

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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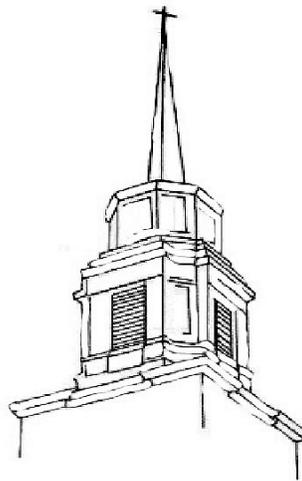
Dolores Vito

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Angie Perez



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
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, January 10, 2026

4:15 PM **Henry S. Kozlowski**, req. by Children;
Phyllis Sklarz (4th Anniv.), req. by Family; **Leigh Alano** (2nd Anniv.), req. by Family

7:15 PM **Sophie Kozaczka, Joshua Kozaczka & Jadwiga Burzynski**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 11, 2026

8 AM **Andrew Madonna (B-Day Rem)** req. by Family

10:15 AM **James V. Powers (31st Anniv.)** req. by Family

12:15 PM **Thomas W. & Sally V. Bennett**, req. by Lucia and Tommy

7:15 PM **Robert Richer** req. by Friend

Monday, January 12, 2026

6:15PM **Christopher Evers**, req. by Family

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

6:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Friend

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friend

Thursday, January 15, 2026

6:15 PM **Gloria Rivera**, req. by Friend

Friday, January 16, 2026

6:15 PM **Charlene Diaz** req. by Friend

Saturday, January 17, 2026

4:15 PM **Dorothy Doyle (2nd Anniv.)** req. by Family; **Janet Salmonson**, req. by Peter Wood.

7:15 PM **Angel Perez**, req. by Daughter

Sunday, January 18, 2026

8 AM **Mary Deleonardis**, req. by a Friend

10:15 AM **Pauline Vancelette**, req. by Grandson T.M Vancelette, **Heath & Intentions of Isabella R. Vancelette**, req. by Family; **John & Jeanne Piecewicz**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Thomas W. & Sally V. Bennett**, req. by Lucia & Tommy

7:15 PM **Thomas Shaughnessy (52nd Annv.)**, req. by Daughter Karen Shaughnessy.

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance: To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came #457

Ps 29: O Give to the Lord

Resp: "The Lord Will bless His people with peace."

Offertory— When John Baptized by Jordan's River #458

Communion— Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior #591

Sending Forth— O Day of Peace #811

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND AT #1022 IN THE HYMNAL

Is 42:1-4,6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17(21)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17) God's delight in His Son mirrors the joy He takes in those who follow His call. As a child of God, He desires what is best for you. Take time this week to pray and listen for His guidance in how He wants you to serve Him. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email: donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org.

WE WELCOME PAUL FITZPATRICK, OUR NEW DEACON INTERN. Paul will serve at St. John's for the year 2026. He was born in Taunton, MA and grew up in the Fall River Diocese. Paul and his wife, Pamela graduated from St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in 1986 and married in October of 1987. Paul currently works as a nurse anesthetist at Harrington Hospital in Southbridge. They are the parents of Emily, Benjamin, Joseph and Joey and Grandparents to Sophia, Jaxson and, soon, Eleanor who is due to arrive at the end of January. His home parish is St. Roch's in Oxford and he participates in various ministries there. Paul enjoys cooking, reading and especially family time. We are happy to welcome Paul to our parish family.

PRO-LIFE MORNING OF REFLECTION - All are invited to attend a Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. The day will include reflections by Msgr. James Moroney, Mass, and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 send your name, parish, and email address to ale-doux@worcesterdiocese.org

PRO-LIFE MASS - All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Pro-Life Mass on the eve of the March for Life on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Please join us to pray for and with our pilgrims who will be travelling to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on Jan. 23, and to pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST - The first class for Reconciliation is this Sunday, January 11th at the Xavier Center from 9:00-10:00. All parents should plan on attending the first part of the class to receive a warm welcome and expectations for home involvement. Please email any questions to Donna at mastrovito21@gmail.com.

GRADES 1-9 Classes will continue Sunday, January 11, at 9:00 am in the church hall. Registration is still open, sign up online.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet on Tuesday, January 13, 6:15 pm in the chapel for Mass.

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, January 19, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the rectory. We will discuss *Experiencing God in the Ordinary* by Worcester's own Fr. William A. Barry, SJ. All are welcome.

