

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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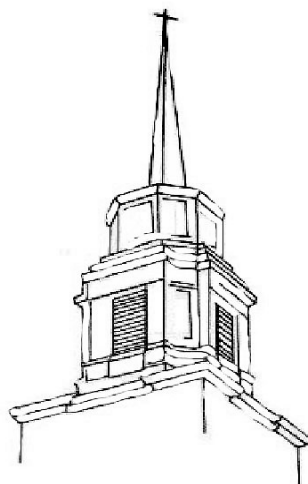
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MASS SCHEDULE

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:

Mon.-Fri. 9 am - 2 pm

Angie Perez, Secretary
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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, September 20, 2025

4:15 PM **Paul F. Jackson**, req. by Linda Jackson;
Henry A. Kozlowski (B-day blessing) req. by Sisters

7:15 PM **Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Teresa and Alfred Lewis**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8 AM **Msgr. Edmond Tinsley(10th Anniv)**, req. by Friends; **Michael Donahue** req. by Mollie O'Connell
10:15 AM ; **Oswaldo & Fabian Molina**

, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Francisco Austriaco** req. by Family;
Health and Intentions of Isabella R. Vancelette, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Carmen Vasques**, req. by Family

Monday, September 22, 2025

6:15 PM **William Kennedy**, req. by Family; **Beatriz Perez** , req. by Liz Rodriguez

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

6:15 PM **Gloria Rivera**, req. by Family; **Lolita Catalan**, req. by Family

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

6:15 PM **Doris Toner**, req. by Family

Thursday, September 25, 2025

6:15 PM **Deborah Simulevitch** req. by Friends; **Inet Calderon** , req. by Family

Friday, September 26, 2025

6:15 PM **Robyn Czipiel**, req. by Friends

Saturday, September 27, 2025

4:15 PM **George and William Comptois**, req. by Family; **Kenneth Lapiere**, req. by Friends

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

Sunday, September 28, 2025

8 AM **Msgr. Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **William Rahall**, req. by Donna & Robert Mastrovito

10:15 AM **David Ramelli**, req. by Friends

12:15 PM Bday Blessing for **John Garofoli**,
Nicolina Pasquale & Paloma Garofoli req. by Family; **George, Joseph, Elizabeth Ceffalo** req. by Family

7:15 PM **Jim Hoey**, req. by Fiends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Although I picked up my 2026 appointment book a few weeks ago, I have not yet decided on the quote for its cover. There are several that I am considering. The quote of the day that I received on Friday from Pax Christi was from Albert Schweitzer: *The awareness that we are all human beings together has become lost in war and politics.* It is in the running for 2026. I think Schweitzer is correct. The awareness that we are all human beings together has been lost to a significant degree in our day. Certainly, war and politics have been major contributors to this loss.

Still, there is more to it than that. Something more fundamental like original sin and the human condition. One of the most frustrating aspects of our mission at the St. Francis Xavier Center is the awareness that we are all in this together has been diminished, if not lost, yet. I swear that you cannot leave your cellphone unattended for any length of time, or it will disappear. This happens no matter what political affiliation one claims.

The awareness that we are all human beings together is being lost because of concupiscence, what St. Augustine saw as the disordered desires, thoughts and inclinations that rise from humanity's fallen state. This fear prevents us from seeing each other as God's gift to each other, but, rather, as enemies and competitors. The Catholic Church is better positioned than any other institution to address this lack of awareness. Indeed, we have been commissioned to do so.

Our Book Club's selection for this month, *Listening Together* by Timothy Cardinal Radcliffe, the English Dominican has been a great help in exploring how we can fulfill this mission in our own lives and ministry. Allow me to quote from the back cover *Radcliffe's reflections encourage readers to think about conflicting hopes, different visions of the Church as home, the need for unity, friendship, and above all, the importance of listening, discernment and mission as a means for this synodal journey to continue to succeed.*

He uses the Transfiguration as the event which guides our listening together. The Cardinal suggests that on the mountain beauty, goodness and truth interacted as forms of authority. What was particularly striking to me was that in the section on Goodness, His Eminence focused on courage. How beautiful and true that the goodness necessary today to rediscover the awareness that we are all human beings together requires courage.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance Song: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
#732

Ps 113: Praise, you Servants

Resp: "Do not forget the works of the Lord!"

Offertory— The Word of God #752

Communion: The Cry of the Poor #46

Resp: "The LORD hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be the Lord!"

Sending Forth— To be Your Presence #794

TODAY'S READINGS ARE AT #1224 IN THE HYMNAL

Am 8:4-7

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk16:1-13 or 16:10-13 (135)

VOCATION REFLECTION – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - "Who will entrust to you the true riches?" The riches of truth belong to those who are faithful to Christ and their vocation. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (508)630-4473 or email: 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.

