

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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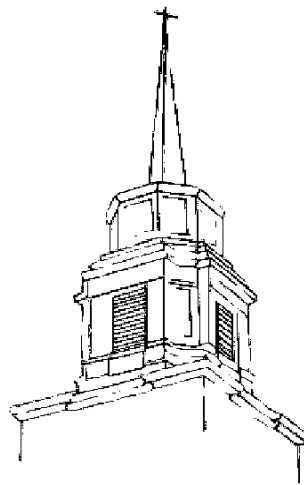
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And Facilities Manager**

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, June 10, 2023

4:15 PM **Rocco A. Fresolo, Sr.**, req. by Family;

James Hennessy (1st Anniv.), req. by Linda Masterson

7:15 PM **Brett Bissonette**, req. by Dianne Gustowski

Sunday, June 11, 2023

8 AM **Andrew and Annella Kalanta**, req. by John Foley

10:15 AM **Ryan Quinn (9th Anniv.)**, req. by Family;

Leonard Smith (5th Anniv.), req. by Family

12:15 PM **Stephanie LeBlanc (14th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joshua and Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family;

Health and Intentions of Elijah Abass, req. by His Mom

Monday, June 12, 2023

6:15 PM **Charles and Julia Oroszko**, req. by Children

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

6:15 PM **Dan Murphy**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

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

Thursday, June 15, 2023

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

Friday, June 16, 2023

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Gail McAuliffe; Graciano Nunag**, req. by Family

Saturday, June 17, 2023

4:15 PM **Barbara Ramm**, req. by Dianne Gustowski

7:15 PM **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. O'Coin**, req. by Family

Sunday, June 18, 2023

8 AM **Sheryl Romano Patterson (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Arthur Deraney**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Robert, Marguerite and Patricia**

Tangney, James and Barbara O'Connor, req. by Family

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

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

This week, Anna Murphy, who will be entering her junior year at Assumption University in the fall began a seven week internship with us. My thanks to Deacon Paul Covino, Assumption's Director of Camps Ministry, for reaching out to us. Thanks, too, of course to Anna for her interest in Pastoral Ministry and her openness to serving us here at St. John's. She has hit the ground running. Anna has been helping at the daily Mass, our weekday meal at the St. Francis Xavier Center, with the Catholic Camp and the Religious Education program. Welcome, Anna and thank you for your service this week and throughout the summer.

All are invited to come see the extraordinary film about Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* on Monday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Francis Xavier Center. THE LETTER: A Message for Our Earth is being presented in collaboration with the Saints Francis and Therese Catholic Worker on Mason Street in Worcester. From the website – "The film tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders to discuss the encyclical letter with Pope Francis. The exclusive dialogue with the Pope, included in the film, offers a revealing insight into the personal history of Pope Francis and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome." Refreshments will be offered.

Today, before returning to the Sundays in Ordinary Time, we celebrate another of the central mysteries of the Catholic faith and life – the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Along with the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and First Communion Sunday, this solemnity intentionally highlights what we celebrate every Sunday, that is, the real presence of Jesus Christ body, blood, soul and divinity under the appearances of bread and wine.

This week, I came across a reflection by Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila of the Archdiocese of Denver. I find it helpful and inspiring, I hope that you do, as well.

"The invitation to lift up our hearts at the most important part of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is an invitation by Jesus through the voice of the priest to give our hearts to the Father, as He gave His life for us. We prepare to make our hearts and lives a total self-gift to the Father as Jesus made Himself a total gift to the Father for us on the Cross."

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: "The Lord bestows life, with finest wheat He feeds us, alleluia; He satisfies us with honey from the roack, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Op.: #939 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Psalm 147: "Praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Alleluia, alleluia"

Gospel Acclamation: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, says the Lord."

