

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

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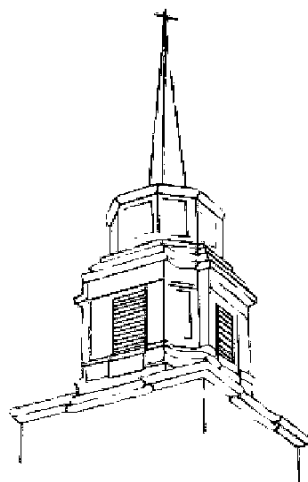
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**Director of St. FX Center  
And Facilities Manager**

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](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 27, 2023

4:15 PM **Robert Cronin**, req. by his Sister

7:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Family

### Sunday, May 28, 2023

8 AM **Noel Clifford**, req. by John Foley; **Anthony Boudas**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Edward Bazylewicz**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Joshua and Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Peter Thrasher**, req. by Marc and Lisa Sullivan

### Monday, May 29, 2023

6:15 PM **John Sofrin**, req. by Family

### Tuesday, May 30, 2023

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

### Wednesday, May 31, 2023

6:15 PM **Theodore Skowronski**, req. by Family

### Thursday, June 1, 2023

6:15 PM **Hector Roman**, req. by Friends

### Friday, June 2, 2023

6:15 PM **Joseph Prendiville, Sr.**, req. by Family

### Saturday, June 3, 2023

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**; **Jose L. Catalan**, req. by Cecilia

7:15 PM **Christopher Curran**, req. by Family

### Sunday, June 4, 2023

8 AM **Blanca Ortega**, req. by Friends

10:15 AM **George and Alice Haddad, Jeremiah and Mary Lynch**, req. by Family; **Juozas and Janina Miliauskas**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Halina Grinkewicz**, req. by Lucia Baldowski

7:15 PM **Joshua and Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Health and Intentions of Elijah Abass**, req. by His Mom

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Over the past several years, the Office of Vocations has approached us about taking a seminarian intern for the summer. However, I had resisted agreeing to do so. Frankly, I did not believe that there was a seminarian old enough for the assignment. Nevertheless, Fr. Donato Infante, the Director of Vocations persisted. I am thankful that he did. Zachary Sullivan began this week as our Seminarian Intern for the next eight weeks. Zack just completed his second year at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. He will be ordained a Deacon, God willing, next spring. Best of all, he is from Clinton. Which is to say that he is a terrific young man, devout, personable and hard-working. You will all get a chance to meet Zack in the days and weeks ahead and experience for yourself what I mean.

Thank you for all your prayers for Fr. Conrad. There has been some good signs and hopeful news regarding his condition this week. Still, his condition remains serious. Please keep praying for him. This week, I added the intercession of St. Philip Neri, his Feast Day was Friday, to the cause.

At the 4:15 p.m. Mass on Saturday, our Filipino community's The Lord of Pardon Prayer Group will celebrate its Anniversary. The celebration will include the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary and we will conclude the Prayers of the Faithful with an Act of Consecration of the World to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. After the Mass, we will pray the Rosary as we process through the neighborhood. Finally, we will gather in the St. Francis Xavier Center for dinner. We will need the nourishment after all the activities. I am most grateful to the Filipinos for organizing the celebration. It is another positive sign that the post pandemic new normal includes gathering together to pray and celebrate.

Finally, of course, we conclude the Easter Season with the Solemnity of Pentecost. Throughout the Novena to the Holy Spirit, passages from the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John has stood out as particularly helpful. The chapter, which we heard from last Sunday, is referred to as the High Priest Prayer of Jesus. In the prayer, Jesus prays for himself, and for his disciples gathered with him in the Upper Room. Finally, he prays for us who follow him through the witness of the first disciples. His prayer is that the love with which the Father loved him may be in us and that he be in us, as well. This is the Holy Spirit. The love of the Father and the Son given to us, and it is magnificent to behold.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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

Int.: "The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, alleluia; and holds together all things in it; and knows every language spoken, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Op.: #536 O Spirit All-Embracing

Ps 104 "Lord, send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth."

Gospel Acclamation: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of Your love."

