

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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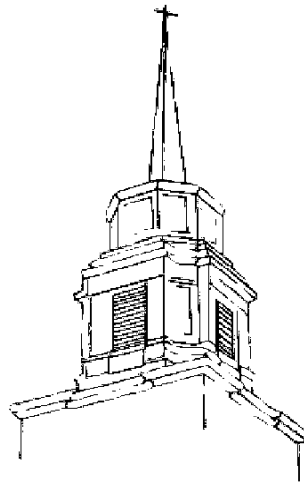
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, October 28, 2023

4:15 PM **Catherine McGurl**, req. by Family;
Margaret, Gene and John Gingras, req. by Family

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

Sunday, October 29, 2023

8 AM **Nancy Morgan**, req. by Residents at Village at Ascension Heights

10:15 AM **Matthew "JJ" Sullivan, John L. Sullivan and Patricia "Patty" Antul**, req. by Family; **Raymond P. Turgeon, Sr.**, req. by Wife Ann Marie and Sons

12:15 PM **Martha Scannell Brennan and Elizabeth Brennan**, req. by Family; **Catherine "Rita" McGrail**, req. by Kazarian Family

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

Monday, October 30, 2023

6:15 PM **Connie St. Cry**, req. by Richardson Family

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

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

Wednesday, November 1, 2023– ALL SAINTS

12:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Friends

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

Thursday, November 2, 2023

6:15 PM **Judith Ann Feeley (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Friday, November 3, 2023

6:15 PM **Joan Carcier**, req. by Richardson Family

Saturday, November 4, 2023

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**; **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by David and Joanne Gaughan

7:15 PM **Frank Wright**, req. by Family

Sunday, November 5, 2023

8 AM **Evelyn Foley**, req. by John Foley; **Carol Santa Maria**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Consuelo and Lenin Almeida**, req. by Family; **John Haddad (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Alice Vancelette Derosier (12th Anniv.)**, req. by Nephew Thomas; **Eleanor D'Elia**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joshua & Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Georgina Daigle**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today's Gospel passage recounts the third of four questions posed to Jesus in an attempt to entrap him. Last week, we heard the question about paying the census tax. The Lectionary then skips over the Sadducees' question about the Resurrection in which they use the silly example of the women who marries seven brothers, all who had died. *When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees*, they ask him the most familiar question about the greatest commandment. Mahri Leonard-Fleckman tells us: *This act of combining two different laws from the Torah was a common practice among the Jewish scholars at the time.* What is unique, though, is the personal way that Jesus models the unconditional and sacrificial nature of love and the expansive way that he defines "neighbor."

We know that following this commandment is what defines a truly Christian life. After the events in Gardner, MA and Lewiston, ME this week, we see that the need for authentic Christian living is more urgent than ever. Indeed, we knew that even before yet another horrific week. Still, a by-product of these too numerous tragedies is that they overshadow all the good that is being done every day. Thus making one part of Our Common Prayer especially needed:

*Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son:
"Be not afraid, for I am with you always."*

Here on Temple Street we see this prayer answered on a daily basis. In the midst of addiction, homelessness, and mental health struggles, we are also able to witness examples of unconditional and sacrificial love being offered from one neighbor to another. This is true for the neighbors who come as guests as well as those who come as volunteers.

This same prayer is being answered through our affiliation with The Be Like Brit Foundation, as well. We have been blessed, as a community and as individuals, to be involved in this ongoing movement from heartache to hope. Here in New England, events like this week remain rare. For many people in Haiti, they are part of daily life. We have invited people from BLB to be in the back of the church after all masses the weekend of November 11th & 12th. Please be sure to stop by to say hello and learn more about the work they are doing in Haiti and the relationship between the St. John's Church Community and Brit's Home. Take it from me, you will be filled with the blessings and the grace needed to live more and more as a Christian in this difficult time.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance Song: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #642

Gloria: *from Mass in Honor of San Romero*

Psalm 18

Resp: "I love You, Lord, my strength."

Offertory: *Love Is the Law That Jesus Taught* #699

Communion Chant: "O Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. You know that I love You."

Sending Forth: *Salve Regina* #882

TODAY'S READINGS ARE AT #122 IN

THE HYMNAL

Ex 22:20-26

1 Thes 1:5c-10

Mt 22: 34-40

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY, a Holy Day of Obligation, is this Wednesday, November 1. Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 31 at 6:15 PM and Wednesday, November 1 at 12:15 and 6:15 PM.

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 on Monday, November 16 at 7:00 PM in the rectory. Please call or email the rectory with any questions.

VOCATION REFLECTION: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – "Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or email dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.

