

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

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**Pastor**

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**Assisting Priests**

Fr. Charles Armev  
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**Deacons**

Paul Dacri  
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Donna Mastrovito  
Dianne Gustowski

**Director, After-School Program**

Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

**Music Ministry**

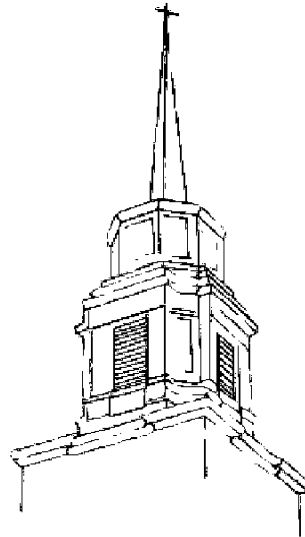
Sean Redrow, Director  
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**Rectory Office Hours:**

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm  
Jimmy Archibald, Manager

**Parish Email**

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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

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Worship Hymnal #1021

**Parish Website**

www.stjohnsworcester.org  
www.stjohnsfoodforthe poor.org

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Mon.-Thurs.. 6:45 pm

Saturday- 3 pm

**Holy Days**

Vigil 6:15 p.m.

Holy Day 12:15, 6:15 p.m.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Please contact the parish office at  
least one year prior to planned date  
of marriage

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Please contact Deacon Paul for  
an appointment

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Please contact the parish office for  
a priest

**Monthly Mass for Healing  
Followed by the Celebration  
Of the**

**Sacrament of the Sick**  
4th Tuesday of the month  
6:15 pm

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 6, 2018

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**

7:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:00 AM **Jack LaHair**, req. by Josie Jeniski; **Linda Gervais Drumgoole**, req. by Sonny Gervais and Family

10:15 AM **John J. (60th Anniv.) and Claire K. (35th Anniv.) Healy**, req. by Daughter; **Bob and Nancy Nelson**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Anthony F. Dailida**, req. by Lorraine Starr; **Antoinette Sullivan (3rd Anniv.) and Helen Etre (13th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Michael O'Grady (13th Anniv.)**, req. by the O'Grady Family

Monday, January 8 2018

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Gail McAuliffe; Christopher Evers**, req. by Family

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

6:15 PM **Jennifer Kalinowski (13th Anniv.)**, req. by Dianne Gustowski

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

6:15 PM **Carol Anne Singh**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family; **Henry S. Kozlowski**, req. by Children

Thursday, January 11, 2018

6:15 PM **Joe Hickey and Dan Best**, req. by Family

Friday, January 12, 2018

6:15 PM **Britney K. Gengel (8th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Saturday, January 13, 2018

4:15 PM **Catherine Gallagher (25th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Carolyn Prokopowicz**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 AM **John O'Neil**, req. by Family; **Robert and Dorothy Vaicilionis**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **John and Agnes Bartelson, Chandler, Eileen and David Creedon, Esther and Barbara Sheehan, Roger Gonsalves, Gil Berry, Sr. Dorothy Mara and Mary Bowen**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Jean Lotuff**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Francesca Grimaldi (8th Anniv.)**, req. by the Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Each year's Christmas Season offers a different focus for our meditation. The depth of the mystery of the Incarnation presents us with many opportunities for reflection. Wherever we find ourselves in any given year, especially in our spiritual lives, informs our reflection. This year I have found myself intrigued by the truth that God decided that 1<sup>st</sup> century Palestine was the "fullness of time." Why then? Why there? There is no doubt that Mary played a role in the divine decision. Indeed, a substantial role. Perhaps, the only role. This question is not unimportant, but it is a bit esoteric. Since the first Christmas, every time and every place is able to experience the fullness of God's presence in Jesus Christ. The important question now is how? How can I, in this time and place, experience more fully and enter more deeply into the very presence of God made real in Jesus Christ. This is the journey that all of us – and all people of every time and place – must undertake.

Today's Solemnity of the Epiphany offers us guidance in this undertaking. The Magi are presented as models for our own personal and communal journeys. Astrologers are not given any credence in Christianity, of course, but Monika Hellwig – a great Scripture scholar – reflects:

*Yet, what better way is there to represent the task of reading the signs of the times, than by the star-gazers who follow their inspiration and vision until they truly find Christ, acknowledging his rule of peace by their gold, his mystery by their frankincense, and his tragic role in our troubled history by their myrrh. Their presence in the Gospels is a little like that of Melchisedech in the story of Abraham; they come mysteriously with wisdom and gifts, to seek one greater than themselves, and they disappear again without a trace. But they are symbols of hope, representing the unexpectedness, the gratuitous character, the wonder of God's glory breaking through the darkness of the nations. They come from afar, from nations outside the covenant of Israel. They are unexpected, expressing the yearning of all peoples for a better world, a better life, community with one another, and communion with God.*

The Good News is that despite the darkness which covers the earth today, God offers us signs and points us in the right direction. Our journey, like theirs, is long and arduous, it takes unexpected turns and crosses rough roads. And like theirs, brings us to the Light of the World.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## ***THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

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

Introit: *Ecce advenit*, Mal 3:1; 1 Chron 29:12

Op.: # 448 What Star is This

Gloria: 206

Ps.: # 1021, Ps. 72

Gospel Acc.: # 208

Prep.: # 451 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: *Vidimus Stellam*, Mt. 2:2

# 452 We Three Kings of Orient Are

Closing: # 449 The First Nowell

### **ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S**

**January 8**– RCIA, 7 PM in the rectory

**January 9**– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

**January 19**– Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

**January 29**– The Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is “The Shepherd Who Didn’t Run, Fr. Stanley Rother, Martyr from Oklahoma” by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda.

