

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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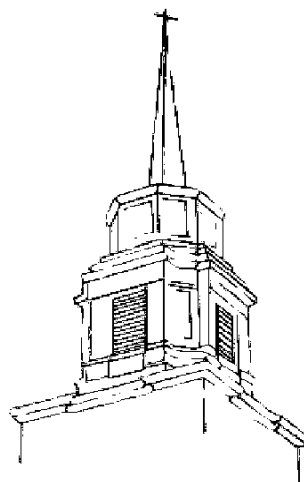
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, January 20, 2024

4:15 PM **Ken Swift**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

7:15 PM **Burton Blatt**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8 AM **Ellen B. Donahue**, req. by Mastrovito Family; **James V. Powers**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Raymond Simoncini (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Jeanne and John Pieciewicz**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Celeste Butcher**, req. by Pat Riley; **Ed Rockett**, req. by Bill and Louise Landen

7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

Monday, January 22, 2024

6:15 PM **Peggy Sokolowski**, req. by Family; **Bill and Rita Duffy and Sons William, Stephen and James Duffy**, req. by Family

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

6:15 PM **Lolita M. Catalan and Eden Susmiran**, req. by Family

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

6:15 PM **Joseph P. Genduso, Jr.**, req. by Carol Anne and Frank Carroll

Thursday, January 25, 2024

6:15 PM **George and William (5th Anniv.) Comptois**, req. by Family

Friday, January 26, 2024

6:15 PM **William G. O'Rourke**, req. by Carol Anne and Frank Carroll

Saturday, January 27, 2024

4:15 PM **Elizabeth Bauer**, req. by Carol Anne and Frank Carroll

7:15 PM **Sr. Mary Thomas Senckowski (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8 AM **Anthony Thompson (17th Anniv.)**, req. by Daughter Barbara

10:15 AM **Jean P. Cosmo**, req. by Thomas Vancelette; **Susan Patino and Paola Cordova**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Patrick Halvorsen (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Carol Groccia (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Diane Bianculli**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The February schedule for the Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion was emailed this week. If any minister did not receive it – I have been known to miss an email address or two – please contact me and I will send one to you right away.

It is important to look on the bright side of things. After Monday's Steelers game, I tried to do just that. Perhaps, this could be helpful to Patriots' fans, as well. Beginning this weekend and extending all the way to September, there's nothing for us to stress over! Rather, we should pray for the people of Green Bay and Houston. They must be nervous wrecks this weekend.

Last Sunday's Gospel presented us with John's account of the call of the first disciples. Today's Gospel passage offers us Mark's account. They are written many years apart by different authors to different audiences. They are different from each other. Yet, they are both true.

John tells us that Jesus was passing by when John the Baptist pointed him out: *Behold the Lamb of God*. Then Andrew and the other disciple (perhaps, our patron, John) follow Jesus. In Mark, as we hear today, it is Jesus who approaches first, Simon and Andrew and, then, James and John, as they are fishing, and invites them to *Come after me and I will make you fishers of men*.

How can these very different accounts both be true?

Through the majesty and the mystery of the Living Word of God. Our own lived experience confirms the point. As we undertake the challenge of responding to God's call in our lives, we know that sometimes Jesus approaches us and quite clearly calls us to follow him.

At other times, though, the Lord passes by wearing one of his many disguises. It is then that we need to help each other to recognize the Lamb of God among us. In that way, we can follow him together.

This challenge of responding to the Lord's call sometimes leads us, like Jonah before us, to despair of our ability to make a fruitful. Which can only serve to assure us that, like Jonah before us, our proclamation of the Good News certainly will bear fruit for us and for the world.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance Song: You Walked Along Our
Shoreline #766
Psalm 25

Resp: "Teach me your ways, O Lord."
Offertory: Lord, When You Came to the
Seashore #760

Communion Chant: *"Leave all things you have and
come and follow me, and come and follow me."*
Sending Forth: The Summons #773

TODAY'S READINGS ARE AT #1116 IN THE HYMNAL

Jon 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

VOCATION REFLECTION - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

— "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or send an email to dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.

LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB will meet on Monday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All are welcome.

ST. JOHN'S CYC BASKETBALL team is now 3-0. They had an incredible comeback win in the closing moments this past Sunday beating St. Rose of Lima # 1 50-49. It was a great team win. Congratulations to the team for being so resilient. The games this weekend are Saturday, January 20th at 12 pm and Sunday, January 21st at 1 pm.

