

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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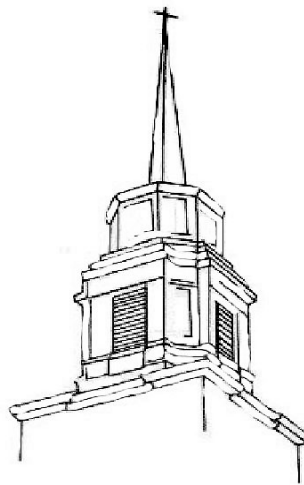
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MASS SCHEDULE

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
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, March 14, 2026

4:15 PM **Joseph Ginkus**, req. by family; **Susan McRell (1st Anniv.)**, req. by family
7:15 **Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by family

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8 AM **Lucy Trepkus Thompson (50th Anniv.)**, req. by Daughter Barbara; **Donna Mulcahy & Lisa Gettier**, req. by family
10:15 PM **Philip R. Delongchamp (8th Anniv.)**, req. by Thomas Vancelette; **Josephine Leber & Fr. Mike McKeon**, req. by family
12:15 PM **Ronald Goulet (1st Anniv.)**, req by family
7:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

Monday, March 16, 2026

6:15 PM **Alejandro "AJ" Lorente**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

6:15 PM **Rev. Theodore LaPerle**, req. by Family

Thursday, March 19, 2026

6:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Friends

Friday, March 20, 2026

6:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family

Saturday, March 21, 2026

4:15 PM **Francisco Austriaco**, req. by Family; **Mary Jane Dattis**, req. by Family
7:15 **Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by family

Sunday, March 22, 2026

8 AM **John Tomlinson**, req. by Family; **Kevin Brenner**, req. by Family
10:15 PM **In Thanksgiving for Blessings received by the Almeida Family**, req. by Family; **Debra Saucier (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Paul O'Leary (9th Anniv.)**, and **Sharon Charbonneau (5th Anniv.)**, req by O'Leary Family; **Nicole C. Kalagher (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Catherine Gengel and Family
7:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Friends

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

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In these days of escalating turmoil around the world, I invite you to "Reveal Christ's Love" supporting the national Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection on the weekend of March 22. Catholic Relief Services supports Catholic organizations that carry out international relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; and peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence.

With last year's cuts to USAID by the U.S. government, CRS lost access to hundreds of millions of dollars of grants which were directly serving people in the most dire situations around the world. In 2025 Bill O'Keefe, Vice President for Government Relations and Advocacy at CRS, said in remarks at a panel at Georgetown University that "my concern is needs are going up around the world... hunger, which for decades has been going down, in the last five years or so, has been going back up." This is further compounded by continuing conflicts in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and East Africa which are displacing tens of millions of people who have nothing left.

Originally founded in 1943 as War Relief Services for survivors and refugees of World War II and later renamed in 1955 as its international mission expanded, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries. But CRS cannot do this lifesaving work without your help.

When asked last fall about national charities such as CRS, Pope Leo XIV said, quoting Pope Francis, that they "are living examples of the Church's proclamation that 'Christ's preference is for the poor, the least, the abandoned and discarded.'"

I ask that you prayerfully consider how you can offer hope to those struggling to stay alive by supporting the Catholic Relief Services Collection this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who are assisted, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance– I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say #707

PS 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Resp. “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

Offertory– My Shepherd, You Supply My Need #708
Sanctus #304

Mystery of Faith- #217 Save us, Savior of the world..
Amen Danish- #370
Angus Dei #311

Communion Song– Christ, Be Our Light! #584

Resp.– Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shione through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND AT #1036 IN THE HYMNAL

I Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 1013a

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – "I am the light of the world." (John 9:5) Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you? Talk to your pastor or reach out to the Vocations Office at 508-630-4473 or email donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, The Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:15 pm

Good Friday, Downtown Way of the Cross leaves St.

John's at 12 Noon

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 7:15 pm

Easter Vigil 7:30 pm (there is no 4:15 Mass on Holy Saturday)

Easter Sunday Masses- 8 and 10:15 am; 12:15 and 7:15 pm

PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2026 – Our parish has begun conducting the 2026 Partners in Charity Appeal. As you may know, this appeal is a lifeline for more than two dozen agencies and ministries which provide charitable, pastoral, and educational services that complement what we can provide at the parish. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed or circumstance, to find hope. Please consider making a pledge or gift to this year's Appeal. Visit the website at partners-charity.net and you can make your donation securely online and note your parish so that it is counted towards our target. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST EUCHARIST continues this Sunday, March 15, at the St Francis Xavier Center from 9:00-10:00 AM.

