

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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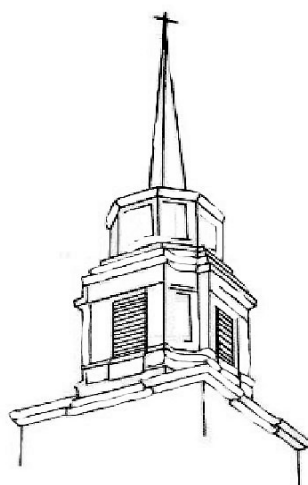
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Dolores Vito

Director of St. FX Center

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 23, 2025

4:15 PM **Lolita Catalan**, req. by Family; **John Michael Cahill, Jr. (8th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8 AM **Joe and Joan Crowley**, req. by Family; **Sharon Mercadante**, req. by Bob and Donna Mastrovito
10:15 AM **Timothy Scavone, Sr. and Timothy Scavone, Jr.**, req. by Family; **Teresa Canizares and Jaime Meneses**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for Matthew Garofoli**, req. by Family; **Health and Intentions of Isabella Vancelette**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Blanca Ortega**, req. by Friends

Monday, August 25, 2025

6:15 PM **Eduardo Canizares and Jaime Meneses**, req. by Family; **Health and Intentions of Betty Ann Hazelhurst**, req. by Ann Pugliese

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

6:15 PM **Carol Gigliotti**, req. by Family

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:15 PM **Madeline and Louis Aversano**, req. by Family

Thursday, August 28, 2025

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

Friday, August 29, 2025

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

Saturday, August 30, 2025

4:15 PM **Gaetano Corso**, req. by Friends
7:15 PM **Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. O'Coin**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8 AM **Kenneth Lyons**, req. by Family; **Carol Santa Maria**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Olga Kersis**, req. by Friends
12:15 PM **Thomas M. Walsh (73rd Anniv.)** req. by Grandson Thomas Vancelette; **Walter and Katharina Perduta**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Every year summer seems to get shorter and shorter. No matter how much I plan, I simply cannot spend enough time on the beach. Very sad. However, it means that I am closer to seeing all of our students in Religious Education classes. I do miss them. September 21 starts year 13 for me. I don't remember getting old; do you? Does anyone? Serving the wonderful people of St. John's has been the greatest blessing and privilege so far in my life. I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to run your Religious Education Program. I pray that I'm healthy to do so for another 13 years or longer.

Registration for grades 1-9, Confirmation, and First Reconciliation/First Eucharist is up and running on our parish website, stjohnsworcester.org. Click on the Religious Education tab, and scroll down to the program you want to register your child in. You should get an email confirmation that the registration was completed. I will check and make sure that is happening. Grades 1-9 start on Sunday, September 21 at 9 AM in the church hall. Parents are requested to come to the St. Francis Xavier Center for orientation once you've dropped your child off. Light refreshments will be served. Confirmation begins Tuesday, October 7 with Mass at 6:15 PM in the chapel, followed by class until 8 PM in the church hall. Parents are required to stay for this first class for orientation. Again, light refreshments will be served.

It has been delightful and hopeful to see an increase in the number of altar servers here at St. John's. Once a child has received First Eucharist, he or she is eligible to serve on the altar. They do not have to attend our classes to be eligible. Just let me know, and we will train them. And Dolores is always there steering them in the right direction. We are also looking for junior lectors to read at our 10:15 AM Sunday Mass, or any Mass for that matter. Again, just let me know and we will provide the training.

It is most providential that the canonizations of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died at age 15 and 24 respectively, have been scheduled for September by Pope Leo XIV. I am so excited to share their message with our kids. We are all called to be saints. To become a saint means we have made it to Heaven, our true home. We are no different from Carlo or Pier Giorgio, or any of the greats that came before us. All we need to do is say yes to God, over and over and over again.

Please reach out if you have any questions, or would like to volunteer: dhgustowski@gmail.com, or 774-670-3674.

Your sister in Christ,
Dianne H. Gustowski,
Religious Education Coordinator

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance Song: Making Their Way #826

Ps 117: Praise the Lord

Resp: "Go out to all the world and tell the good news."

