

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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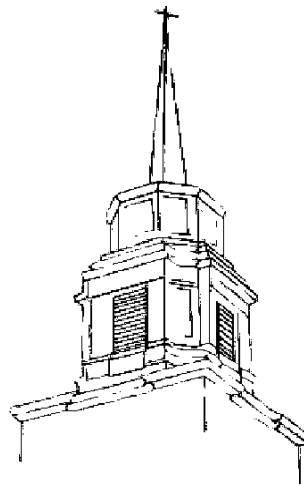
Edward Lally, Director
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**Director of St. FX Center
And Facilities Manager**

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
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

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 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; **Ann Degon**, req. by Mastrovito Family

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

Monday, January 29, 2024

6:15 PM **Dorothy Palermo**, req. by Family; **Andres Largo**, req. by Cecilia Catalan

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

6:15 PM **Ronald D'Auteil (Month's Mind)**, req. by The Morano Family

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

6:15 PM **Josephine Kozlowski**, req. by Children

Thursday, February 1, 2024

6:15 PM **Kathy Torrey**, req. by Carol Anne and Frank Carroll

Friday, February 2, 2024

6:15 PM **William Kennedy**, req. by Family

Saturday, February 3, 2024

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Rev. John Nicholson (Birthday Blessings)**, req. by Boucher/Garofoli Family

7:15 PM **Alejandro "AJ" Lorente**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8 AM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

10:15 AM **Zigmas Snarskis**, req. by Wife

12:15 PM **Jane Marino (1st Anniv.)**, req. by husband; **Health and Intentions of Celeste Butcher**, req. by Pat Riley

7:15 PM **Pat Casey, James J. Hearn, Jr., James J. Hearn, III and Paul Hearn**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Whenever someone asks me about St. John's, I find myself responding: "It's quite a place." A response that can be interpreted in a few different ways, of course, but always offered with gratitude to God for all that we have been given by God here on Temple Street.

Those who attended the 12:15 Mass on Sunday, January 14 received a surprise blessing. Fr. Conrad con-celebrated and preached at the Mass. As you know, he was critically ill only a few months ago, but he has had a remarkable turnaround. He and all of us give credit to God for his recovery. Both the healing power of divine love and the divine gift of healing wisdom have been active in Fr. Conrad's life. There were times when remaining hopeful and so open to God's grace was a significant challenge. One of his motivations was the desire to return to Temple Street and celebrate the Eucharist with you. Over all the years that I have been here, every priest who has come as an assisting priest, or to fill in for vacations or to preach at the Novena of Grace has sung the praises of our community. Fr. Conrad will be back for the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sunday, February 11. It's quite a place.

The St. Francis Xavier Center is quite a place, too. This week, as I was speaking with one of the regular volunteers at our weekday morning meal, he told me that he had no idea how moved he would be by participating in the mission. I am regularly amazed both at the amount of food that is offered and the amount of joy our team experiences in preparing, cooking and serving the food. I am certain that this joy will be increased this week. First, because the Holy Cross students from the Community Based Learning program will be returning for another semester. Second, because we were approached by the Culinary Arts program at Worcester Tech and they will be coming, as well. The Director indicated that the initiative came from the students who wanted to find a way to serve the community. They sure found a way and both our guests and team will be deeply blessed by their presence.

Ash Wednesday is on February 14th this year. It is inevitable that it will be here before we know it. So I wanted to let you know that the parish is providing every parishioner access to Hallow, the #1 prayer app in the world from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. For those who are technologically challenged, a representative from Hallow will be in the church hall on Monday, February 12 after the 6:15 p.m. Mass to assist us. To those of you who are able to function in the present day world, you can go now to <http://hallow.com/holyday> then search for St. John's Catholic Church and follow the instructions.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance Song: Christ, Be Our Light #584
Psalm 95

Resp: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Offertory: Lead Me, Guide Me #657

Communion Chant: *"Healer of our every ill, Light of each tomorrow, Give us peace beyond our fear And hope beyond our sorrow."*

Sending Forth: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #707

TODAY'S READINGS ARE AT #1119 IN THE

HYMNAL

Dt 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

VOCATION REFLECTION - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - "I will raise up for them a prophet like you." If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email: dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.

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

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.

IRISH FESTIVAL IN WORCESTER - St. Patrick Day Irish Festival will be held at St. Joan of Arc Church on Saturday, February 24 from 5 pm - 10 pm. Admission is \$5.00. Featuring Live Irish Music and Irish step dancers from the McInerney School of Irish Dance. Corned beef dinner is \$15.00; Corned beef sandwich and chips \$10.00; Beer and wine will be sold. Tickets will be sold for these.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6- Next class is Sunday, January 28 at 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9- Next class is Sunday, January 28 at 11:15 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation- Next class is Tuesday, January 30 starting with Mass in the Chapel.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST REGISTRATION

- 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. Tickets are only \$50 for Adults and \$30 for Students and can be purchase online at catholic-menworc.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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FREE PICKUP OF DO-

NATIONS - The society of St. Vincent de Paul of Worcester County is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books and household items. To schedule a free home pick-up, visit svdpworchester.org and click on "How You Can Help" tab, then "Schedule a Home Pick-Up." Or contact our partner (CMRK) at 508-474-8966. The funds received go to help our neighbors in need with services including food, clothing, rent and utilities.

INDOOR YARD SALE IN WORCESTER - An Indoor Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, March 9 from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Christopher's Church Hall, 950 W. Boylston St., Worcester, MA 01606. Tables are available. For information email knotte@charter.net or call 508-852-2348.

In Our Catholic Community...

OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING – will be celebrated Monday, February 26. 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>

PRO-LIFE AWARDS NOMINEES SOUGHT - The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Worcester seeks nominations for two annual pro-life awards to be presented by Bishop McManus at the Mass for Life on April 8, 2024, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Further information and nomination forms are available at www.worcesterdiocese.org/mass-for-life-annunciation. Completed nomination forms may be emailed to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org and must be received no later than February 15.

ADULT SCOUTING AWARD DEADLINES - For all interested in submitting nominations of worthy adults for one of the adult Catholic Scouting awards offered by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting, please contact Vinnie Matulaitis via email at matulv@yahoo.com for info on available awards. Please note that the deadline for nominations is February 26.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7398.00. We also received:

Stipends- \$920.00

Total- \$8318.00 Unrestricted- \$8318.00 Restricted- \$0.00

Expenses- \$14,428.77

Schola (1303.64) Altar (1563.35) House (552.20) Religious Ed Books (931.15) Administration (6549.23) Funerals (329.20) Plowing Contract (3200.00)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS: \$250 IMO Jack O'Connell; \$50 from a friend; \$1000 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 IMO Deceased Members of the Murphy and Migliorelli Families; \$50 IMO John and Jeanne Piecewicz; \$100 IMO Raymond Simoncini; \$50 IMO Ronald D'Auteil; \$100 from K of C Pope John Council 5481; \$35 IMO Andrew Stencil

Food for the Poor

Income- \$6500.00 Expenses- \$11,250.33

Annual Appeal- \$30,318.40

This weekend's second collection is the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of John O'Malley, Fr. James Caldarella, Fr Michael Sheridan, and Msgr Daniel Trapp who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE

"We shall steer safely through every storm, so long as our heart is right, our intention fervent, our courage steadfast, and our trust fixed on God."

St. Francis de Sales