

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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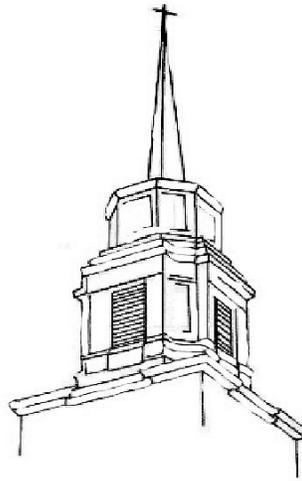
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Angie Perez



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 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 Pieciewicz**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Olga Kersis**, req. by Friends
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

Monday, January 19, 2026

6:15PM **Ronan Cervantes**, req. by Cecilia M. Catalan

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

6:15 PM **Burton Blatt**, req. by Family; **Reynaldo Rosalan**, req. by Cecilia M. Catalan

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

6:15 PM **Edward Mallaghan (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Francisco Austriaco**, req. by Family

Thursday, January 22, 2026

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

Friday, January 23, 2026

6:15 PM **William Kennedy**, req. by Family; **Jose L. & Lolita M. Catalan**, req. by Family

Saturday, January 24, 2026

4:15 PM **William (6th Anniv.) & George Comptois**, req. by Family; **Bill & Rita Duffy**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Angel Perez, Carmen Beltran, Sila Vazquez**, req. by Angie

Sunday, January 25, 2026

8 AM **Anthony Thompson (19th Anniv.)** req. by Daughter Barbara
10:15 AM **Jean Patricia Cosmo (17th Anniv.)**, req. by Thomas Vancelette
12:15 PM **Msgr. Edmond Tinsley**, req. by Friends
7:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

According to the Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and General Roman Calendar: *Besides the times of the year that have their own distinctive character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time.* This began on Monday, January 12 and will continue through Mardi Gras, Tuesday, February 17.

The term “ordinary” brings to our minds common, mundane, typical. We might wonder why the church dedicates so many weeks to a season of dull routine. The word comes from the Latin *ordo* and actually refers to the listing of ordinal, or sequential, numbers. On the other hand, the liturgical year is about growing in our relationship with Jesus Christ. The richness of Ordinary Time is found in the opportunity it presents us to come to know Christ more intimately in the everyday realities of life. The Sunday gospel readings, this year from Matthew, reveal the teaching and healing mission of Christ. We learn that Christ is humble not prideful, vulnerable rather than powerful. We learn that Christ includes the excluded and eats with social and religious outcasts. We learn that his self-giving love is only possible through authentic relationships. We learn this through the common, mundane and typical days of our life.

In fact, all of us here at the rectory experienced just such a lesson last week. Doug, who has been our postal carrier for many years, is changing routes. The new route is less physically demanding than ours and none of us are getting any younger. A typical event. Yet, we were informed of this through a letter he left for us. A thank you letter of all things. In snow or rain, or heat or gloom of night, we were in the comfort of our homes as he swiftly completed his appointed rounds. And, he did apologize for when he was late. All of us here were touched by his gesture. All the more so, because he did a superb job for us. Even more so, because he is a superb person, patient and understanding, helpful and caring. For instance, he would apologize to me for hoping the Steelers would lose.

Tomorrow night, our book club will meet to discuss *Experiencing God in the Ordinary* by Fr. William Barry, S.J. This is from the book’s back cover:

We tend to look for God in dramatic or miraculous moments, but such expectations can blind us to God’s ongoing presence...When we experience ordinary but meaningful events, we are in fact encountering God’s presence. As we learn to notice spiritual movement within and around us, we can recognize the many facets of God’s love that touches us daily.

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr John Madden

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance: Laudate Dominum #625

Ps 40: I Have Waited, Waited for the Lord

Resp: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Offertory— I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
#585

Communion— All The Ends of the Earth #75

Sending Forth— The Baptist Bore Witness #765

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND AT #1112 IN THE HYMNAL

Is 49:3.5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34(64)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) John's recognition of Jesus calls us to keep our focus on Christ and His mission. Christ's mercy is made present through priests in the sacraments. Is God calling you to this ministry? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 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.

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB will meet on this 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. Following the Mass, we will have a potluck supper at the St. Francis Xavier Center. All are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST

continues this Sunday, January 18th at the Xavier Center from 9:00-10:00 AM. Please email Donna with any questions regarding the classes at mastrovito21@charter.net.

GRADES 1-9 Classes will continue Sunday, January 25, at 9:00 am in the church hall. Registration is still open, sign up online.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet on Tuesday, January 27, 6:15 pm in the chapel for Mass.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. MARY SCHOOL - On Saturday, January 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

SAVE THE DATE - Join us for a casual night out of Bunco for a Cause to Support Be Like Brit! Bunco is a dice game of luck not skill. It takes 5 minutes to learn and 2 hours of fun and laughter. Invite a friend, all are welcome! Both men and women play. Raffle items are welcome! Friday February 6th at the Knights of Columbus at 44 Circuit Ave, Worcester. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Learn to Play at 6:45. Game begins at 7. Cost is \$25.00. *Price includes an Italian grinder to all who pre-register by February 1st. To register or for more information contact Meghan McGuirk 508 769 6738.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT IN W. HART-

FORD - Women's Weekend Retreat will be held January 23 to 25 at the Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford. Come quiet your mind and nourish your spirit as we explore our journey on earth as pilgrims of hope. Dynamic teaching, home-cooked meals, and uplifting music. \$375. Call 860-760-9705.

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT IN W. HARTFORD -

Men's Weekend Retreat will be held January 30 to February 1 at the Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford. Come quiet your mind and nourish your spirit as we explore our journey on earth as pilgrims of hope. Dynamic teaching, home-cooked meals, and uplifting music. \$375. Call 860-760-9705

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 \$8977.30. We also received:

Monthly- \$233.00	Restoration- \$416.00
Catholic U- \$620.00	Stipends- \$40.00
Donation- \$6500.00	Refund- \$180.06
Free Press- \$40.00	

Total- \$16,996.36 Unrestricted- \$16,376.36 Restricted- \$620.00

Expenses- \$26,717.91

Administration (7296.57) Schola (2218.46) House (202.01) Church Electric (1936.89) Rectory Electric (2048.14) Church Water/Sewer (389.03) Rectory Water/Sewer (1235.74) Altar (3005.00) Funerals (225.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (1525.42) Plowing/Sanding (3200.00) Priest Benefit Plan (1132.00) Rectory Fire Alarm Panel Repair (3888.00) Catholic University (620.00)

Food for the Poor Donations – \$100 from a friend; \$626.84 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$1000 IHO Tim Cooney; \$50 IMO Valerie Cotter; \$125 IMO Jim McDonald; \$450 IMO Edward Mulhearn; \$25 IMO Susan Olson

Food for the Poor

Income- \$9453.44
Annual Appeal- \$665.00
Expenses- \$12,447.23

There is one collection this weekend.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of ..
Sila Vazquez, Catherine Slein, Alan Charbonneau, Dorothy Tomlinson and Robert Weir who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE

**“Joy is beholding the beauty of God in all creation”
Blessed Julian of Norwich**