Prep.: #534 Come Down, O Love Divine

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

Comm: "I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

Meditation: #882 Salve Regina

Cl.: #544 Come, Holy Ghost

### **SUNDAY'S READINGS #1099 IN THE HYMNAL**

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104

1 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

**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 LORD OF PARDON PRAYER GROUP**

**(Bulusan Mission)** will host a Holy Mass and Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, May 27 at the 4:15 PM Mass. There will be rosary and mayflower procession immediately following the Mass. There is a pot luck dinner (please bring a dish) after the Mass as well as a raffle, games, prizes and music. All proceeds will benefit the Food for the Poor Program. All are welcome. There are flyers at the back table of the church for more information.

**THE NOVENA OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** continues 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 \$60,270.00 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: PENTECOST SUNDAY** - "Receive the Holy Spirit." If you think God may be offering you the grace of cooperating with the Holy Spirit by serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or by sending an email to [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).

**FAMILY FUN DAY** on Sunday June 11 at Rutland State Park Pavilion, 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 Hinchin [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 via email at [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).

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

**OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING** – will be celebrated Monday, June 26 . After the 6:15 PM Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those seeking God’s healing and merciful grace.

**DIOCESE OF WORCESTER NIGHT AT THE BRAVEHEARTS** - will be on Friday, June 2 at Fitton Field! Game starts at 6:30 pm, gates open at 5:30 pm. All family members will receive discounted tickets for \$10. Purchase tickets at [worcesterbraveheartsgroups.com](http://worcesterbraveheartsgroups.com) and use the Password - tickets. You can also email questions to Nate Gonelli at [nathan@worcesterbravehearts.com](mailto:nathan@worcesterbravehearts.com).

**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IN NORTH BROOKFIELD-** St. Joseph Parish 30th Annual Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 17 from 5 pm to 7 pm. Offering Baked Ham, Homemade Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Salad, Homemade Cole Slaw, Rolls, Coffee, Water, and the always delicious Strawberry Shortcake. Tickets: Please call the Parish Office at (508) 867-6469. Adults: \$15.00 Children: 5-10 yrs. old: \$7.00 TO be held at St. Joseph Church Hall, 296 North Main St., North Brookfield. Take out is also available

**SAVE THE DATE FOR MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN THIS FALL-** The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to join us for a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 28, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA. This retreat will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music today. Further information and a registration form may be found at [worcesterdiocese.org/2023-morning-retreat-invitation](http://worcesterdiocese.org/2023-morning-retreat-invitation) or you can contact the Commission at [worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com) or Susan at [susanzybert@gmail.com](mailto:susanzybert@gmail.com)

### **Financial Report**

This weekend we received \$7101.00. We also received:

Legacy of Hope-	\$28,750.00	Monthly-	\$135.00
Restoration-	\$128.00	Candles-	\$712.00
Stipends-	\$340.00	Ascension-	\$830.00

**Total-** \$37,996.00 Unrestricted– \$9118.00 Restricted- \$28,878.00

**Expenses**–\$29,474.39

Schola (1303.64) House (361.27) Altar (267.30) CCD (70.63) Fire Alarm (311.07) Administration (6518.21) Parking Lot Sealcoating (9583.33) Funerals (229.20) Church Masonry Work (2040.00) Church Plumber (157.74) Diocesan Budget Bill (8632.00)

**Food for the Poor:** \$330 IMO Robert Kett; \$100 IMO Finn Cadogan-Beebe; \$40 IMO Elaine Campanale; \$100 IMO Joseph T. O'Connor; \$25 IMO Ann and Paul Reynolds; \$50 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$30.58 from a friend; \$100 IMO Thomas Duffy; \$125 IMO Beverly Valinski; \$50 IMO Jack Reidy; \$25 IMO Joseph Brindisi; \$40 IMO Philip Brunelle

Income- \$1595.58  
Expenses- \$4749.88

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekend’s second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

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

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Carol LaBelle and Anna Mae Bullock who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Owen Henry Lang and James Donahue Rosende who have entered the Catholic Community through the Waters of Baptism.

### **WORD OF LIFE:**

**“Nothing is sweeter than love; nothing stronger, nothing higher, nothing more generous, nothing more pleasant, nothing fuller or better in Heaven or on earth; for love proceeds from God and cannot rest but in God above all things created.”**  
**Thomas a’ Kempis**