

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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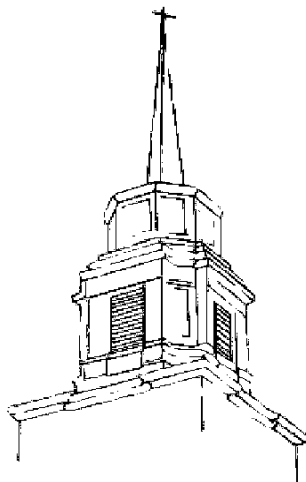
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**Director of St. FX Center
And Facilities Manager**

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
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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, October 7, 2023

4:15 PM **Rev. Joseph A. Coonan (12th Anniv.)**, req. by The Boucher/Garofoli Family; **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**
7:15 PM **Scott Gow** req. by Family

Sunday, October 8, 2023

8 AM **George and William Comptois**, req. by Family; **Ronald Hewett**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **F. Stephen Harvey, Jr.**, req. by Frank and Carole Carroll; **Cristina Olivo and Victor Canizares**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Peter Perduta (3rd Anniv.)**, **Catherine McGurl (15th Anniv.)**, **Helen and Billy Glynn**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joshua & Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family

Monday, October 9, 2023

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

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

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

6:15 PM **Mario Lacastesantos and Shawn Rand**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 12, 2023

6:15 PM **Catherine McGurl**, req. by Family

Friday, October 13, 2023

6:15 PM **Michael M. Cahill**, req. by Frank and Carole Carroll

Saturday, October 14, 2023

4:15 PM **Dorothy Fresolo**, req. by Family; **John J. Trumpaitis (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Rose Pezzella**, req. by Family; **Marie Granlund (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 15, 2023

8 AM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Anthony Miner**, req. by Family; **Josephine Skowronski, John and Agnes Shea**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Walter and Kathleen Galivan**, req. by Family; **George Carreau (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joshua & Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Dwight Young**, req. by Dave Young

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

After the fun at our first FAM BAM, I was hoping that another would be scheduled soon. The good news is that that wish has been granted. On Sunday October 29 after the 8 a.m. and before the 10:15 a.m. Mass there will be coffee, muffins and donuts, along with activities for small children in the St. Francis Xavier Center. All are welcome, of course. As much as I loved the original name, perhaps a name change is in order. FAM BB+AM?

The Diocesan Vocation Office is implementing a parish based program and asking us to invite 2 to 4 people to a Vocation Promotion Workshop at St. Joseph's in Charlton on October 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have had a relatively good record of fostering vocations here at St. John's. Much more work needs to be done, though. Therefore, if you are being called to this important and rewarding ministry, please contact me.

The Last Monday of the Month Group will meet on, you guessed it, October 30 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. We are all about welcoming and finding ways that we can be an even more welcoming community. To that end, you can be sure all are welcome.

In the Gospel today, we hear the Parable of the Tenants. It is the second of the three that we will hear as Jesus responds to the chief priests and elders who have questioned his authority. Jesus does not answer their question directly. He hardly, if ever does. Nonetheless, though Jesus does not answer their question about the origin of his authority (they would not have accepted his direct answer), he does make clear the consequence of not abiding by his authority. The main point of the parable, which is voiced by Jesus himself in Mark's Gospel, but, as we hear, in Matthew the leaders condemn themselves is: *He will put those wretched men to a wretched death.*

Obviously, we do well to learn and remember this important lesson. Still, I cannot help but marvel at and praise the Owner of the Vineyard for his forbearance and patience. We are willing to give someone a second chance. Some might go even further, but most of us agree three strikes and you're out. Not Him, without rancor, chance after chance are given. The clear truth is that the Owner does not wish a wretched end for any of His tenants.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: "All things are in Your power, all things, Lord, are established within Your will, and none is there that can resist Your will to redeem Your people. For You have created all things: heaven and earth, and all within the canopy of the heavens.

You, O God, are Lord of all creation."

Op.: # 732 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Ps 25 "The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel."

Alleluia: "I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain."

Prep.: # 745 The Keeper of a Vineyard
Comm.: # "I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine."

Cl.: #733 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

TODAY'S READINGS ARE AT #1187 IN THE HYMNAL

Is 5:1-7

Ps 80

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

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 and church to the communion station.

RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION – any person over 18 who is interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist is welcome to join our program. We have begun the Inquiry phase and will meet again on Monday, October 16 at 7:00 PM in the rectory. Please call or email the rectory with any questions and to register.

THE ST. RAFQA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday October 11 at 9:30-11:00 AM. We will be meeting in the downstairs chapel! All knitters and crocheters are welcome! Bring a friend! Any questions please call Connie at 774-262-2512!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6–Next class will be 10/15, 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9– Next class will be 10/15 11:15 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation– Next class is Tuesday, October 17 starting with Mass in the Chapel. We have a large (28!) class this year. If anyone would like to help out at class please email Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com.

PUMPKIN PAINTING will be Sunday October 15, 11:15-1 in the Xavier Center. All children welcome! Snacks will be provided.

BUS TRIP TO ST. THERESA'S SHRINE AND WRIGHTS CHICKEN FARM – On Thursday, October 19, we will celebrate the 100th year of the shrine in Burrillville, RI. The cost is \$40.00 a person and includes round trip coach to the Shrine and to Wright's Chicken Farm for an all you can eat Lunch which includes Salad, Pasta, Chicken, French Fries, Rolls & Butter, Coffee and Dessert. Seats are limited, if interested send cash or check payable to St. John's Church, by October 8th. We will leave the church parking lot at 10: 30 AM and return by 5:30 PM. The Vatican stated "plenary indulgence is available to all those who visit the Shrine during the Centennial Year." If you have any questions call Judy Burke (508) 478-9813

VOCATION REFLECTION: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Do not be anxious about discerning your vocation. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or email dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

St. John's High– Tuesday, October 17 at 6 PM and Saturday, November 18 at 9 AM. Open to boys entering grades 7-12. For more info and to register please visit www.beapioneer.org/experience

Notre Dame Academy– Entrance exam will be held October 21 at 8:30 AM. To register visit www.nda-worc.org/admissions/events

Venerini Academy– Thursday, October 12 from 5:30-7:30 PM for students in grades Pre-K through 8. Please visit veneriniacademy.com or call Albert Ganem, Jr. at 508-753-3210 for more information.

In Our Catholic Community...

OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING – will be celebrated Monday, October 23. After the 6:15 PM Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those seeking God's healing and merciful grace.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL, THE "MEDIA NUNS" from the Pauline Book Center in Dedham, are here this weekend with inspirational Catholic Books, Bibles, Lives of the Saints, and Children's books. Please visit the Bookfair and choose something enrich your Faith, share the joy of the Gospel, and inspire your spiritual journey! Visit daughtersofstpaul.com #MediaNuns

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS - On Friday, October 13 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. Takes place every second Friday of the month.

TENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD - TASTE OF THE DIOCESE GALA- For the past nine years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called "Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese" as a benefit for Retired Priest's Care. Our retired priests have served our parishes and parishioners for decades until they were at least 75. Some served as pastors well into their eighties before retiring. Many of our retired priests regularly fill in on weekends, cover vacations and serve in prison ministry. We appreciate their efforts and regard all our retired priests with great esteem, respect and affection. Your generous support is greatly appreciated as the proceeds help us care for our retired priests with dignity. Join us on Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School in the Gymnasium. To make a donation in memory of a deceased priest or in honor of a priest who still is serving, buy ticket(s) for Taste of the Diocese, or to get more information, visit us at worcester-diocese.org or call 508-929-4366

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$7301.00. We also received:

Monthly- \$1779.00 Restoration- \$377.00
Stipends- \$425.00

Total- \$9882.00 Unrestricted- \$9505.00 Restricted- \$377.00

Expenses- \$11,547.51

Schola (1514.44) Administration (3448.43) Rectory Cable/Phone Internet (681.16) CCD (109.77) Stipends (660.00) Repair and Maintenance (1185.74) Plowing Contract (3200.00) Copier (475.00)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS: \$10 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$150 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$125 IMO Jim McDonald; \$500 from National Grid

FFTP Income- \$1940.00

FFTP Expenses- \$9973.15

This weekend's second collection is the Special Offering for CCD.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Margaret Burns, Russell Francis, Timothy Wakefield, Richard Butkus and Jordan Levy who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Drew Edward Mallaghan who has entered the Catholic Community through the Waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you."

St. Thomas Aquinas