

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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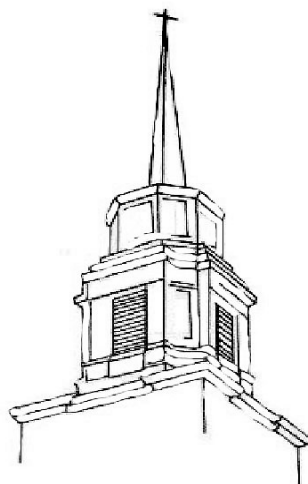
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 27, 2025

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

7:15 PM **Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family; **Charles Neley**, req. by Sue & Al Johnson

Sunday, September 28, 2025

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

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

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

Monday, September 29, 2025

6:15 PM **Fank Carroll** req. by Family; **Eddie Gannon** req. by Family; **Patricia Prendiville** req. by Family

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

6:15 PM **Manuel & Concepcion Catalan, Numeriano and Emerenciana Mana-ay** req. by Cecilia Catalan; **Luzonia V. Nunag**, req. by Family

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

6:15 PM **Elsie & Jim Gannon**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 2, 2025

6:15 PM **David Bell**, req. by Friends

Friday, October 3, 2025

6:15 PM **Margaret & Eugene Gingras and John Gingras**, req. by Family

Saturday, October 4, 2025

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Catherine Mc’Gurl**, req. by Family; **Stasia, Anthony & Vincent Savage**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, October 5, 2025

8 AM **Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Carol Santa Maria**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Jose Almeida & Delia Rueda**, req. by Family; **Graciela Quiquandon (B-day Remembrance)**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Rev Joseph A. Coonan (14th Anniv.)**, by Boucher & Garofoli Family; **Nicole Bergerow & Joe McCarty**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Friends

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Our 2nd Annual Food for the Poor Frank Carroll Memorial Golf Classic was held this past Monday. It was a fabulous day with 100 of our friends and supporters at Sterling National Country Club. Four of my brother priests joined us, which meant the world to me and explains the perfect weather. All of which produced funding for many thousands of meals for the many guests who come to us each week, both for the weekday meal and the Saturday pantry.

This brought to mind that the Social Activities Committee put together a great dinner show with a Neil Diamond tribute that attracted about 100 people at the St Francis Xavier Center. Everyone raved about the good time they had (maybe better than I had at the wedding of one of my friend’s sons). They also raised money for our Food for the Poor.

There will not be quite 100 people in the rectory dining room on Monday night for the Book Club’s discussion of Timothy Cardinal Radcliffe’s *Listening Together*. Those of us who will be there will be blessed in being together and listening to each other as we reflect on how to continue to build up the Kingdom of God.

All of this makes me grateful for the month of September. At the last Parish Council meeting, we were discussing how true it is that we are still dealing with the effects of the pandemic. We decide to address this situation by returning to the activities that we had prior to COVID’s arrival. We succeeded in doing so this month.

Let’s try to continue in October. To that end, On Saturday, October 4th, the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry will be hosting Amplify here after the 4:15 Mass. All high school youth are invited for pizza, icebreakers, praise and worship music, a guest speaker, Eucharistic Adoration and confessions.

There’s more still. Recently, I was approached about participating in an Annual Rosary Rally in collaboration with the organization America Needs Fatima for the celebration of their 18th annual rally. We can all agree that the prayers are needed. So, on Saturday, October 11 at noon, we will gather in the church and join with thousands of people across the country in prayer. It is a simple ceremony as we will present our intentions, pray the Angelus, recite the rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Maximilian Kolbe’s Prayer of Total Consecration and the Divine Praises.

November promises to be a great month, as well.

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr John Madden

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance Song: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
#780

Ps 146: The Lord Keeps Faith

Resp: "Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord, my
soul!"