Offertory- Cone, My Way, My Truth, My Life #662

Communion: I Receive the Living God #923

Resp: "I receive the Living God, and my heart is full of joy."

Sending Forth- You Are the Way #682

TODAY'S READINGS ARE AT #1171 IN THE HYMNAL

Is 66:18-21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30

VOCATION REFLECTION – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

– "Make straight paths for your feet." Will your path of holiness be 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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS (OCIA) – we are happy to report that we have already had five inquiries into the program for this year. Our initial meeting will be on Monday, October 6 at 7 pm in the rectory. If you or anyone that you know is interested in full initiation into the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please contact the rectory by phone, email or parcel post. Thank you.

OUR COFFEE SHOPPE is open this weekend following the 10:15 AM Mass. All are welcome.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS - it is time – actually, well past time - to update our list of home-bound parishioners. If you are aware of someone who is no longer able to come to Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact us by mail, email or telephone. Thank you.

THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY AND CHOIR

will be at the 4:15 pm Mass on Saturday, August 30. Following the Mass there will be a Potluck Supper at the St. Francis Xavier Center. All are welcome.

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.

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.

RELIGIOUS ED teaching positions are currently filled, however, we are still looking for substitute teachers and classroom aides. Please contact Dianne if you're interested.

THE LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY AT ST. JOHN'S

will be observing the Feast of Our Lady of Siluva on Saturday, September 6th at the 4:15 PM Mass. Community members will process with roses at the beginning of the Mass. A replica of the Our Lady of Siluva likeness from the Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam, CT will be displayed during the Mass thanks to Stephen Walinsky's efforts. Our Lithuanian Choir at St. John's will sing traditional Lithuanian Hymns during the service. Deacon Eduardas Meilus will read the gospel in both Lithuanian and English and present the Homily. Following the Mass we will be hosting a reception at the St. Francis Xavier Center to which 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 are sold out!

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.

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.

LOCAL JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WITH SUTTON

KOFC- All are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus Council #12710 in Millbury and Sutton for a Jubilee Pilgrimage to the local Jubilee Churches in the Diocese of Worcester. Each Sunday begins at St. Mark Church in Sutton (meet by 11:45) and ends back in Sutton. Sunday Sept. 14: Travel to St. John Paul, Southbridge; St. Joseph Basilica, Webster; Divine Mercy, Blackstone; and Sacred Heart of Jesus, Milford; Sunday, Oct. 12: Travel to Annunciation, Gardner; St. Cecilia, Leominster St. John, Guardian of Our Lady, Clinton. Sunday, Nov. 9: Travel to Mary Queen of the Rosary, Spencer; Cathedral of Saint Paul, Worcester and St. Matthew, Southborough – and conclude with a dinner provided by the Knights in Sutton. To reserve your place contact Deacon Walter F. Doyle at wfd@urbanmissionaries.com or call 508-269-9596 prior to Sept. 8. Each Weekend is Adults: \$10; Children under 13: FREE

INDOOR VENDOR FAIR IN OXFORD- Vendors wanted for an Indoor Vendor Fair to take place at St. Roch Church Hall on October 18 from 8 am-3 pm. Please call 508-987-8987 or email parishoffice@strochoxford.com for additional information or an application.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5804.00. We also received:

Assumption- \$896.00	Stipends- \$110.00
Donation- \$1000.00	Online- \$8528.38

Total- \$16,338.38 Unrestricted- \$16,338.38 Restricted- \$0.00

Expenses- \$8214.14

Schola (903.76) CCD (79.72) Altar (2664.52) Administration (4566.14)

Food for the Poor Donations - \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$300 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$40 from a friend; \$25 IMO Darlene Chaput; \$125 IMO Mary O'Loughlin; \$50 IMO Edward Sheridan; \$100 IMO Anna Rose; \$75 IMO Robert Ford

FOOD FOR THE POOR:

Income– \$7127.99

Golf Tournament- \$3,800.00

Expenses– \$4633.51

There is one collection this weekend.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences for the families of Judge Frank Caprio and Ellsworth Lemire who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE

**"When the power of love overcomes the love of power,
the world will know peace."**

-Jimi Hendrix