

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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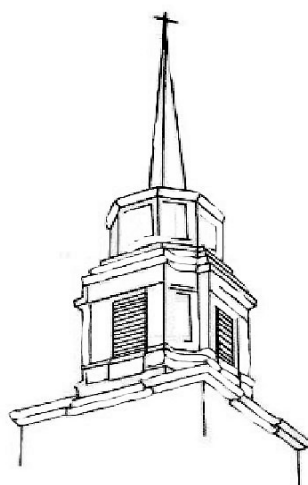
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**Director of St. FX Center
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Raphael Mesadieu



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, July 12, 2025

4:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends

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

Sunday, July 13, 2025

8 AM **Robert Foley**, req. by Family;

Zachary Covello req. by Family

10:15 AM **Martha Zapata and Teresa Jara**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Deacon Michael Chase** req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Dick Gauthier**, req. by Dave Young

Monday, July 14, 2025

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

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

6:15 PM **Anthony Palermo**, req. by Family

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

6:15 PM **Olga Kersis**, req. by Friends

Thursday, July 17, 2025

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

Friday, July 18, 2025

6:15 PM **Christopher Sebring**, req. by Friends

Saturday, July 19, 2025

4:15 PM **Paul Jackson**, req. by Family;

Kurtis Clark, req. by Peter Wood

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

Sunday, July 20, 2025

8 AM **Joe Hickey** req. by Friends

10:15 AM **Terri Meilus (12th Anniv.)**, req. by Husband Deacon Ed; **George Gallant (42nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family;

Ellen H. Shea and Lore Halpin, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Albert Scola (9th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Iveta Ice**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

For many years, St. John's, along with many if not all the parishes in the Diocese of Worcester, have participated in the Mission Cooperative through the Propagation of the Faith. This includes having a mission preacher visit on one weekend every year. Clearly, the office gives some thought to the assigning of the preachers. Over the years, we have had a few speakers from India, in recognition of our devotion to St. Francis Xavier and a Xaverian Brother. Recently, we have had speakers from Africa, acknowledging the growing number of people native to that continent here in Worcester, including members of our Christian community. The same thoughtfulness applies to this year's mission speaker. This weekend, we welcome Fr. Joseph Do Trinh from the Diocese of Long Xuyen in Vietnam. The Vietnamese Apostolate in the Diocese began here at St. John's in the late 1970's. As we celebrate our 75th anniversary as a diocese, Fr. Anthony Dai and Sister Theresa Khen are remembered as true heroes. Both refugees themselves, they ministered to a growing Vietnamese population. In 2023, Fr. Peter Bui became the first Vietnamese-American priest in the diocese. The community now calls Our Lady of Vilna Church home. Still, we are blessed by the presence of Vietnamese sisters and brothers every week.

As we welcome Fr. Joseph Do Trinh, let me offer you an introduction to his diocese.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

The Diocese of Long Xuyen covers two provinces of An Giang and Kien Giang plus parts of two districts that belong to the City of Can Tho. This region is located in the most south-western corner of Vietnam in the Mekong Delta that shares a border with Cambodia. In 1954, the population of the faithful in this area was about 30,000. That was before the influx of the Catholic political refugees from North Vietnam moving into this fertile farming land. The Long Xuyen Diocese currently has over 236,754 faithful among approximately 4.2 million people or 5.59%, lower than the national average. It spreads out to 198 parishes in a region of about 6,500 square miles. We currently have 356 priests including 30 religious ones, about 230 religious sisters, 70 religious brothers, 111 seminarians, 127 preparatory students and nearly 1,511 catechists.

Vietnam's population nationwide is shifting from countryside to more industrial cities or further into isolated rural lands. The latter is of our most concern since many Catholics are migrating away from their home parishes to the new land where there are neither churches nor catechetical schools. The Long Xuyen Diocese has to build up to 5 chapels and many classrooms each year to accommodate these new Catholic Communities. We also must train many new catechists and evangelization volunteers for our efforts of the New Evangelization.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT! Please let us be the extension of your arms to help these poor brothers and sisters of ours as well as reaching out to the non-Christians in the region who are hungry for the GOOD NEWS of CHRIST and the LOVE of GOD. 100% of the funds generated from your generosity will be utilized for the above purposes.