THE FILIPINO'S CHOIR WILL BE AT THE 4:15 PM MASS ON NEXT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025. Following the Mass, there will be fellowship/potluck supper at the St. Francis Xavier Center. This will be our celebration in honor of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint. The feast day of St. Lorenzo Ruiz and his Companions is September 28. All are welcome.

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

OUR ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX will begin on this Tuesday, September 23rd and will conclude on her feast day, Wednesday, October 1st. Novena prayers will be offered at every Mass throughout the nine days. In so doing, we confidently rely on the Little Flower's powerful intercession and her guidance in living the Little Way. All are welcome and bring your friends.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 1-9 classes start 9/21, 9 am in the church hall. All parents should meet at the St. Francis Xavier Center for orientation. Registration is still open, sign up online. We are in need of a 9th grade teacher. Please email Dianne if interested: dhgustowski@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION CLASS starts Tues Oct. 7, 6:15 pm in the chapel for Mass. A parent is required to attend this first class. Enrollment deadline is 10/1.

We are looking to form a dedicated prayer group for the Religious Education program. Please contact Dianne if interested: 774--670-3674.

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST CLASSES BEGIN IN JANUARY – any person who has reached the age of 7 is eligible to receive these sacraments. Registration is ongoing and available on the parish website.

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.

CHAIR YOGA IS BACK- Chair yoga for flexibility, mobility and strength continues every Tuesday from 5-6 PM, at the Xavier center. Only \$5. All are welcome!

THANK YOU - The Social Committee, would like to thank everyone for attending the dinner show on Saturday, September 13th. After paying the caterer and entertainer we made a profit of \$960.00 for the Food for the Poor. Thank you again, hope to see you all at our next fund raiser.

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 ccworc.org or call 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, September 22. After the 6:15 PM Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to those seeking God's healing and merciful grace.

ANNUAL MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA IN WORCESTER

- Our Lady's Annual Miraculous Medal Novena continues every Tuesday night, ending on Oct. 28 at Our Lady of Loreto Church, 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester. Mark the dates and plan to come and bring a friend. This year's speakers are (in order) Rev. Michael A. DiGeronimo, Rev. Juan D. Echavarria, Rev. Stephen J. Mullaney, Rev. Peter P. Bui, Rev. Carlos F. Ardila, Rev. J. Sebastian Sanchez, Deacon Donald J. Pegg, Bishop Robert J. McManus, and Rev. Kenneth R. Cardinale. All are welcome.

REGISTER FOR WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

- All women are invited to this exciting Conference, "I Thirst for the Salvation of Souls", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster on Saturday, Sept. 27. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, Noelle Mering, Dr. Madeline Colon-Usowicz, Tim Francis, and Adam Janke. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT IN WEST

BOYLSTON - Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 111 Worcester Street, West Boylston will hold its next 6-part series of "A New Day" bereavement support group starting on Monday, Oct. 6 from 1-2:30 pm and ending on Nov. 10. For more information or to register (required prior to the start of the sessions) call Renate Isbell (508) 835-3286.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$6859.00 We also received:

Monthly - \$129.00	restoration - \$32.00
Stipends- \$610.00	Donation—\$424.00
FFTP Xfer- \$2940.05	

Total- \$10,999.05 Unrestricted- \$8022.00 Restricted- \$2972.05

Expenses- \$19,284.19

Altar (241.80) Administration (6347.01) Schola (1312.20) Funerals (200.00) House (91.35) CCD (1317.87) Federal payroll taxes(1410.15) Lithuanian reception (140.14) State payroll taxes (1662.14) Plowing Contract (3200.00) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Church Electric (917.18) Rectory Electric (1914.35)

Food for the Poor Donations - \$25 IMO Mike Hennessy; \$100 IMO Robert Ford; \$425 IMO of Edward Sheridan; \$80 IMO of Nancy Small; \$15,000 from an Anonymous Fund on behalf of Jack Sommers And Bill O'Malley \$111.21 from a Friend; \$100.00 from a Friend; \$50.00 from a Friend; \$1.000 from a Friend; \$450 from a Friend; \$100 from a Friend

FOOD FOR THE POOR:

Income— \$15,000.00
Golf Tournament- \$15,150.00
Dinner Show Donation— \$960.00
Expenses— \$12,639.78

This weekend's second Collection is the One Day's Pay offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences for the family of Fr. James Houston who has been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE

**"May the Holy Spirit enkindle you with the fire of His Love so that you may persevere, un-faillingly, in the love of His service. Thus you may be able to become, at last, a living stone in the celestial Jerusalem."
St. Hildegard von Bingen**