

# *"To Preserve The Flame"*

## SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Donna Mastrovito  
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#### **Music Ministry**

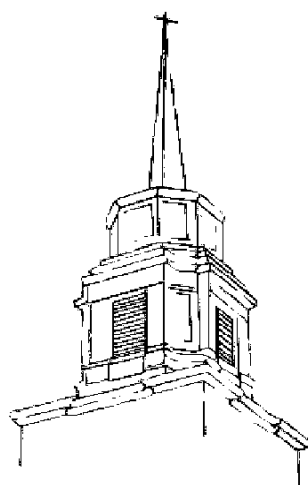
Edward Lally, Director  
Lucia Clemente Falco, Asst.

#### **Sacristan**

Dolores Vito

#### **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, August 5, 2023

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**

7:15 PM **Edou Bellevue**, req. by Family

### Sunday, August 6, 2023

8 AM **Meghan Milonopoulos**, req. by Mastrovito Family

10:15 AM **Rita Gallant (13th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Anthony Guinto**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Ernest Brackett, Sr. (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Children; **Kathleen Loftus (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family

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

### Monday, August 7, 2023

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

### Tuesday, August 8, 2023

6:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Friends

### Wednesday, August 9, 2023

6:15 PM **Frank Wright**, req. by Family

### Thursday, August 10, 2023

6:15 PM **Joe Hickey and Dan Best**, req. by Friends

### Friday, August 11, 2023

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

### Saturday, August 12, 2023

4:15 PM **James Elliott Marcus (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family

### Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

10:15 AM **Florence Marchand (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Ellie Gaudette**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Louis R. Boucher (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Jean Walsh Vancelette**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joshua and Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Henry W. Burak (26th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends,

This Sunday marks the end of my summer internship here on Temple Street. In a few weeks I'll be heading back to the seminary in Brighton. To Father Madden, Father Brice, Dolores, Dianne, Anna, Steve, Eddie, George and everyone at the parish and Xavier Center, I wanted to say thank you. It's been an amazing summer and I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to spend it here with all of you.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. In other words, Jesus shows them His Glory. The Glory of God has been shown to me, by those that believe in his goodness... that is, all of you here at Saint John's. The volunteers and patrons at the Xavier Center, the people at Mass, the residents at the Rectory, the kids at the Catholic summer camp, and all the people I met in passing... You are all wonderful and have shown me that God is real, he loves us, and He is in our midst.

Life is fast, messy, and crazy... especially here in Worcester! When you're in the thick of it, you don't always see the beauty of it. But when you take some time to pause and reflect, you can see God's Glory in it all. As I reflect, I'm reminded of a quote from Dorothy Day: "we are called to be saints. Sometimes we don't see them around us, sometimes their sanctity is obscured by the human, but they are there nonetheless." Saints, who show the glory and goodness of God are not just buried in churches in Rome, or found on pictures on the wall, they are in our midst. All around us. Thank you all for your immense goodness.

Lastly, if there is anyone that is interested in the Priesthood, I would highly recommend you look into it. Seminary isn't always fun, but the things I've learned, the people I've met, and the experiences I've had in my time studying to be a priest have been extremely rewarding and life-giving.

Again, thank you all!

Peace,  
Zack Sullivan

## ***THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD***

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

Int.: "My heart has spoken of You: 'Come, seek His face, seek His face!' It is Your face, O Lord that I seek; do not turn away from me, hide not Your face."

Op.: #630 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Psalm 97: "The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth."

Gospel Acclamation: "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him. Alleluia, alleluia."

Prep.: #881 How Good, Lord, to Be Here

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

Comm: #678 Center of My Life

Cl.: #880 Transform Us

### **SUNDAY'S READINGS #1220 IN THE HYMNAL**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Ps: #119

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

**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*

### **VOCATION REFLECTION: FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

- "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." Are you being called to help the Lord feed His people with the truth of His gospel as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be calling you to serve Him more closely, contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or email: [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).

**CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB** – we are resuming the monthly book club on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. We will discuss *Why They Follow: Lessons in Church Communication from that One Lost Sheep* by Matthew Warner. Due to warehouse issues, the book is not available at this time. We have been assured that it will be soon. The parish will purchase ten copies at a special rate. If you would like to reserve a copy, please notify the rectory.

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY** – As we enter the final month of this annual appeal, we have collected gifts and pledges totaling \$72,675. Thank you to all who have donated. We are less than \$4,000 away from our parish goal. If you have not donated to date, please consider doing so this week. Thank you

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-** The 2023-2024 Religious Education schedule and registration information is up on the parish website. Feel free to register your children for classes. If you are willing to volunteer for Religious Ed, please indicate so on the registration form. We are specifically looking for someone to teach 9th grade. Please reach out to Dianne at [dhgustowski@gmail.com](mailto:dhgustowski@gmail.com) with any questions. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

**PARISH CHOIR-** The Music Ministry at St. John's is proud to announce that the Parish Choir is coming back this fall! Anyone who previously a member or would like to join new, please contact Ed Lally at [edlallycc@gmail.com](mailto:edlallycc@gmail.com). No prior experience is necessary, just a love of music and willingness to learn. All are welcome.

**HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS** - On Friday, August 11 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.

**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.

**ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2023** - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish invites you to our Italian Festival at 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester. Thursday, August 10 (5-10 pm), Friday, August 11 (5-11 pm), Saturday August 12 (noon to 11 pm), and Sunday August 13 (noon to 6 pm). Come and enjoy Fried Dough, Sausage, Hamburgers & Hot dogs, Ice Cream, Beer & Wine, and Italian cookies. There will be participation by local vendors, entertainment for the kids such as bouncy houses and pie eating contest, new this year CYC Night on Saturday, live entertainment, and a money raffle! We will also honor Our Lady of Mt Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto at our shrine. Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the 10:30 AM Mass on our last day, Sunday the 13th. Mark your calendars now to come and join the fun!

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

**OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING** – will be celebrated Monday, August 28. After the 6:15 PM Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those seeking God's healing and merciful grace.

**40-HOUR DEVOTION IN WORCESTER** - Please join us for a 40 Hours Devotion at Our Lady of the Angels Church, 1222 Main St., Worcester on Monday, Aug. 7 beginning with 5 pm Mass and concluding on Wednesday, Aug. 9 with 9 am Mass. For more information, email [OLAretreat@gmail.com](mailto:OLAretreat@gmail.com).

**THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN EVERYDAY LIFE INFORMATION NIGHT** - Are you interested in deepening your prayer experience or finding a clearer sense of God's presence in your life? You may want to consider "The Retreat in Daily Life". An Information Night, explaining the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life, will be held on Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 PM at St. Peter Church, 929 Main St., Worcester. A 30-week directed prayer experience, in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, is being offered by a team of Jesuit trained people experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises. Beginning on September 26, 2023, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include group sharing of weekly prayer, reflection/explanation on the upcoming week and meeting with your prayer companion. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter Church in Worcester, adjacent to Clark University. More information and an application form are available at [IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com](http://IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com) or contact the team by email at [worcspex19@gmail.com](mailto:worcspex19@gmail.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**

Last weekend we received \$5748.00. We also received:

Stipends- \$145.00

**Total-** \$5893.00 Unrestricted– \$5893.00 Restricted-\$0.00

**Expenses** –\$7964.70

House (870.93) Schola (592.60) Flowers (750.00) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (687.16) Administration (3689.01) Stipends (900.00) Copier (475.00)

**Food for the Poor:** \$200 IMO Barbara Moriarty and Thomas Michael Kelley; \$100 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$130 IMO Paul Wright; \$3,000 Reach Grant, City of Worcester; \$25 IMO C. Michael Lavin; \$100 IMO Joey D'Agostino

### **Food for the Poor**

Income- \$660.00

Expenses- \$12,626.50

This weekend's Second Collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering. Next weekend's Second Collection is for the Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

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

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Steven Shepard and Paul Rubinfeld who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Cecilia Margarita Carrasquillo, Kayden Michael Morse and Jayce Xavier Morse who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

## **WORD OF LIFE:**

“The Transfiguration ‘throws a dazzling light on our daily life and makes us turn our mind to the immortal destiny it foreshadows.’”

-St. Pope Paul VI

(Born into eternal life on the Feast of the Transfiguration, 1978)