WHY DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE CHRIST IS REALLY PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST? - St. Columba Church, 10 Richards Ave, Paxton, is hosting a presentation on True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome! Fr. Steve Lundrigan is the presenter.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6- Next class is Sunday, Nov 5 at 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9- Next class is Sunday, Nov 5 at 11:15 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation- Next class is Tuesday, November 7 starting with Mass in the Chapel. We have a large class this year. If anyone would like to help out at class please email Dianne at dhgus-towski@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS ED ANNUAL SUPPLY DRIVE

for the guests of the Xavier Center kicks off November 4-5. Families will be at each Mass handing out the paper bags for you to fill. The list of items will be stapled to the bag. Bags need to be returned by November 21. Thanks so much for your generosity!

FAM BAM - This Sunday, October 29 after the 8 AM and before the 10:15 AM 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 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 a more welcoming Christian community. So you can be sure that all are welcome.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS- Once again we will be distributing baskets to the less fortunate on Tuesday, November 21 from 11-2 at the Xavier Center. We are always in need of donations of baskets (turkeys and all the fixins!) and can always use help setting up and distributing the baskets. If you are willing to donate a basket, please email the rectory. If you would like to volunteer that day, please arrive by 10 AM. Thank you.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

will be meeting on Wednesday, November 8 at 9:30-11:00 AM in the downstairs chapel. ALL knitters and crocheters are welcome. We can help you get started. If you can't come at that time and have a question, please call Connie at 774-262-2512. You can make a shawl at home! Hope to see you on November 8!

In Our Catholic Community...

OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING – will be celebrated Monday, November 27. After the 6:15 PM Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those seeking God's healing and merciful grace.

BLB TURKEY TROT-Thanksgiving Morning come Run, Walk or Wobble in the Holden Turkey Trot and help support the Be Like Brit Foundation and local food pantries like St. John's Food for the Poor Program. To sign up or sponsor visit BeLikeBrit.org/TurkeyTrot.

EVENING VESPERS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING IN WORCESTER - In recognition of the recent appointment of Msgr. Richard Reidy as a Chaplain to His Holiness, Bishop McManus welcomes you to join the diocesan family in blessing this papal honor at Evening Vespers on the Solemnity of Christ the King, Sunday Nov. 26 at 5:00 pm at Cathedral of St. Paul, 19 Chatham St., Worcester, followed by a reception with light refreshments. All are welcome.

CONSIDERING A LATE VOCATION? Every month Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston hosts visits for men for whom priesthood is a later vocation. The next visit is Friday, Nov. 3. Join the seminary community either virtually or in person for prayer and fellowship, holy hour and evening prayer. In-person visits also include dinner with the seminarians and a tour of the seminary. To sign-up or receive more information, please contact Msgr. William Fay at 781-899-5500 ext. 134 or ormsgr.fay@psjs.edu

ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT NOTRE DAME CEMETERY CHAPEL - Bishop McManus will be the principal celebrant at Mass on All Souls Day, Thursday, Nov. 2 at 11 am in the Notre Dame Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel, 162 Webster St., Worcester. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE
St. John's High— Saturday, November 18 at 9 AM. Open to boys entering grades 7-12. For more info and to register visit beapioneer.org/experience
Saint Mary School, Shrewsbury - Wednesday, November 8, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Serving children from preschool to grade 8. Please email admissions@stmarysparish.org for more information. No registration is required.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$9125.00. We also received:

Monthly- \$1500.00	World Mission- \$459.00
Stipends- \$370.00	Donation- \$3250.00

Total- \$14,704.00 Unrestricted- \$14,245.00 Restricted - \$459.00

Expenses- \$20,342.32

Schola (1739.44) Administration (7042.54) House (561.16) Church Hall Plumbing (153.36) Diocesan Budget Bill (8797.00) Parish Trip (913.75) Cleaning Supplies (1135.07)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS: \$100 IMO John "Spike" Watkins; \$4,000 from The Good Neighbor Family Trust; \$1000 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$100 IMO Joe Harrington; \$15,000 from the George I. Aldeman Trust; \$50 for a Thanksgiving Basket

Food for the Poor

Income- \$22,235.00

Expenses- \$18,242.33

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 family of Todd Brunelle who has been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Harrison Sonald Setzko, Virginia Teresa Dillon and Lilianna Macy Dillon who have entered the Catholic Community through the Waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

"Walking by faith, let us do good works. In these let there be a free love of God for His own sake and an active love for our neighbor. For there is nothing we can do for God. But because we have something we can do for our neighbor, we shall by our good offices to the needy gain the favor of Him Who is the source of all abundance. Let us then do what we can for others; let us freely bestow upon the needy out of our abundance."

St. Augustine