

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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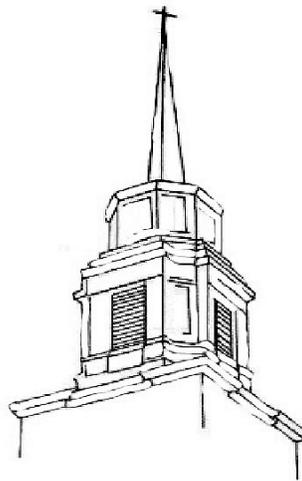
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Angie Perez



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 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; **Armand Legault**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Msgr. Edmond Tinsley**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Thomas J. Shaughnessy (19th Anni.)**, req. by Family

Monday, January 26, 2026

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

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

6:15 PM **Hector Roman** req. by Family

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

6:15 PM **Diane Bianculli**, req. by Family

Thursday, January 29, 2026

6:15 PM **Dorothy Palermo**, req. by Family

Friday, January 30, 2026

6:15 PM **Darrin Cormier** req. by Friends

Saturday, January 31, 2026

4:15 PM **William Kennedy**, req. by Family; **Patrick Halvorsen**, req. by Family; **Josephine Kozlowski**, req. by Friend

7:15 PM **Dan Best**, req by Friends

Sunday, February 1, 2026

8 AM **Jean Gannon Taylor (month's Mind)**, req. by Gannon Family

10:15 AM **Jacqueline Angers (15th Anniv.)**, **Roger Angers (6 Year Anniv.)**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Carol Groccia (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Gary & Barbara Morris

7:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance: You Walked along Our Shoreline #766

Ps 27: The Lord Is My Light

Resp: "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

Offertory- The Summons #773

Communion- Two Fishermen #774

Resp: "Leave all things you have and come and follow me, and come and follow me."

Sending Forth- Lord, When You Came #760

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND AT #1115 IN THE HYMNAL

Is 8:23-9:3

1 Cor 1:10-13,17

Mt 4:12-23(67)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19) During National Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate how education forms disciples in faith and character. Just as educators guide students in their growth, Jesus invites you to follow Him boldly. Could He be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life to help form others in His ways? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email: donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org:.

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB will meet on this Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the rectory. We will discuss *The Thief: A Novel by Stephanie Landsem*. All are welcome.

OUR COFFEE SHOPPE Would be close this weekend due to the Weather.

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.

PRO-LIFE AWARDS NOMINEES SOUGHT - The Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Worcester seeks nominations for two annual pro-life awards to be presented by Bishop McManus at the 28th annual Mass for Life on March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Further information and nomination forms are available at www.worcesterdiocese.org/mass-for-life-annunciation. Completed nomination forms may be emailed to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org and must be received no later than February 13.

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 this 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.

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.

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

DINNER SHOW - The Social Committee is sponsoring a Dinner Show on Sunday, March 22, 2026, after the 12:15 Mass. Dinner at 1:30, Show at 2:30. The dinner is a catered family style dinner, i.e., Chicken Soup, Garden Salad, Rolls & Butter, Roasted Chicken, Roasted Potatoes, Ziti with Meat Sauce, Coffee, Tea and dessert. The Show is a Tribute to Neil Diamond and a Tribute to Patsy Cline. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and will be on sale after 4:15 Mass or by calling Judy Burke 508 478-9813. Get your tickets early as there is limited seating. There also will be basket raffles and a 50/50 raffle all to benefit the Food for The Poor.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN WORCESTER - Boy Scout Troop 9 will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 1 from 8:00 - 11:30 am at St. Christopher Parish Hall, 950 West Boylston Street in Worcester. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12 each, the proceeds for this charitable event will benefit the Scouts' outdoor camping opportunities.

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.

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 year's conference & speakers, please visit our website catholicmenworc.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.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA PRESENTATION IN AUBURN - Learn more about Saints! There will be a free presentation on St. Kateri on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at North American Martyrs Hall, 8 Wyoming Drive, Auburn. This is sponsored by Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS). Patches for Scouts can be available on completion. Please reserve your place and/or to ask questions to: Lbrink2019@gmail.com

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$6177.00. We also received:

Donations- \$300.00 Stipends- \$1175.00
Online- \$17,597.76

Total- \$25,249.76 Unrestricted-
\$25,249.76 Restricted- \$0.00

Expenses- \$23,178.75

Administration (6500.69) Schola (765.02) Funerals (425.00) House (342.52) State Payroll Taxes (1940.76) Federal Payroll Taxes (1455.67) Office (1297.90) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Diocesan Budget Bill (9921.19)

Food for the Poor Donations – \$100 from a friend; \$100.00 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$3 from a friend; \$1,000 from a friend; \$245.00 IMO Edward Mulhearn; \$100 IMO Edward Triboski, Jr.

Food for the Poor

Income- \$20,045.00
Annual Appeal- \$4,310.76
Expense- \$2653.64

There is one collection this weekend.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of .. Frances Fitzpatrick who have been born into eternal life.

... Welcomes Pearce Catalina Tinsley who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

WORD OF LIFE:

"A friend is more to be longed for than the light; I speak of a genuine one. And wonder not: for it were better for us that the sun should be extinguished, than that we should be deprived of friends; better to live in darkness, than to be without friends."

St. John Chrysostom