GRADES 1-9 Classes will continue Sunday, March 22, at 9:00 am in the church hall. Registration is still open, sign up online.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:15 pm in the chapel for Mass.

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 is open this Sunday after the 10:15 AM Mass. All are welcome to join us for coffee and community! Please note we will be closed on Sunday, March 22 and April 5.

ST. JOHN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONS:

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated every Friday in Lent after the 6:15 PM Mass. **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** will take place from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel on Tuesdays during Lent. All are welcome.

THE DINNER SHOW ON SUNDAY MARCH 22nd HAS BEEN CANCELLED due to the lack of ticket sales. To get your refund please bring your tickets to the following Masses 4:15, 10:15 or 12:15 or you can also call Judy Burke (508 478-9813) to make other arrangements. Thank you.

CANCER SUPPORT ROSARY GROUP IN

AUBURN - The Cancer Support Rosary Group is a gentle and welcoming space for individuals living with cancer to come together in faith, fellowship, and hope. It provides a prayerful community where no one walks alone, and where faith can be a source of courage, healing, and light. Gatherings will be facilitated by Carlene Sherbourne, a parishioner of North American Martyrs who brings both personal experience and deep faith to this ministry. It will meet weekly beginning Wednesday, March 18 from 4:30–5:30 p.m. and will be offered in a hybrid format: virtually via Zoom and in person at North American Martyrs Church, 8 Wyoma Drive, Auburn. Please contact Carlene at cancersupportrosarygroup@gmail.com or 774-696-4812 for more information about the group or to register.

In Our Catholic Community...

OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING will be held on Monday, March 23, at 6:15 PM. Anyone in need of the Sacrament of the Sick is welcome.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. PAUL DIOCESAN JR./SR.

H.S. - Spring Open House at St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. H.S. will be on Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 am - Noon. Saint Paul is Worcester's only co-ed Catholic school serving grades 7-12, partnering with families who want an education that challenges, supports, and inspires their children. We offer a strong college-preparatory academic program, creative and engaging middle school experiences, a wide range of athletic opportunities for students of all interests and skill levels, and a vibrant fine arts department that truly must be seen to be appreciated. Grounded in faith and strengthened by a welcoming community, we invite you to come and see what makes Saint Paul special.

THE ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Wednesday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m., at the Cathedral of St. Paul. All are invited to join students from our Catholic schools who will be our special guests. The Diocese of Worcester's annual Pro-Life Awards will also be presented at this Mass. All are welcome to attend!

"THE PASSION OF CHRIST" TO BE SHOWN IN WORCESTER - The movie, 'The Passion of the Christ' will be shown on a large screen at the parish hall of Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant St., Worcester, on Friday, March 27, at 7:15 pm. All are welcome. Admission is free. March 27 falls just before Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The movie depicts the suffering, quite graphically, of Jesus Christ in the last twelve hours of his life and is a meditation on the suffering He experienced for all men and women. It is recommended for mature teenagers and adults. The movie was distributed in 2004 and broke box office records at that time. It received three Academy Award nominations. A long-awaited two-part sequel, also produced by actor and director Mel Gibson, The Resurrection of Christ, is set to be distributed in 2027.

Financial Report

This weekend we received \$8341.00. We also received:

Latin America- \$380.00	Stipends- \$435.00
Free Press- \$39.00	Novena- \$11,608.00

Total- \$20,803.00
Unrestricted- \$20,423.00
Restricted- \$380.00

Expenses-22,842.08
Administration (5739.62) CCD (49.70) Schola (2375.34) Funerals (225.00) Altar (3299.50) House (778.67) City of Worcester Permits (413.94) Novena (3013.90) Federal Payroll Taxes (3097.31) Office (260.00) Church Electric (1041.22) Rectory Electric (1415.78) Priest Benefit Plan (1132.00)

Food for the Poor Donations- \$825 IMO Robert J. Aulizio; \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$508 from Worcester Railers; \$1000 from The Hanover Charitable Foundation; \$100 IHO Bob Stonebreaker; \$1000 IMO Jenny Lamby; \$100 IMO Jeffrey T. Collins; \$150 IMO Sharon Welsh and Nolan Miller

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$2308.00
Expenses- \$8041.98

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekend's second collection is the Catholic Relief Services Offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Douglas LeBlanc, Matthews Snell and Joseph McDonald who have been born into eternal life.

WORD OF LIFE:

"We must faithfully keep what we have promised. If through human weakness we fail, we must always without delay arise again by means of holy penance and give our attention to leading a good life and to dying a holy death. May the Father of all mercy, the Son by his holy passion, and the Holy Spirit, source of peace, sweetness and love, fill us with their consolation. "

St. Colette