**QUO VADIS RETREAT**- Registration is now open online for the annual Quo Vadis Days retreat. Quo Vadis Retreat is a 4-day overnight camp for young Catholic men of high school age (13-18) to deepen their faith, grow in virtue, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's calling in their lives. For more information, contact Father Donato Infante at [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org) or visit [vocationsboston.org/event/8th-annual-quo-vadis-retreat](http://vocationsboston.org/event/8th-annual-quo-vadis-retreat).

### **In Our Catholic Community...**

**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.

### **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](http://stjohnshigh.org/preview)

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST TO SUPPORT VOCATIONS**

- The Ancient Order of Hibernians is hosting a pancake breakfast to support vocations and 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](mailto:orhfenian@msn.com) or Billi Belton at [mrsorhfenian@msn.com](mailto:mrsorhfenian@msn.com)

### **CAR WASH/BAKE SALE IN WORCESTER**

American Heritage Girls Troop 0716 is hosting a car wash and bake sale on Saturday, May 27 from 9 am to Noon at Our Lady of Loreto Church, 33 Massasoit Rd, Worcester. Come get your car washed and vacuumed and pick up some delicious home-baked goodies while helping us raise funds for our troop! American Heritage Girls is a Christian alternative to scouts and welcomes girls ages 5 to 17 with lots of fun activities and merit badges. AHG Troop 0716 was founded in 2013 and is chartered at Our Lady of Loreto, Worcester.

### **Financial Report**

This weekend we received \$6796.60. We also received:

Monthly- \$1780.00  
Stipends- \$320.00

Restoration- \$136.00

**Total-** \$9032.60 Unrestricted- \$9032.60 Restricted- \$0.00

**Expenses-**\$17,403.87

Schola (1275.24) Funerals (329.20) House (1289.06) Lithuanian Reception (136.33) Clergy Benefit Plan (1132.00) Administration (2936.21) Parking Lot Paving (9583.33) Advertising (220.00) Marriage Prep (27.50) Copier (475.00)

**FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS:** \$15 IMO Susan Mcale; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$400 IMO Dawn Blanchard; \$25 IMO John Robbins; \$1800 IHO Joe Bafaro, Sr.; \$60 IMO Ryan Dailey; \$25 IMO Eileen Woodward

### **Food for the Poor:**

Income- \$3684.02

Expenses- \$7623.66

There is one collection this weekend.

### **Our Parish Community...**

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Robert Kett, Bonnie Mikalunas, Paul Carey, PJ McDonald, Denzel Crum and Joseph Kapp who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Kennedy Katharine Quinlivan who has entered the Catholic Community through the Waters of Baptism.

### **WORD OF LIFE:**

**"If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor."**

***St. Charles Borromeo***