VIANNEY DINNER -The next Vianney dinner is Monday, March 4 at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies at 51 Illinois St., Worcester. 6:05 pm Mass, 6:30 pm dinner, and 7:00-8:30 pm social. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend! You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food. Please Email dinfante@saintpaulknights.org if you plan to attend or need more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6- Next class is Sunday, January 21 at 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9- Next class is Sunday, January 21 at 11:15 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation- Next class is Tuesday, January 23 starting with Mass in the Chapel.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST REGISTRATION

- Students in grade 2 and older are invited to register for classes to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Classes continue this weekend from 9:00-10:00 at the Xavier Center. If you have any questions, feel free to email Donna Mastrovito at mastrovito21@gmail.com or call at 508 450 8639.

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE

- Tickets are now available for the 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference which will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Worcester's DCU Center. The early availability is for those who may wish to purchase tickets as Christmas gifts! Tickets are only \$50 for Adults and \$30 for Students and can be purchase online at catholicmen-worc.com or by calling (978) 537-3016.

SAINT MARY SCHOOL, 16 Summer Street Shrewsbury, MA will host a Winter Open House on Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The school serves children from preschool to grade 8. You can register for the Open House at school.stmarysparish.org. Please email Tina at admissions@stmarysparish.org for more information.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OF WORCESTER AND HAMPDEN COUNTIES

is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books, and household items. The funds received go to help our neighbors in need with (but not limited to) food, clothing, rent, and utilities. To schedule a free home pick-up, visit our website at svdpworcester.org and click on the "How You Can Help" tab, then choose "Schedule a Home Pick-Up." Complete the form, and you're done! You may also contact our partner (CMRK) at 508-474-8966 with any questions regarding the program and what we do and do not take for donations. Thank you in advance.

In Our Catholic Community...

OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING – will be celebrated this Monday, January 22. After the 6:15 PM Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those seeking God's healing and merciful grace.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN

SPRING 2024- The Diocese of Massachusetts have invited Fiat Ministries to host a discernment retreat for women April 5-7, 2024. Single women, age 18-30 who are seeking to do God's will, are invited to attend an upcoming Fiat Ministries Discernment Retreat at Betania II Spiritual Retreat Center. Fiat Ministries cultivates an authentic culture of discernment for young women by inspiring them to say yes to God's call. Religious sisters from various communities assist at the retreat by giving talks, leading small groups, giving their testimonies, and providing a joyful witness of what it means to be a consecrated religious sister. Cost is \$150. <https://fiatministries.org/retreat-worcester/th>

CAR DONATION PROGRAM- Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities and help us help your Worcester County neighbors? It's quick and easy to do. Just visit our website to donate your vehicle online at ccworc.org or call 1-888-CAR-7308 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program. The car in your driveway can help us to continue to offer many services to children, families and elders in our community so that they may regain home for a brighter future. Thank you!

SENIOR FRAUD HOTLINE- RSVP's Senior Fraud HelpLine is a toll-free resource for seniors and their families to call when they are concerned that they are being targeted by scammers. If they are in doubt, they should check it out by calling 1-800-297-9760. Confidential. Knowledgeable. Local. Supportive.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7075.00. We also received:

Monthly- \$1220.00	Restoration- \$86.00
Catholic U- \$454.00	Stipends- \$1055.00
Donations- \$5000.00	Free Press- \$39.00

Total- \$14,929.00 Unrestricted- \$14,389.00 Restricted- \$540.00

Expenses- \$15,783.40

Schola (1336.04) Altar (530.18) House (390.15) Advertising (75.00) Church Water and Sewer (626.17) Rectory Water and Sewer (1295.52) Administration (3824.00) Funerals (658.40) Rectory Boiler Repair (2792.40) Cleaning Supplies (166.62) Church Electric (914.50) Rectory Electric (1195.80) Legal Fees (1343.00) Catholic U (454.00) Office Supplies (181.62)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS: \$125 IMO Ronald Walinsky; \$20,000 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$350 IMO Jack O'Connell; \$10 IMO Rafael Paredes; \$50 IMO Leona McDonald; \$50 IMO Ron D'Auteil; \$1130 IMO Andrew Stencil

Food for the Poor

Income- \$3700.00 Expenses- \$16,098.18

Annual Appeal- \$42,935.00

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekend's second collection is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Leigh Alano and Patricia Dodge Szlyk who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Robert Ford Murphy who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE

"We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way."

St. Francis of Assisi