

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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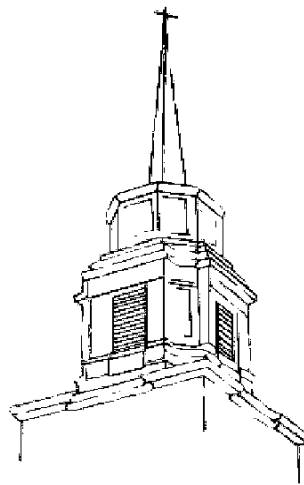
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Dolores Vito

**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, February 10, 2024

4:15 PM **The Covello Family**, req. by Family;
Salvatore and Esther Ciambrone, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Robert Hegan**, req. by Family; **Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8 AM **David Covello**, req. by Family; **Bob Kett**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Frank Riccardi**, req. by Family; **Paul Lapierre and All Souls in Purgatory**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Louis A. Boucher (16th Anniv.) and Birthday Blessings for Lorenzo Pasquale**, req. by Family; **Jean and George Vancelette**, req. by son Thomas
7:15 PM **Virginia Kruzikas-Hill**, req. by Snarskis Family

Monday, February 12, 2024

6:15 PM **Winnie Gingras**, req. by Family; **Rafael Paredes**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:15 PM **Daniel McCann**, req. by Carole Ann and Frank Carroll

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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

Thursday, February 15, 2024

6:15 PM **Harold Rider**, req. by Carole Ann and Frank Carroll

Friday, February 16, 2024

6:15 PM **Carol Groccia (79th Birthday Remembrance.)**, req. by Family

Saturday, February 17, 2024

4:15 PM **Joseph and Julia Senckowski and Christine Plouffe**, req. by Family; **Joseph Ginkus, Jr. (6 Mo. Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Ann Dumas**, req. by Family; **Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 18, 2024

8 AM **Donald Walczak**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Paul Bresnahan (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Friends
7:15 PM **Mary M. Morrissey**, req. by Dave Young

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance Song: Lead Me, Guide Me #657
Psalm 32

Resp: "I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation."

Offertory: Your Hands, O Lord in Days of Old #972
Communion Chant: *"Healer of our every ill, Light of each tomorrow, Give us peace beyond our fear And hope beyond our sorrow."*

Sending Forth: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven #610

TODAY'S READINGS ARE AT #1125 IN THE HYMNAL

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

ASH WEDNESDAY- Masses with the Distribution of Ashes will be celebrated on February 14th at 12:15 and 6:15 PM. The collection at both Masses will support the priests of the Diocese of Worcester's retirement fund.

VOCATION REFLECTION - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- "Do everything for the glory of God." Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

"SOUPER" BOWL TIME IS HERE! - Our favorite teams may not necessarily be in the big game, but it is still an important weekend here at St. John's. This weekend is "Souper" Bowl weekend. This annual event raises funds for local charities that feed the hungry. Our drive supports the St. John's Food For the Poor Program. As usual, we'll be collecting donations after every mass this weekend as parishioners exit the building at the conclusion of Mass.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday, February 14 from 9:30am to 11:00 AM, in the downstairs chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. We can teach you to knit if you want to learn! Any questions, please call Connie at 774-262-2512. Bring a friend!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6- Next class is Sunday, February 11 at 9 AM in the church hall.

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

Confirmation- Next class is Tuesday, February 13 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.

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THE HALLOW APP- Football will be over but we have one more kickoff lined up at St. John's to help you have a SUPER Lent. Have you ever struggled in your prayer life and found yourself wanting to strengthen it, especially during the season of Lent? Well this year we are very fortunate to offer all parishioners access to the @hallowapp for the 40 days of Lent. You will have access to all of the wonderful resources Hallow offers and you can learn more about the app and prayer at our Kickoff to Lent event. Join us Monday February 12th after the 6:15 PM mass for a short 20 minute presentation on prayer and a Q&A with one of the Hallow Parish Team members. Come and enjoy some fellowship, prayer and snacks and make this your best Lent ever!

ST. JOHN'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE is hosting a bus trip to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge on Sunday, April 14th. The cost is \$55 per person which includes round trip on coach bus, dinner at the Golden Corral in Springfield (all you can eat buffet, coffee, tea or soft drinks, dessert, tax, & all gratuities are included). The Bus will leave St. John's at 11 AM and return around 7 PM. Dinner will be around 4:30 PM at the restaurant. To reserve seats, make checks payable to St. John's Church and either mail or drop off at the rectory. Include your telephone number, first and last names of who will be attending and put in envelope, attention Judy Burke. Checks need to be in by April 01. Any questions call Judy at 508 478-9813.

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.

2024 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE- Saturday, March 16th at DCU Center in Worcester. Speakers include James Wahlberg, the "Dynamic Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Michael Nicholson, former St. John's Asst. Principal & current Principal of Xaverian HS. Join other men from throughout the state and renew your faith during the lenten season. Tickets can be purchased online at catholicmenworc.com or email our parish contact Bob-Spellane@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FREE PICKUP OF DONATIONS - 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.

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. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food. Please Email at dinfante@saintpaulknights.org if you plan to attend or need more information.

65TH EMERALD CLUB GALA-to benefit the Mercy Centre will take place on Saturday, March 9th at Tatnuck Country Club. Please join us to honor 2024 Shillelagh Award Winner Peg Buzzell, who served the Mercy Centre for over 40 years. Ticket and Sponsorship information can be found online at emeraldclubworchester.org or by reaching out to Bob Spellane at bobspellane@gmail.com

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7609.00. We also received:

Monthly- \$2076.00	Restoration- \$344.00
Free Press- \$40.00	Stipends- \$895.00

Total- \$10,964.00 Unrestricted- \$10,620.00 Restricted- \$344.00

Expenses- \$19,259.26
Altar (1626.75) House (718.28) Schola (1660.68) Administration (8674.68) Clergy Benefit Plan (1132.00) Parish Website (73.29) Funerals (658.40) Stipends (720.00) Legal Fees (1021.18) Novena Mailing (3000.00)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS: \$425 IMO John O'Malley; \$500 IMO Albert Whitney, Jr.; \$225 IMO Kenneth Bejune; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$40 from a friend; \$2500 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$300 from a friend; \$100 IMO Graciano and Luzonia; \$50 IMO Albert Rodrique; \$50 IMO John and Helen Horgan; \$75 IMO AJ Lorente; \$25 IMO Jack O'Connell

Food for the Poor

Income- \$4053.00 Expenses- \$4401.70

Annual Appeal- \$360.00

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Free Press.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Fr. Walter Riley, Thomas Oliveri and Toby Covel who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Lyla Grace Sexton and Avery Ohene Kwaku Amoako who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE

"God wishes us to be meek even toward ourselves. When a person commits a fault, God certainly wishes him to humble himself, to be sorry for his sin, and to purpose never to fall into it again; but he does not wish him to be indignant with himself, and give way to trouble and agitation of mind; for, while the soul is agitated, a man is incapable of doing good."

St. Alphonsus De Liguori