

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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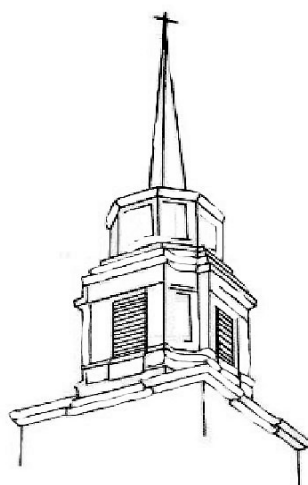
Edward Lally, Director
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Raphael Mesadieu



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, August 9, 2025

4:15 PM **Louis R. Boucher (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Joseph Ginkus (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

Sunday, August 10, 2025

8 AM **Mary Gladys Craig**, req. by Phil and Hyla Hunt

10:15 AM **Anne and Gilbert Franco**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Peter Perduta**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Marie Young**, req. by Dave Young;

David Cox (11th Aniv.), req. by sister Karen Shaughnessy

Monday, August 11, 2025

6:15 PM **Raymond Turgeon, Sr.**, req. by Wife and Sons; **Unborn Children of the Almeida and Murillo Families**, req. by Family

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

6:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

6:15 PM **Florence Nightingale**, req. by a Friend; **James Gannon and Christopher Johnson**, req. by Family

Thursday, August 14, 2025

6:15 PM **Caridad Tobias and Jesusa Torres Alegro**, req. by Cecilia Catalan

Friday, August 15, 2025– The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 PM **Michael Gonsalves**, req. by Friends

6:15 PM **Peggy Sokolowski (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Justin Joseph Horton**, req. by Family

Saturday, August 16, 2025

4:15 PM **George (7th Anniv.) and William Comptois**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Jacquelynne Utton**, req. by Friends

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8 AM **Kathleen Sirick**, req. by Friends; **Anthony Mastrovito**, req. by Friends

10:15 AM **Dominic Lam Nguyen**, req. by Family; **Ellie Gaudette**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Celeste Butcher (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Pat Riley and Kathy Evans; **Robert Henry, Martha Santom, Henry and Angela Gorak**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

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

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance Song: "Making Their Way" #826

Ps 33: Exult, O You Just

Resp: "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own."

Offertory— The One Who Longs to Make Us Whole #644

Communion: Glorify the Lord With Me

Resp: "Glorify the Lord with me, Let us praise His Name."

Sending Forth— God Has Chosen Me #781

TODAY'S READINGS ARE AT #1165 IN THE HYMNAL

Wis 18:6-9

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Lk 12:32-48

VOCATION REFLECTION – NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- "Faith is the assurance of that which is hoped for." If you believe in the Giver of the call, you can hope to be true to it. Will you follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or send an email to 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 exceeding our goal of \$76,600. Thank you!

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). Please note we will be closed August 17.

ST. JOHN'S FOOD FOR THE POOR is in the process of putting together an electronic mailing list for our database. We would like to be able to email news, events, fundraisers and any other Xavier Center news that we would like you to know about. If you are interested in receiving these emails please email Krystal at krystal@stjohnsfoodforthepoor.org and she will add you to the list. Thank you for your support.

PERNET 70TH ANNIVERSARY - Please join us as we celebrate 70 years of strengthening Worcester area families! The Little Sisters of the Assumption and Pernet Family Health Service invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, Aug. 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Assumption University. A brunch reception will follow. Kindly respond with the number of brunch attendees to rharpin@pernetfamilyhealth.org or (508) 755-1228 no later than August 1.

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.

OUR CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, September 29 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. Our selection is *Listening Together: Meditations on Synodality* by Timothy Radcliffe, OP. This is the full collection of conference talks from Pope Francis' appointed retreat master heard first during the historic October 2021 General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality. We have access to copies of the book, if anyone is in need of one. All are welcome.

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.

In Our Catholic Community...

OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING – will be celebrated on this Monday, August 25. After the 6:15 PM Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those seeking God's healing and merciful grace.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2025 - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish invites you to our Italian Festival at 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester. Hours of operation are: Thursday, Aug. 14 (5-10 pm), Friday, Aug. 15 (5-10 pm), Saturday, Aug. 16 (Noon-10 pm), and Sunday, Aug. 17 (Noon - 6 pm). Come and enjoy Fried Dough, Sausage Sandwiches, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs, Beer & Wine, and, of course, ITALIAN COOK-IES!! There will also be participation by Boulevard Diner, a Cannoli Truck, an Ice Cream Truck, and other great vendors. For entertainment we will have Boom Box, XS Band, Decades by Dezyne for the adults, Bouncy Houses for the kids, and Italian Novelties, as well as a Money Raffle. We will also honor Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto at our shrine. Mark your calendars now. Check our website, MTCARMELFESTIVAL.ORG for more information.

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.

MIDDLE EASTERN PICNIC IN WORCESTER - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Melkite Catholic Church in holding a Middle Eastern Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 7 from Noon - 6:00 pm. featuring a wide variety of middle eastern food, along with entertainment for all ages and raffles. Located at 256 Hamilton St., Worcester.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5890.00. We also received:

Monthly- \$2158.00	Restoration- \$437.00
Donations- \$500.00	Stipends- \$435.00
Partners in Charity- \$250.00	

Total- \$9670.00 Unrestricted- \$9420.00 Restricted- \$250.00

Expenses- \$22,582.86

Altar (815.15) Schola (1585.96) Funerals (675.00) Administration (3880.81) House (276.81) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (634.00) Clergy Benefit Plan (1132.00) Church Gas (21.00) Rectory Gas (83.72) Stipends (575.00) Envelope Service (907.66) Federal Payroll Taxes (1204.76) Church Hall Repair (195.92) Rectory Locks (628.32) Partners in Charity (250.00) Postage (1009.75) Diocesan Budget Bill (8232.00)

Food for the Poor Donations - \$150 IMO Patrick and Christopher Johnson; \$640 IMO Edward Sheridan; \$10 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$40 IMO Mike Lavin; \$150 IMO Bobby Ford; \$50 IMO William Donovan; \$3000 from Greater Worcester Community Foundation; \$200 IMO Jim McDonald

FOOD FOR THE POOR:

Income– \$14,660.00

Golf Tournament- \$1600.00

Expenses– \$24,332.13

This weekend's second collection is for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences for the families of Marilyn Seely, Gary Gemme and Ryne Sandberg who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE

"Our Lord's love shines out just as much through a little soul who yields completely to His Grace as it does through the greatest . . . Just as the sun shines equally on the cedar and the little flower, so the Divine Sun shines equally on everyone, great and small. Everything is ordered for their good, just as in nature the seasons are so ordered that the smallest daisy comes to bloom at its appointed time."

St. Therese of Lisieux