

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

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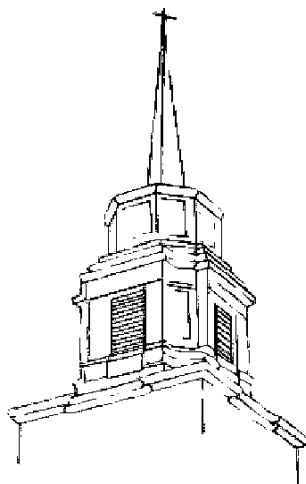
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**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**

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 12, 2023

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

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

### Monday, August 14, 2023

6:15 PM **Caroline & John Wolanski**, req. by Clem & Ken Dufresne; **Jeremy Zippie, S.J. (Birthday Wishes)**, req. by Frank & Carole Carroll

### Tuesday, August 15, 2023

6:15 PM **Margaret Sokolowski (2nd anniv.)**, req. by Andy; **Elijah Abass (Health)**, req. by Mom

### Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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

### Thursday, August 17, 2023

6:15 PM **Joe Cote (Health)**, req. by Frank & Carole Carroll

### Friday, August 18, 2023

6:15 PM **Bill Pugliese, Jr. & Genevieve Pugliese**, req. by Family

### Saturday, August 19, 2023

4:15 PM **John, Johanna, Patrick, Ella & Francis Sullivan and Sr. Mary Ambrose Shea**, req. by Family; **George (5th anniv.) & William Comptois**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Mae & David Marcus**, req. by Family

### Sunday, August 20, 2023

8 AM **James Powers**, req. by The Mastrovito Family

10:15 AM **Michael J. Anyzeski**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Delon White, Linda Arcouette, Herbert Seymour, Walter Seymour, Larry Seymour and Charlene Seymour**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joshua & Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Carol Shilinsky-Bender**, req. by The Mastrovito Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Last week, we said good bye to our Seminarian Intern, Zack Sullivan. This week, we say good bye to our Intern from Assumption University, Anna Murphy. I and we will miss them both.

I and we were blessed by their presence and ministry with and for us this summer.

Zack will be returning to St. John's Seminary in Brighton. He is on course to be ordained a Deacon at the end of this coming academic year. I have no doubt that he will be ready and will be a great Deacon. Extending that out a year, I have no doubt that he will be a great Priest. He has the heart and the mind for ministry, is curious and always seeking to learn. Plus, he quoted Dorothy Day in his farewell message. He scored big points for that move.

Anna will soon begin her Junior at Assumption. She is deeply involved with their Campus Ministry programs. Still, we hope that Anna will be able to find her way back to Temple Street. Her service at the Xavier Center, with our children and on communion calls was greatly appreciated.

Additionally, they worked well together—assisting, supporting and complementing each other. It was fun to observe.

I am sure that you will continue to pray for them as they continue on the path to ministry in the Church. Providentially, today's readings provide the framework for our prayers for them, for us and for all disciples. In the first reading from I Kings, we hear the familiar story of the call of Elijah. Often, God's call does not come like a strong wind or an earthquake or a fire. Rather, God is revealed in a *tiny whispering sound*. The world is loud, God is quiet. We pray that Zack and Anna and all of us remain attentive to the tender invitation to follow.

This especially important when life feels like we are *being tossed about by the waves*. We need to pray that in those times we are able to hear Jesus speaking to us: *Take courage, it is; do not be afraid*.

Finally, as we enter the final month of the annual Partners in Charity appeal, we have collected gifts and pledges totaling \$72,975. Thank you to all who have donated. We are only \$3,625 away from reaching the parish goal. For those who have not yet donated, we ask your kind consideration of a gift to this critical diocesan appeal which supports the essential charitable, pastoral and educational works in the year ahead. Donor envelopes are available in the church or you can donate online at [partners-charity.net/donate](http://partners-charity.net/donate). For many years in a row, we have reached the parish goal. I would love to do so again. Only partly for the bragging rights, mostly because of thousands of needy people who will be helped. Thank you.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr John Madden

## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Int.: *Respite, Domine, Look to Your covenant, O LORD,, and forget not for ever the life of Your afflicted poor ones. Give cause to the needy to praise Your Name.*

*Arise, O God, defend Your cause, plead Your own cause; be not unmindful of the voices of those who seek You. (Ps 74: 19-23)*

Op.: # 867 *How Firm a Foundation*

Ps 85, *"Let Me Hear"* # 1163

Alleluia: I Wait for the Lord

Prep.: # 980 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Eucharistic Accs.: *Acclamations from Mass in honor of San Romero*

Comm.: *Lamb of God, Pánis, quem égo dédero . . . . I am the living bread, says the Lord; and the bread I give is my flesh for the life of the world. (Jn 6: 51)*

*O Happy Indeed Are Those*

Cl.: # 680 Be Not Afraid

### **TODAY'S READINGS #1163 IN**

#### **THE HYMNAL**

1Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Psalm 85

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

**LIVE STREAMING MASSES** will continue on the Parish Facebook Page 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*

**HOLY COMMUNION** will be distributed at 11:30 AM on Sunday morning. Please enter off of Harding Street and proceed behind the rectory.

**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. The book has become available at this time. The parish has purchased ten copies at a special rate.

Our feeling is that the book, whose author is the founder of Flocknotes, will be helpful as we continue to explore effective ways to invite more and younger people to join our community and in our mission.

If you would like to reserve a copy, please notify the rectory.

### **VOCATION REFLECTION: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Take courage, it is I. Do not be afraid!" Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God's call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or email: [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-** The 2023-2024 Religious Education schedule and registration information is up on the parish website. 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.

**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.

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR FORMED.ORG. AND DAILY REFLECTIONS ?** Using your browser from any device , go to [Formed.org/signup](https://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](https://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.

### **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

is this Tuesday. It is a holy day of obligation and Masses will be celebrated at 6:15 PM on Monday, August 14th and at 12:15 and 6:15 PM on Tuesday, August 15th.

**THE MUSTARD SEED CATHOLIC WORK-ER** offers a meal to those in need every weeknight. Parishes or small groups are needed to prepare and serve a meal for 100 guests. This is a pressing need during the summer. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Paula Bushey at 508-243-0735.

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

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

### **MEN'S CONFERENCE KICK-OFF BREAKFAST -**

The 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference Kickoff Breakfast will be held Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023 at Holy Family Parish, 750 Union Street, Leominster, MA. Beginning with an 8:00 AM Mass, followed by breakfast/quick meeting at 8:30, featuring special guest Mr. Michael Donovan from the Catholic Men's Leadership Alliance. Program will wrap up by 9:15 AM. All current Parish Contacts, as well as anyone wishing to volunteer as a Parish Contact (we have many parishes that are not yet covered) should please attend. For further information, please contact: [tjarvis1618@gmail.com](mailto:tjarvis1618@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).

## **Financial Report**

This weekend we received \$5,938.00. We also received:

Monthly- \$1,908.00

Donation- \$300.00

Stipends- \$145.00

Rest- \$292.00

Total- \$8,583.00 Unrestricted- \$8,291.00 Restricted- \$292.00

**Expenses-** \$13,809.18

Alter (144.36) Admin (8323.64) Schola (539.44) House (1871.73) CCD (91.02) Clergy Men (1132.00) Maintenance Supplies(315.28) Parish Soft (1098.00) Lawnmower (509.99) Book Club (99.00)

**FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS:** \$16.25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$250 in loving memory of Dr. Denis J. Fitzgerald from a dedicated St. John's Family; \$150 IMO Patrick and Christopher Johnson; \$100 IMO William Kennedy

FFTP Income- \$9155.24

FFTP Expenses- \$7929.22

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**— \$72, 975.00. Only \$3,625 to our Parish goal. Thank you for your generosity.

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

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Donna McClarty, Joseph Ginkus and Jaime Robertson who have been born into eternal life.

## **WORD OF LIFE:**

**“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”**

**St. Augustine**