**HOTEL GRACE** is looking for volunteers for the night shift. The night shifts run from 11 PM to 3 AM and 3 AM to 7 AM. If anyone is interested in volunteering for these shifts, please contact Fr. Madden at the rectory. Thank you.

**HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOLY NAME**– We have 2 students from China (8th and 11th) who want to start attending Holy Name at the end of January and we are looking for families who are interested in hosting them. There is a \$1200 monthly stipend per student that is paid out at the end of the month prior to the next month's expenses. Host families are expected to treat their students as if they are another member of the family and are responsible for getting their student(s) to and from school each day if they do not ride the bus/walk. School lunches are paid by the student, however, all other meals are provided by the family. We ask that the students have their own room in the main area of your home and they can share a bathroom. For more information please contact Michael at [hostfamily@iperc.org](mailto:hostfamily@iperc.org)

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

**Grade 1-8**– This Sunday, January 7 at 9 AM. Grades 1-6 will meet in the church hall, grades 7-8 in the Xavier Center.

**Grade 9**– This Sunday, January 7, 1130 AM in the church hall.

**Confirmation**– This Sunday, January 7, 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM in the Xavier Center.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST** will begin this Sunday, January 7 at 9 AM in the Xavier Center. Parents must attend the first class with their child. Registration and schedules are available on the parish website. Please contact Donna with any questions at [mastrovito21@charter.net](mailto:mastrovito21@charter.net).

**CYC BASKETBALL** will begin its season at Assumption College on Saturday, January 6 at 1:15 PM and Sunday, January 7 at 1:15 PM. Please come support the team.

**THE ST. RAFQA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will be meeting on Wednesday January 10, 9:30-11:00am in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome! If you need a shawl for anyone, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

**THE FILIPINO CHOIR** will be at the 415 PM Mass on Saturday, January 27. There will be no reception due to the shelter. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

**CAR DONATION PROGRAM**– Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities and help us help your Worcester County neighbors? It’s quick and easy to do. Just call 1-888-CAR-7308 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program. The car in your driveway can help us to continue to offer many services to children, families and elders in our community so that they may regain home for a brighter future. Thank you!

**DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET** - Tune in on Monday through Friday on Charter TV3 on channel 193 at 9 am for the local Daily Mass on cable celebrated by various priests from around our diocese. Also airs at 4:30 pm in Shrewsbury on Ch. 28, and 5 pm in Clinton area on Ch. 8.

### In Our Catholic Community...

**A MASS FOR HEALING** will be held Tuesday, January 23 at 6:15 PM. After the Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. Anyone seeking the healing touch of God's love and mercy is welcome.

### PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING

**SEXUAL MISCONDUCT-** If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT

**THE RAILERS-** Join us on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 for the Diocese of Worcester Night at the Railers. We will be celebrating Trax's Birthday and our Catholic Schools. Come hear students from Our Lady of the Angels School sing the National Anthem, students from Our Lady of the Valley School sing God Bless America and students from St. Anna School sing America the Beautiful! Tickets are \$15. Proceeds will go to our participating Catholic Schools. Also, don't forget to visit us on the concourse and get your Chuck-A-Puck! All seats are in Section 106, which are normally \$25. To purchase your tickets for \$15, visit [railers.isportstix.com/order/seats/119/](http://railers.isportstix.com/order/seats/119/), and enter the Group Code: DioceseWorcester, if prompted. Tickets will be left at "will call the night of the game" window unless other arrangements are made.

### Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8370.66. We have also received:  
Candles- \$652.00                      Stipends- \$190.00  
Christmas Wafers- \$113.00      New Year's- \$637.00  
Christmas- \$642.00

**Total- \$10,874.66 Unrestricted- \$10,874.66; Restricted-\$0.00**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$50 IMO Richard Rice; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$30 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$1510 IMO Pat Gaudette; \$100 IMO Mary Moran; \$50 IMO Bryan Blanchard; \$100 IMO Mary E. Kelley; \$75 IMO Margaret and John Sharry; \$25 IMO Philip Shea, Sr.; \$25 IMO Paul Maguire; \$100 IMO Michael Winders; 500 IMO Justine and Joseph M. Brennan, John P. and Rosemary T. Walsh and Suellen LaMothe; \$14,135 for New Van; \$53 IMO Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Coin; \$95 IMO Milton Pepin; \$150 IMO Mary Miller Morse; \$100 IMO Dan and Pat O'Connor; \$100 IMO John F. Dowd, Sr.; \$100 from St. Joseph's Charlton; \$100 IHO Charlene and Michele; \$100 from a friend of Dorothy; \$500 IMO Kassia Smith; \$25 IMO Milton Gangai; \$50 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$50 IMO Rosemary Carroll

**Expenses-** \$7254.09

Schola (778.64) Flowers (1800.00) Administration (2359.92) Altar (263.80) Church Tree Work (1325.00) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) Church Alarm (60.00) Rectory Alarm (34.73) House (40.00)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$21,115.00      Expenses -\$2790.85

This weekend's Second Collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

### **Our Parish Community**

...Offers our prayers and condolences to the families of Dolores Gallo and Dominic DiPilato who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Fitzgerald Lennon Pappas who has entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

### **Word of Life**

**“With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world. He is mysteriously present in those for whom there seems to be nothing but the world at its worst.” - Thomas Merton**