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Making Their Way #826

Psalm 69: O Lord, I Pray to You

Resp: "Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live."

Offertory— We Sing Your Praise, O Christ #804

Communion: "My soul is longing for your peace, near to you, my God."

Sending Forth— Go to the World! #532

TODAY'S READINGS ARE AT #1153 IN THE HYMNAL

Dt 30:10-14

Col 1:15-20

Lk 10:25-37

VOCATION REFLECTION – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

– "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Faithfulness to one's vocation is essential to holiness. Is yours to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (508)630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.

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 \$69,130.00 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– Thank you for the many donations of clothing and toiletries for the Shower program. We are currently providing 25 - 30 showers a day. While we continue to welcome all donations of clothing and toiletries, we are specifically in need of men's small and medium underwear as well as single use razors. Thank you to the St. John's community for all your support"

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).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED – 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 us or not, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES begin Sunday, September 21. The tentative schedule is available in the back of the church, and posted on the parish website. Registration opens Monday, July 14. We are in need of a 9th grade teacher and classroom aides. Please contact Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com if interested.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES begin Tuesday, October 7. The tentative schedule is available in the back of the church and on the parish website. High Schoolers aged 15+ are eligible. Registration opens Monday, July 14. A 10-hour service commitment is required. If your child wishes to get a head start on this over the summer please contact Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com, or call 774-670-3674.

SAVE THE DATE DINNER SHOW– St. John's Social Committee is Sponsoring a Dinner and a show on Saturday, September 13th, after the 4:15 PM Mass. The Dinner includes a Buffet of Fresh Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Pot Roast, Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes, Stuffed Chicken Breast, & Vegetable Lasagna. Coffee and Tea with Ice Cream for Dessert. The Show a Neil Diamond Tribute featuring Charlie Lask. Charlie doesn't consider himself a impersonator, but a tribute artist who adds a twist of Charlie Lask to every song. Great Dinner and Show all for \$35.00 per Person. Also, there will be Raffle Baskets and a 50/50 Raffle. All proceeds will benefit St John's Food for the Poor. Tickets will be sold at some Masses or by calling Judy Burke (508) 478-9813. Get your tickets early, limited seating.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) New England is interviewing applicants now for fall openings. IVC Service Corps Members combine direct service opportunities at local non-profits serving those in need in our communities with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve one or two full days/week from September through June. For more information and an application, contact IVC New England Director Dave Hinchin at dhinchin@ivcusa.org or check out our website ivcusa.org/newengland.

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

THE RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE- A 30-week prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola will be held at St. Peter's Church in Worcester beginning September 30, 2025. Offered by a team of Jesuit trained people experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises. There is an information night explaining the Retreat in Daily Life, held on Tuesday, July 29th, 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church, 929 Main St., Worcester. You can read about this retreat at IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com. We also have a recorded version from past years available on the website above.

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, Corn-hole plus more! Burgers, Dogs, Sausage & Peppers, Pulled Pork will be served 10:00-3:00. All children's activities are free including cold drinks, prizes and more! All are welcome!

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7000.26. We also received:

Monthly- \$1807.00	Restoration- \$201.00
Donation- \$500.00	Stipends- \$1285.00

Total- \$10,793.26 Unrestricted- \$8792.26 Restricted- \$201.00

Expenses- \$13,434.77

House (715.15) Rectory Office Repair (3387.00) Administration (3883.62) Schola (818.76) Altar (735.00) Church Hall (341.80) Clergy Benefits (1132.00) Funerals (600.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (1401.44) Peter's Pence (420.00)

Food for the Poor Donations - \$550 IMO Judge Ronald King; \$40 IMO C. Michael Lavin; \$325 IMO Ruth McGinn; \$400 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$500 from St. Mary's Parish, Jefferson; \$25 IMO Joe Cote; \$250 IMO David Zglobicki; \$100 IMO Mary Horgan; \$180 From Melvin S. Cutler Foundation; \$100 IMO Sophie Kozaczka

FOOD FOR THE POOR:

Income– \$4,685.00
Expenses- \$6355.18

There is one collection this weekend

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences for the families of Lyndon Byers, Robert Jenks, Linda Brunelle, Michael Madsen and Francis Layden who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE

"I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles."

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati