

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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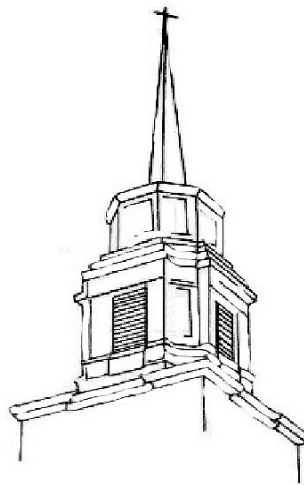
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MASS SCHEDULE

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, April 4, 2026– EASTER VIGIL
7:30 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, April 5, 2026– EASTER SUNDAY
8 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S
10:15 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S
12:15 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S
7:15 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S

Monday, April 6, 2026
6:15 PM Layla Perez, req. by Family

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
6:15 PM Michael Lewis req. by Family

Wednesday, April 8, 2026
6:15 PM Frank Wright, req.by Friends

Thursday, April 9, 2026
6:15 PM Mary Deleonardis, req. by Friends

Friday, April 10, 2026
7:15 PM Edou Bellevue, req. by Friends

Saturday, April 11, 2026
4:15 PM Jim Lyons, req. by Wife
7:15 PM Sophie Kozaczka, req. by Family

Sunday, April 12, 2026
8 AM Anna, William & George Leseman, req. by Friend; Jean Gannon Taylor, req. by Family
10:15 PM Clara Barton, req. by Family; Robert & Frank Ciambone, req. by Family
12:15 PM Jeannette & Ernest Brackett, req. by Children; Indi Gregory, req. by Friend
7:15 PM Julia Marrero, req. by Family; Roger Nowicki, req. by Dave Young

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

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"We were indeed buried with him through baptism into his death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Romans 6: 4) These words of St. Paul are heard at the Easter Vigil Mass. With them the Church joyfully proclaims to the world that newness of life which is the gift of the Risen Christ!

At that same Mass a new spark is struck to light a new paschal candle. Fresh water is blessed and made holy. White cloths are spread on our altars. The Tabernacle is filled with newly consecrated hosts. All these signs testify to the continuing and living presence of the Risen Lord. We are beginning all over again. Precisely through his Easter triumph, Christ overpowers our slavery to sin and the apparent finality of death. At Easter we are made new!

It is always spring for Christians. Though some think the Church's days are numbered and our teaching outdated and our rituals mere sentiment, through the living Christ, raised up at Easter, ours is an invitation to new life in Christ. As we grow in our love for Jesus, the vitality of the Church is measured anew by fresh shoots of devotion and charity, put forth continually, from age to age. The very sound of our joyful song, "Christ is risen," reassures us that all is made new.

That solemn proclamation, "Christ is risen," neither loses its force with age nor becomes stale by repetition. Life for the fervent Christian disciple is an opportunity to grow in holiness with every worthy celebration of the Sacraments, every moment of forgiveness, every gesture of peacemaking, and every act of charity.

Through lives of genuine faith, undaunted hope and courageous love, let us reflect to the world our belief in the Risen Christ and be made ever new. May you all have a Blessed Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Robert J. McManus

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Entrance— Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #516
PS 118 “This is day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”

Offertory— The Strife Is O’er #511

Communion Song— Alleluia! Alleluia

Resp.— Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sending Forth— Sing With All the Saints in Glory
#526

TODAY’S READINGS CAN BE FOUND AT #1079, IN THE HYMNAL

Acts 10:34a, 37- 43

Col 3:1- 4 Or 1 Cor 6:5 b-8

Jun 20 1-9 (42) or Mt 28:1-10 (41)

Or, at an afternoon or evening Mass,
Lk 24:13– 35 (46)

EASTER SUNDAY - “He is not here; for He has risen.” (Matthew 28:6) Christ’s resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or send an email to donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org.

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB – We will meet next on Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. We will discuss *My Son, the Priest: A Mother’s Crisis of Faith* by Kristin Grady Gilger. All are welcome.

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

CONGRATULATIONS – to the ten adults who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil; to the 31 high school students who will be Confirmed by Bishop McManus next Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Paul and to the 34 young people who will receive their First Holy Communion at the 10:15 am Mass on Sunday, April 26.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST EUCHARIST continues Sunday, April 12, at the St Francis Xavier Center from 9:00-10:00 AM.

