

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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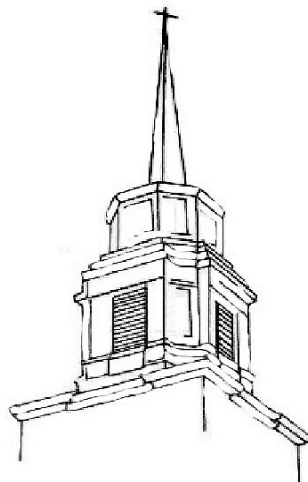
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, June 28, 2025

4:15 PM **Paul F. Jackson (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Chucky Ramelli**, req. by Friends
7:15 PM **Sophie Kozaczka and Jadwiga Burzynski**, req. by Family

Sunday, June 29, 2025

8 AM **Frank Carroll**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **For Peace in Gaza, Tijani Ishola Showunmi (20th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Dr. Robert and Elizabeth Kennedy Blute**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Kathleen Loftus (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for John Delisle**, req. by Karen Shaughnessy

Monday, June 30, 2025

6:15 PM **Edward Bazylewicz**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

6:15 PM **Edou Bellevue**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

6:15 PM **Blanca Ortega**, req. by Friends

Thursday, July 3, 2025

6:15 PM **Gaetano Corso**, req. by Friends

Friday, July 4, 2025

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

Saturday, July 5, 2025

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**; **James Kimbar**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family

Sunday, July 6, 2025

8 AM **Robert Baniukiewicz**, req. by Donna and Bob Mastrovito
10:15 AM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Friends
12:15 PM **Beverlynn Masiga**, req. by Family; **Catherine Walsh Cosmo (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Nephew
7:15 PM **Bryan and Mark Beardsley**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Each year, as we experienced the last two Sundays, the liturgy offers the two Solemnities of Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi after Pentecost as the means of transitioning from Easter's focus on the events in Jesus' life to Ordinary Time's focus on the mission of the Church. This year, today, we have been blessed with the additional Solemnity of the Saints Peter and Paul. Their focus on the Church's mission, especially in its infancy, has borne fruit throughout the centuries.

As Jesus begins his public ministry, he declares that the Kingdom of God is at hand and instructs the crowds to repent and believe. Later, he instructs the 72 disciples he sends out to proclaim the same message. All of Jesus' Resurrection appearances include a commissioning, as well. Finally, he promises to be with them – and us – even until the end of the age. The two great saints whom we celebrate today, each in their own unique way were missionaries. To that end, in the Eucharistic Preface today, we pray:

For by your providence, the blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul bring us joy. Peter foremost in professing the faith, Paul, its outstanding preacher, Peter who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel, Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call. And so, each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ; And revered together throughout the world, they share one Martyr's crown.

Pope Leo XIV has made clear from the first day of his papacy, that this remains the call God makes to all in the Church. All of us, each in our own unique way, are to be missionaries; to proclaim the Kingdom of God knowing that Jesus will be with us always. This last promise is especially important. As both the first and second readings point out, Peter and Paul faced obstacles, trials and tribulations in responding to the Lord's call: "Follow Me." We do, as well, of course. Therefore, like Peter in the first reading, we need to expect God to intervene and be open to the grace God offers us. Likewise, with Paul we need to persevere that we may say with him: *I have competed well; I finished the race; I have kept the faith.*

Thank you to all who have responded to the call we have made for liturgical ministers. We would like to complete the orientation and instruction in July so that you can begin in August. For those who are interested in the ministry of Lector and/or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, whether you have already expressed your interest to me, Dolores or Deacon Ed, please plan on attending one of the following sessions to be held in the Church: Tuesday, July 15 at 3:00 or 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 16 at 3:00 p.m. or Monday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance Song– By All Your Saints Still Striving

Psalm 34: YouI Will Bless the Lord

Resp: “The Angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear Him.”

Offertory– Two Noble Saints #879

Communion: “O Lord, You know all things; You know that I love you, You know that I love you.”

Sending Forth– For All the Saints #891

TODAY'S READINGS ARE AT #1218 IN THE HYMNAL

Acts 12:1-11

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18

Mt 16:13-19

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION – SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

– “*I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.*” (2 Timothy 4:7) How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “God doesn’t call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful.” How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith?

PARTNERS IN CHARITY – Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2025 Partners in Charity Appeal. We have received gifts and pledges in the amount of \$66,435.00 towards our goal of \$76,600. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the church or visit www.partners-charity.net to do it online. Thank you!

THE SHOWER TRAILER is back at St. John’s for another summer. We are in need of travel size toiletries (soap, shampoo, body was etc.) and men’s clothing, especially underwear and socks. Donations can be sent to or dropped off at the rectory anytime. Thank you for your generosity to this important mission.