Prep.: #551 O God Almighty Father

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

Comm: #945 Take and See

Cl.: #950 I Am the Bread of Life

SUNDAY'S READINGS #1105 IN THE HYMNAL

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Psalm 147

1 Cor 10:16-17

Jn 6:51-58

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 \$62,170.00 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.

VOCATION REFLECTION: SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

- Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards Heaven. All are called in Christ, but some are chosen to nourish His body as priests and in the consecrated life. Could you be among them? Contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or email: dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will be meeting on Wednesday, June 14 in the downstairs chapel from 9:30-11:00 AM. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Come with a friend. Any questions call Connie at 774-262-2512

FAMILY FUN DAY on Sunday June 11 at Rutland State Park Pavilion, 11:30 AM - 7PM. There is still room to join us. Follow the red balloons to the pavilion. Lunch will be served, all are welcome.

CATHOLIC CAMP registration is now live on our website. Our theme is "Tracking Mary: all about the Blessed Mother." Kids in grades 1-8 are welcome. Please note the correct times: M-Th 8:30-11:30, F 9-3. June 26-30 in the church hall. All are welcome.

IGNATIUS 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 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.

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.

PLASTIC BAGS– We are always in need of plastic bags at the St. Francis Xavier Center for our "to go" patrons to bring meals home. Anyone who would like to donate can drop bags off at the rectory or the Xavier Center. Thank you.

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.

YOUNG ADULT WEEKLY PICK-UP VOLLEYBALL & HANGOUT - All young adults (ages 18+) are invited to join us for weekly pick-up volleyball at St. Christopher in Worcester! Join us every Friday at 6 pm beginning on June 16 through the end of August. These gatherings are very laid back and open to any young adult (regardless of skill level!). If you are looking for a fun way to meet up with other young adults in the area, then this is perfect for you! There is no commitment or formal sign-ups but if you would like to receive text or email updates during the summer, feel free to sign up at www.neworchester.org/young-adult-summer-volleyball

ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL- All are welcome to come to the St. Paul Cathedral Festival on Saturday, June 24 beginning at 11 AM with fun for the entire family: Music, Food, Bazaar, Games for kids, Clowns, Raffles, Contests and Dances. 38 High Street in Worcester.

FORUM ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE IN WORCESTER - Christ the King Parish, located at 1052 Pleasant Street in Worcester, will host a forum on the key issue of Physician Assisted Suicide on Monday, June 19 at 7:00 pm. The event is being sponsored by the parish Pro-Life Committee and the Catholic Free Press. The major presenters will be Bishop McManus and Senator Ryan C. Fattman, whose district includes part of Worcester and Hampden counties. The thrust of the presentation will be on what Massachusetts would look like if PAS were adopted here. Please plan on coming and inviting as many people as you like to the program.

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$6254.00. We also received:

Monthly- \$2220.00	Restoration-\$328.00
Stipends- \$950.00	Donation- \$500.00

Total- \$10,252.00 Unrestricted– \$9924.00 Restricted-\$328.00

Expenses–\$7026.81

Schola (1064.44) Altar (1083.65) Administration (3925.46) Funerals (152.80) Rectory Maintenance Supplies (650.46) Church Locks (75.00)

Food for the Poor: \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$60 IMO Bob Kett; \$200 IMO Beverly Valenski; \$100 IMO James Moran; \$25 IMO Joseph Brindisi; \$100 IHO St. Francis Xavier Center 10th Anniv.; \$400 for Annual Appeal; \$150 IMO Jane Marino; \$100 IMO Joseph Brindisi; \$100 IMO Joseph Martin; \$25 IMO Dawn Blanchard

Income- \$975.00
Expenses- \$10,423.59

This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Marion Gordon Robertson and Hossein Khosrow Ali Vaziri who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE:

"This bread is bread before the words of the Sacrament. But when the words of Christ come to it, it is the body of Christ ... Before the words of Christ it is a cup full of wine and water. When the words of Christ become operative, the blood which has redeemed the people is caused to be there."

-St. Ambrose