Offertory— God, Your Knowing Eye Can See #747

Communion: The Cry of the Poor #46

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

Sending Forth— God of Day and God of Darkness #854

TODAY'S READINGS ARE AT #1186 IN THE HYMNAL

Am 6:1a,4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk16:19-31 (138)

**VOCATION REFLECTION – TWENTY-SIXTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** – "Fight the good
fight of the faith." Is your faith in Christ leading you to
grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated
life? 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 in-
terested in full initiation into the Catholic Church
through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eu-
charist 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 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-

Fol-
lowing the Mass, there will be fellowship/potluck supper
at the St. Francis Xavier Center. This will be our cele-
bration in honor of St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino
saint. The feast day of St. Lorenzo Ruiz and his Com-
panions is September 28. All are welcome.

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

OUR ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

will conclude on her feast
day, this 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 power-
ful intercession and her guidance in living the Little
Way. All are welcome and bring your friends.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 1-9 Classes will continue on Sunday, Octo-
ber 5, 9 am in the church hall. Registration is still
open, sign up online. We are in need of a 9th grade
teacher. Please email Dianne at dhgus-
towski@gmail.com if you're interested.

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

**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.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
will be meeting on Wednesday October 8 at 10:00-
11:30 am in the downstairs chapel. All knitters and
crocheters are welcome to come! Any questions,
please call Connie at 774-262-2512. Hope to see you
then.

OUR CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB will meet this
Monday, September 29 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. Our
selection is *Listening Together: Meditations on Syn-
odality* by Timothy Radcliffe, OP. This is the full
collection of conference talks from Pope Francis' ap-
pointed retreat master heard first during the historic
October 2021 General Assembly of the Synod on Syn-
odality. 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!

**OUR FRIEND, MAYSOON KHAIR WILL BE AT
THE MASSES ON THE WEEKEND OF OCTO-
BER 11/12.** She represents over a hundred Christian
families who make their livelihood through the selling
of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all masses there will be a display of these beauti-
ful hand carved religious items; such as Nativity
scenes, Crucifix, rosaries, Last Supper and many other
beautiful religious statues.

Please stop by and look over the carvings that are
available and help support this self-help project to
keep the Children and the Christians living in the Holy
Land.

In Our Catholic Community...

OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING will be held on Monday, October 27th at 6:15 p.m. Anyone in need of the Sacrament of the Sick is welcome.

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 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!

ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN IN WORCESTER AND SHREWSBURY - All are invited to join the annual Life Chain on Sunday, Oct. 5 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. This event of peaceful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life is held annually on Respect Life Sunday across the nation. Life Chain stations will be located at Elm Park/Highland St. and at Denny's Restaurant on Lincoln St. in Worcester and at White City Plaza in Shrewsbury. You may bring a chair if you'd like to sit and can stay for whatever portion of time you'd like. Signs will be available at the local Life Chain stations. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, contact Joe Godek at 508-614-5971. All are welcome to join in this prayerful effort to help build a Culture of Life!

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$6859.00 We also received:

Monthly - \$7,116.00	One Day's Pay - \$4312.00
Stipends- \$475.00	Donation—\$150.00
Dinner Show- \$2,030.00	

Total- \$14,083.00 Unrestricted- \$12,053.00 Restricted- \$2,030.00

Expenses- \$20,825.00

Administration (9872.45) Federal payroll taxes(1398.30) Hoese (137.58) Diocesan Budget Bill (9,225.63) Office (191.04)

Food for the Poor Donations - \$500 from Worcester Hibernian Cultural Foundation; \$25 IMO Franas O'Lary; \$100 from a Friend; \$.50 from a Friend; \$150.00 from a Friend; \$12.056.11 from a Friend; \$100 from a Friend; \$200 from a Friend; \$75 from a Friend; \$500 from a Friend; \$200 from a Friend

FOOD FOR THE POOR:

Income— \$2,516.21
Golf Tournament- \$10,185.00
Expenses— \$19,412.76

This weekend's second Collection is the Catholic Education offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences for the families of Eugene Solt, Mark Baniukiewicz, Lois Decatur who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE:

"You must speak to Jesus, not only with your lips, but also with your heart; actually, on certain occasions, you should speak with only your heart."

Saint Padre Pio