OUR COFFEE SHOPPE is open this weekend after the 10:15 AM Mass. All are welcome to join us for a gathering in the church hall. If you are able to volunteer, please speak to RoxAnn Gusar (508-769-0187) or Dan and Deb Donovan (508-735-9345).

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CHAIR YOGA will not meet during the summer months. We will be off until after Labor Day. We will have an announcement on the return date when it is finalized. Have a great summer.

JULY 5TH SUPER BINGO IN LEOMINSTER

- St. Cecilia's 5th of July Super Bingo will be held at 188 Mechanic Street in Leominster. Games start at 6:30pm and doors open at 4:30pm. There will be (2) \$1199 Games*, (9) \$500 Games* and (3) Mystery Game Payouts*. Three packages are available for purchase (12) Cards \$70, (18) Cards \$100 and (24) Cards \$135. Advance purchasers will be entered into a drawing prize valued at \$150. Must be 18 Years of Age or Older. There will also be a \$10 complete meal deal. Call BettyAnn at the parish office 978-537-6541 for more information. This special Bingo event is to raise additional funds needed to purchase a New Bingo Caller Machine. *Prizes are subject to attendance.

SUMMER FESTIVAL IN OTTER RIVER

- St. Martin Church in Otter River will hold its annual Summer Festival & Chicken BBQ on Saturday, July 19 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Otter River Sportsman's Club, 250 Lord Rd., Templeton. The event features theme basket, certificate and major prize raffles, along with adult and children's chinese auctions; music; free activities for children; and, of course, a chicken dinner served from noon to 1 pm. Dinner tickets are \$12 and can be reserved by calling 978-939-5588. Reservations are suggested, as a limited number of tickets will be available on July 19.

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 www.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!

In Our Catholic Community...

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

ST. MARY'S PARISH, SHREWSBURY is delighted to have the opportunity to host the Choeur d'Enfants d'ile-de-France youth choir from Paris, France during their New England Tour this summer. Founded in 1970 by Professor Francois Bardo, this renowned children's choir is known for its exceptional repertoire and performance quality. Forty-five boys and girls (ages 11–14) will arrive Sunday, July 20 and sing at the 5:30 pm Mass, followed by a concert at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's Church. A welcoming reception will follow. Please mark your calendars, extend this invitation to family and friends, and plan to join us for a memorable evening of music. For more information on the Choir and their New England tour visit www.stmarysparish.org

PARISH FESTIVAL IN OXFORD- The Annual St. Roch Festival will take place Saturday, July 26 at St. Roch, 334 Main St., Oxford. The fun begins under the Big Tent at 10:00 am. Raffles, Fried Dough, Strawberry Shortcake, Desserts, Music, Adult Games: Bocci, Cornhole plus more! Burgers, Dogs, Sausage & Peppers, Pulled Pork will be served 10:00-3:00. Dunk Tank! Practice your aim now, Fr. Jim will take your best shots! A Bouncy House, Face Painting and Organized Children's Games will be held on the church lot on the corners of Main & Water Sts. from 10 am-3 pm. Water balloon toss, 3 legged races, obstacle course, potato sack races and more! All children's activities are free including cold drinks, prizes and more!

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5851.00. We also received:
Stipends- \$1275.00 Donation- \$50.00
Payroll Transfer- \$10,928.34

Total- \$18,104.34 Unrestricted- \$7176.00 Restricted- \$10,928.34

Expenses- \$22,671.81

Altar (1065.61) Schola (1295.64) Funerals (525.00) Administration (8417.62) Church Gas (161.12) Rectory Gas (291.91) House (880.47) Federal Payroll Taxes (1490.44) Diocesan Budget Bill (8232.00) Preserve the Flame (312.00)

Food for the Poor Donations - \$ 50 from a friend; \$30 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$300 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$75 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 IMO Graciano Luzonia; \$920 IMO Judge Ronald King; \$50 IMO Ruth McGinn; \$275 IMO Joseph Pulsifer; \$125 IMO John Boyle; \$2500 from Victory Bar and Cigar Charity Golf Tournament; \$15,108.20 from the Estate of Kathleen M. Shea

FOOD FOR THE POOR:

Income– \$6483.00
Golf Tournament- \$2,000.00
Expenses- \$7634.62

This weekend's second collection is the Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father.

YEAR TO DATE – In the month of June, we had a cash operating loss of \$33,897.65. This leaves our cash operating loss for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 at \$11,869.77. Thank you for your generosity to St. John's Church.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences for the families of Bro. Paul Feeney, CFX, Joseph Cote, Robert Sherman, Jr., Richard Hurst and Diego Segui Gonzalez who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE

"You must make a sound and firm resolution to submit yourselves totally to His will and, with a lively and steadfast faith, to receive from Him what you have to do for love of Him. And in this (whatever may happen) to persevere with constancy to the very end."

St. Angela Merici