

*"To Preserve The Flame"*  
**SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH**

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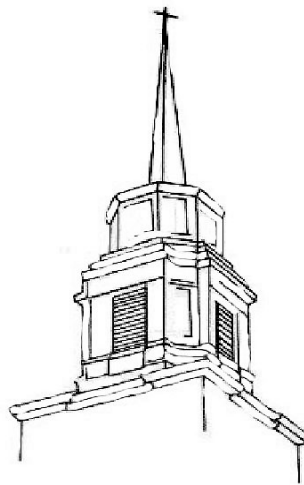
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**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](mailto: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, May 2, 2026

4:15 PM **Ronald, Joseph & Richard Fresolo**,

req. by Family

7:15 PM **Sophie Kozaczka**, req. by Family

### Sunday, May 3, 2026

8 AM **Bob Kett**, req. by Family; **In**

**Thanksgiving for Fr. Madden & all he does for Parishioners**

10:15 PM **Health & Intentions of Isabella R.**

**Vancelette**, req. by Family; **Luz Valencia &**

**Consuelo Almeida**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Brian O'Connell**, req. by Family;

**Donna Domiziano (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Friend

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

### Monday, May 4, 2026

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

### Tuesday, May 5, 2026

6:15 PM **Jennifer Kalinowski**, req. by Dianne

Gustowski

### Wednesday, May 6, 2026

6:15 PM **Inet Calderon**, req. by Family

### Thursday, May 7, 2026

6:15 PM **MaryAnn Dowd (Month Mind)**, req.

by Family; **John T. Maroney**, req. by Family

### Friday, May 8, 2026

6:15 PM **Margarito Lacastesantos, Jr. and**

**Florencia Flores**, req. by Family

### Saturday, May 9, 2026

4:15 PM **Joseph Ginkus**, req. by Family;

**Barbara Caparso**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joseph Beltran**, req. by Family

### Sunday, May 10, 2026

8 AM **Juvencio Lorente**, req. by Family; **Elsie**

**Gannon and Joan Crowley**, req. by Family

10:15 PM **Leo Gravel**, req. by Connie & Bob

**Bartelson; Ann & Paul Reynolds**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Cynthia Williamson (1st Anniv.)**,

req. Karen Steiger; **Walter & Katharina**

**Perduta and Catherine McGurl**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Elizabeth Brosnihan (7th Anniv.)**, req.

by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today's passage from the Gospel of John comes from the Last Supper. Jesus has already washed the feet of the disciples, telling them: *I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, so should you also do.* Then he sandwiches the new commandment: *love one another* in between the announcements of Judas' betrayal, his own departure and Peter's denial. Clearly, a fearful and foreboding atmosphere has enveloped the upper room. Trying to calm their anxiety, Jesus tells them: *Do not let your hearts be troubled.* Indeed, the remedy for all earthly troubles is to have faith in God and have faith in him, the only begotten Son of God. To trust in Jesus' promises that he is preparing a place for us.

The Church's liturgy has selected this text as an option to be read at funerals. At that moment of personal grief, we are invited to hear Jesus speaking to us personally: *I will come back and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.* Jesus has gone to the Father's house and entered into heavenly glory. He promises to come back at the hour of our death and take us to be with him and the Father forever. Leading St. Thomas Aquinas to reflect:

*The statement 'I will come again and take you to myself,' can be understood as that spiritual coming with which Christ always visits the Church of the faithful and vivifies each of the faithful at death... (He) will strengthen you in faith and love for (him).*

A wonderful companion to this Gospel passage, is one from First Thessalonians in which the great Apostle reminds us *not to grieve like those who have no hope.* Paul, insightfully, recognizes the need to grieve. For our faith does not absolve us from real human emotion. Still, our faith does assure us that He is the way, the truth and the life. This is, of course, the good news of our salvation: through his death and resurrection, Jesus promises to take us to be with his Father in heavenly glory. In so doing, we will join all the holy men and women who have gone before us and await all the holy men and women who will be after us.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr John Madden

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS**

Hymn 524 Hail Thee, Festival Day  
Gloria Missa De Angelis

Psalm 33: Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place  
our trust in you.

Alleluia: I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the  
Lord...

Preparation hymn 682 You Are the Way  
Communion hymn 763 We Have Been Told  
Hymn 762 Christ The Way We're Called To Follow

### **TODAY'S READINGS CAN BE FOUND AT #1088 IN THE HYMNAL**

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12 (52)

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** – "Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do." (John 14:12) Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God's call.

**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 \$54,815 or 61% 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 [partners-charity.net](http://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!

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel on every Tuesday. It will be live streamed, as well. All are welcome.

**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.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Grades 1-9** This Sunday, May 3rd at 9AM in the Church Hall.

**OUR COFFEE SHOPPE** will be open after the 10:15 AM Mass this Sunday. All are welcome to attend.

**PARISH PICNIC** will take place on Sunday, June 7 from 11:30 AM to 3:30PM at Quinsigamond State Park. Please save the date! More details to follow. If you would like to help out planning it, please contact Dianne at 774-670-3674.

**THE LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY AT ST. JOHN'S** is pleased to announce that we will once again open the month of May that is dedicated to Mary by celebrating our annual Mass dedicated to the Blessed Virgin on Saturday, May 9th at 4:15 PM. Deacon Eduardas Meilus will present the Homily. Members of the community will participate in the opening procession and St. John's Lithuanian Choir will sing traditional Lithuanian hymns during the service. Following the Mass all are invited and welcome to join us at a reception to be held at the St. Francis Xavier Center.

**THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will be meeting on Wednesday May 13 in the downstairs chapel from 10:00 to 11:30 am. ALL knitters and crocheters are welcome to come! If you have any questions, please call Connie at (774) 262-2512.

**IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) NEW ENGLAND**, a yearlong volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is seeking service corps members for the upcoming (September to June) year. IVC service corps members give one or two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with nonprofits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director Dave Hinchin [newengland@ivcusa.org](mailto:newengland@ivcusa.org), or check out the IVC New England website [www.ivcusa.org/newengland](http://www.ivcusa.org/newengland). IVC is interviewing now for September placements.

**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. 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](mailto:DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com).

### In Our Catholic Community...

#### OUR MONTHLY MASS FOR HEALING

will be held on Monday, May 25, at 6:15 PM. Anyone in need of the Sacrament of the Sick is welcome.

#### INDOOR YARD SALE TABLE OPPORTUNITIES IN WORCESTER

- Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Indoor Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, 596 Cambridge St., Worcester. Interested Sellers can call the rectory office 508-752-1608 to rent a table: \$15 for 6 ft. table; \$10 each additional table. Deadline to rent/pay for a table is May 9. Doors open for set up only at 7am. Sellers must remove unsold items at end of the day.

#### ADOPT-A-STUDENT GOLF TOURNAMENT

- Support Catholic education at the Bishop George Rueger Memorial Adopt-A-Student Golf Tournament on Monday, June 15 with a 9:00 AM shotgun start at Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton. This annual event raises critical funds for tuition assistance scholarships, which have provided more than 1,300 scholarships totaling over \$4.3 million to local students. Join us for a great day of golf and fellowship. Golfers, sponsors, and supporters are welcome. o register or learn more, visit: adopt-a-student.net/golf-registration. Registration deadline: May 29.

#### RELIGIOUS LIFE DISCERNMENT DAY FOR WOMEN

- The Religious Venerini Sisters invite all young women to visit and have a conversation with the sisters about the beauty of Religious Life. Drop in on Saturday, May 30 between 10 am and 3 pm at the sisters' convent at 23 Edwards St in Worcester and talk to us about the daily life of the sisters, how to listen to God's call and discover our vocation life stories. For more information please contact St. Angela Kavil at venerinisistersus@gmail.com.

### Financial Report

This weekend we received \$8045.00. We also received:  
Donations- \$325.00 Stipends- \$545.00  
Free Press- \$39.00 Partners in Charity- \$300.00  
Utility X-fer- \$4114.75 Payroll X-fer- \$15,287.38

Total- \$28,656.13 Unrestricted- \$8954.00 Restricted- \$19,702.13

#### Expenses- \$40,071.32

Administration (20,865.65) Schola (621.47) Funerals (200.00)  
Church Gas (1672.39) Rectory Gas (1853.47) Altar (248.51)  
Church Hall Cleaning (900.00) House (391.27) State Taxes (1878.41) Federal Payroll Taxes (2150.45) Stipends (540.00)  
Church Boiler Repair (7190.00) Confirmation (450.00) Partners in Charity (300.00) Preserve the Flame (124.00)

FOOD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS- \$150 from a friend; \$30 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$1,000 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$75 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 IHO John and Barbara Ramian's 50th Wedding Anniversary; \$100 IHO Brian Worthington's Birthday; \$100 IHO Linda Oroszko's Birthday; \$500 IMO Big Jim Rut; \$150 IMO Patrick and Christopher Johnson

#### FOOD FOR THE POOR

Income- \$2350.00  
Expenses- \$8106.25

This weekend's second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

YEAR TO DATE – in April, we had an issue with the boiler, the church lights and other expenses, which led to a cash operating loss of \$47,517.79. This puts our loss for FY 25/26 at \$45,195.07. SJFFTP also experienced an operating loss in April but maintains a positive net income. Thank you for your support of our parish mission.

### Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Christopher Hewett, Elizabeth Hazelhurst, Nedra Talley-Ross and David Allan Coe who have been born into eternal life.

### **WORD OF LIFE:**

**“The last degree of love is when He gave Himself to us to be our Food; because He gave Himself to be united with us in every way.”**  
**St. Bernardine of Siena**