GRADES 1-9 Classes will continue Sunday, April 12, at 9:00 am in the church hall.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:15 pm in the chapel for Mass.

OUR COFFEE SHOPPE is closed this weekend.

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.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2026 – Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2026 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. We have received gifts and pledges totaling \$27,730 towards our goal of \$89,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the church. Or visit www.partners-charity.net to do it online. Partners in Charity, *formerly known as the Bishop’s Fund*, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 25 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we can serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CLINTON, BERLIN AND LANCASTER - On Sunday, April 12, St. Joseph, the Good Provider, Immaculate Conception, and St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parishes invite you to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at St. John's Church, 80 Union St., Clinton. A Prayer Service will be held at 3:00 pm which includes: a brief talk on the Divine Mercy Devotion, Procession of the Divine Mercy Image, Eucharistic Adoration, Diary Readings, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction, and Veneration of the Relics of St. Faustina. Confessions will be available at 2:00 pm, but to receive the great graces of this glorious Feast Day, it is important to go to confession before Divine Mercy Sunday. Please come join us in honoring the magnificent Mercy of God!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY NOTICES - St. Joseph Parish, 10 H. Putnam Ext. Charlton, invites you on Sunday, April 12 from 11:00-4:00 pm. Following the 10:00 am Mass, the day will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet, St. Faustina’s Way of the Cross, Adoration, and observance of the Hour of Mercy at 3:00 pm. Please note that Confession will not be available.

Saint Aloysius-Saint Jude Church, 489 Pleasant St., Leicester invites you Sunday, April 12 from 2:00-3:00 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Homily, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick & Healthy, and Final Blessing.

In Our Catholic Community...

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

ANNUAL VISITATION HOUSE DINNER- On Saturday, April 18 from 5:30 - 9:00 pm. The Visitation House 2026 Annual Dinner will be held at the College of the Holy Cross Hogan Campus Center, Tickets are \$120 per person (cash bar). The theme is "The House that Ruth Built" and will feature speakers Atty. Dwight Duncan, postulator for the Cause of Ruth Pakaluk and Meghan Tallarita, Exec. Director of the Ruth Pakaluk Foundation. Tickets can be purchased online at visitationhouse.org or call Rebecca at 508-798-8002.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS IN WORCESTER - Annual Mass to Honor and Remember our Children will take place on Monday, May 4 at 7:00 pm at St George Church, 40 Brattle St., Worcester. You are invited to attend the Pieta annual mass to honor and remember all of our children. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. Please invite any families who have lost a child. For more information, please call Terry Gentile at 508-284-0796 or email pieta3@gmail.com. Sponsored by Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Lillian Struckus and Anthony Bibik who have been born into eternal life.

Financial Report

This past weekend we received \$10,831.00 We also received:

Candles- \$1420.00 Flowers- \$795.00
Stipends- \$560.00 Donation- \$200.00
Coffee Shop- \$75.00 Novena- \$100.00
Rice Bowl- \$113.00 Online- \$6706.99
Payroll X-Fers- \$10,598.91

Total- \$31,399.90 Unrestricted- \$20,687.99 Restricted- \$10,711.91

Expenses- \$27,355.33

Administration (13,631.70) Confirmation Retreat (175.00)
Schola (1490.02) Funerals (225.00) Donation (1088.08) Altar (666.54) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (709.45) Parish Picnic (69.50) Church Gas (2159.46) Rectory Gas (2596.83) House (289.42) Stipends (630.00) Haitian Apostolate (530.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (2190.33) Preserve the Flame (429.00) Copier (475.00)

Food for the Poor Donations- \$100 from a friend; \$75 From a friend, \$10 from a friend, \$75 from a friend, \$200 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$10 from a friend, \$400 from a friend, \$125 IMO Joseph Cahill, \$250 IMO Sharon Welsh, \$140 From Dinner Show, \$500 IHO Fr Madden, \$520 From Venerini Academy Free Thow Contest, \$5 IMO David Stone.

Food for the Poor

Income- \$14,217.63
Expenses- \$27,624.50

The Good Friday Collection supports the Churches in the Holy Land.

The Second Collection on Sunday is the Easter Collection.

WORD OF LIFE:
“He is Risen!”