OUR COFFEE SHOPPE is open this Sunday after the 10:15 AM Mass. All are welcome to join!

THE FILIPINO CHOIR WILL SING AT THE 4:15 PM MASS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026. Following the Mass, we will have a potluck supper at the St. Francis Xavier Center. All are welcome.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday January 14, from 10:00 am to 11:30am in the downstairs chapel! All knitters and crocheters are welcome to come! We meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Any questions please call Connie at 774-262-2512

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. MARY SCHOOL - On Saturday, Jan. 25 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Saint Mary School in Shrewsbury will be hosting a Catholic Schools Week Open House for prospective new families interested in enrolling their students in or school next fall. Learn more at school.stmarysparish.org

THE NATIONAL NOVENA FOR LIFE! - Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual *9 Days for Life* novena, January 16 - 24. Sign up to receive daily emails and reflections by text or email at www.9daysforlife.com!

In Our Catholic Community...

OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING will be held on Monday, January 26 at 6:15 PM. Anyone in need of the Sacrament of the Sick is welcome.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE IN WEST

BOYLSTON - An Ecumenical Prayer Service to begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held on Sunday Jan. 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 111 Worcester St., West Boylston. All are Welcome. The Theme is "There is One Body. One Spirit, just as you are called to the One Hope of your calling." Ephesians 4:4

SAVE THE DATE: 2026 WORCESTER DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE "BE NOT

AFRAID" - The 25th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 21 at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester. Adult Tickets are just \$60 (through March 11) and Student Tickets are always \$30. All tickets include lunch. For ticket sales or for more information regarding this years conference & speakers, please visit our website catholicmenworc.com.

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY TO SENIORS- Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact Mary Higgins (413) 552-7231 or email Mary at: DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com.

SILENT DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN

- On January 30 – February 1 (6 pm Friday to 2 pm Sunday) Little Sisters of the Poor at 1365 Enfield St., Enfield CT are holding a Silent Discernment Retreat for Single Catholic Women age 18 – 35 years old including Holy Mass, Adoration, Talks and abundant silence in which your heart may listen for the Lord's voice. At the beginning and end of the retreat, participants will enjoy a time of conversation and sharing with the Little Sisters of the Poor and with the other young women in vocational discernment. To register contact Sr. Carolyn at sc@littlesistersofthepoor.org by Jan 28. Questions? (860) 402-4478 There is no charge for the retreat, but early registration is appreciated.

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$8270.00.00 We also received:

Monthly- \$2004.00	Restoration- \$203.00
Stipends- \$150.00	Solemnity of Mary- \$2282.00
Donations- \$1400.00	Christmas- \$70.00

Total- \$14,379.00 Unrestricted- \$14,176.00 Restricted- \$203.00

Expenses- \$12,608.92

Administration (5700.94) Schola (1950.34) Altar (873.80) House (275.88) Haitian Apostolate (530.00) Maintenance (1544.10) Rectory Boiler Repair (450.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (1327.76)

Food for the Poor Donations – \$2,000.00 from Country Bank; \$750.00 from a friend; \$500.00 from a friend; \$200.00 from a friend; \$200.00 from a friend; \$10.00 from a friend; \$5,000.00 from a friend; \$10.00 from a friend; \$25.00 from a friend; \$100.00 from a friend; \$100.00 from a friend; \$100.00 IMO Joseph Cahill; \$250.00 IMO David Zchobiskl; \$300.00 IHO Cahrls, Linda & Christopher Oroszko; \$80.00 IMO Robert E. Tallon Jr.; \$80.00 IMO John J. Heney; \$150.00 IMO Patrick & Christopher Joanson; \$500 IMO Maryellen Atchal Standing and Sally Kamszik Rinaldi; \$1,500.00 from the Scott Hill & Cheryl Bents– Hill Giving Fund; \$500.00 from the Conlin Giving Fund.

Food for the Poor

Income-14,490.00
Annual Appeal-2,341.00
Expenses- \$11,188.51

This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic University of America.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of ..
Barbara Caparso and Officer Stephen LaPorta who has been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE:

"Yet such are the pity and compassion of this Lord of ours, so desirous is He that we should seek Him and enjoy His company, that in one way or another He never ceases calling us to Him . . . Sometimes He calls souls by means of sickness or troubles, or by some truth He teaches them during prayer, for tepid as they may be in seeking Him, yet God holds them very dear."
St. Teresa of Avila