

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

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Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

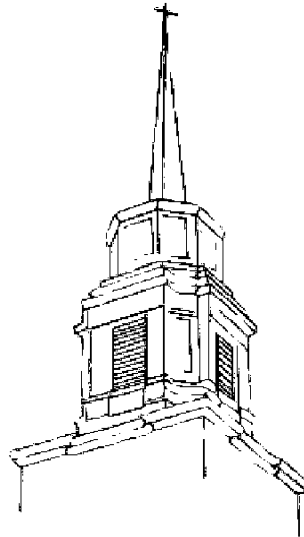
Sean Redrow, Director
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Rectory Office Hours:

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Jimmy Archibald, Manager

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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

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

Worship Hymnal #1083

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, April 14, 2018

4:15 PM **Daniel O'Connor (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **The LaMarche Family**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:00 AM **Gerry and Bonnie Murphy**, req. by Family; **David Covello**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **James Lyons (8th Anniv.)**, req. by Wife; **L. Frank DesRosiers (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Stacey Vaitkunas**, req. by Daughter, Danute; **Eleanor Clifford**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Virginia DiPadua**, req. by Family

Monday, April 16, 2018

6:15 PM **Sonia Patino and Mariana Merino**, req. by Family; **Lorenzo Hoang Nguyen**, req. by Family

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

6:15 PM **Lorenzo Hoang Nguyen**, req. by Family

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

6:15 PM **Lorenzo Hoang Nguyen**, req. by Family

Thursday, April 19, 2018

6:15 PM **Lorenzo Hoang Nguyen**, req. by Family

Friday, April 20, 2018

6:15 PM **Lorenzo Hoang Nguyen**, req. by Family

Saturday, April 21, 2018

4:15 PM **Albert Agurkis**, req. by Marje and Paul Korpinen; **Catherine Palmer**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Maureen Janulewicz**, req. by Family; **William Leseman (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Wife, Anna

Sunday, April 22, 2018

8:00 AM **David Covello**, req. by Family; **Eugene and Evelyn Foley**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Wilbur, Teresa and Edward Roix, Andy Sokolowski, Eva James**, req. by Family; **Patricia Gaudette**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Robert Siemaszko (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Stephen Reidy**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

This week was significantly better.

On Sunday twenty-two of our young adults were Confirmed at St. Paul's Cathedral. It was an uplifting, hope-filled celebration. Bishop McManus' words to them were inspiring to us all in attendance. I was able to "interview" (nearly) all the candidates prior to their receiving the Sacrament. I was very impressed with them all and how seriously they approached their Confirmation. They all spoke highly of their teachers, Joe Tomlinson, Tim and Donna Morse. We are grateful to the three of them for their efforts and their success in preparing the candidates.

On Monday we celebrated the funeral of Guy Corso. We at St. John's were his family. I was very happy to see the family members, especially his good friend Catherine, that attended his Mass and burial. It was a small and touching funeral. I am sure that Guy was well pleased.

On Thursday Fr. Jim's funeral was celebrated at Our Lady of Rosary in Spencer. I was very happy to see so many from St. John's that attended his wake and funeral. The Mass was beautiful. A jammed packed church and the loud responses and singing that Fr. Jim so loved and always encouraged!

The liturgy of the Easter Season places a focus on the Acts of the Apostles. This is an annual reminder that the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead had a profound effect on how his closest followers lived their lives here on earth. It is, then, an annual encouragement for us to allow His victory over death to daily and profoundly affect how we live. The newly confirmed are both open to this challenge and have now received the grace of the Holy Spirit necessary to meet this challenge.

The same grace is, of course, available to us all. In the mysterious work of God when, confident in the eternal life that has been won for us, we commend deceased loved ones to the Lord our hearts and minds are opened more fully to this gift of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Jubilate Deo*, Ps. 66 (65): 1, 2

Op: # 514 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Gloria: # 297

Ps. 4, "Lord, let your face shine on us."

Gospel Acc.: # 208 "Alleluia"

Prep.: # 501 Be Joyful, Mary

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

Comm.: *Cantate Domino*, Ps. 96 (95):2

556 Adoro Te Devote / Hidden Here before Me

Cl.: # 527 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

April 17– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

April 20– Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

April 30– Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the Rectory.

This month's selection is "Liturgy" by Rita Ferrone who will be present at the meeting.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY is underway. This year's theme is "Faith in Action– Loving God by serving others." The appeal's patron is Dorothy Day, Servant of God. This year our parish goal is \$76,600. To date we have raised \$34,958.00. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this diocesan effort. Donations may be made to St. John's, or by sending directly to the Chancery and also online.

TEAM ST. JOHN'S FOOD FOR THE POOR will once again participate in the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc. Walk for the Homeless on Sunday, May 20 at Elm Park, Worcester. To join our team go to www.walkforthehomeless.org. Any questions please contact team captains Linda Murphy (508-987-8304) or Connie Bartelson (774-262-2512).

HOPE FOR HOUSING GIFT CARDS will be sold in April on the weekend of 4/21-4/22 at the Saturday 4:15, Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 AM Masses. Turn grocery shopping into an act of love!

HAITIAN APOSTOLATE RAFFLE WINNERS

April 7– \$100 Barbara Ross

April 8– \$150 Mary Reynolds/Rich Trio

April 9– \$50 John Culbert

April 10– \$50 Michael Martin

April 11– \$50 John Assad

April 12– \$50 Joan Thompson

April 13– \$50 Bob Spellane

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1-6– Sunday, April 22 at 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9– Sunday, April 22 11:15 AM in the church hall.

FIRST COMMUNION– There is no class this weekend. First Communion will be celebrated at the 10:15 AM Mass next Sunday, April 22. Thirty-eight of our children will receive the Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations to them and their families. Many thanks to Donna Mastrovito for all her work in preparing the children for this great sacrament

CYC HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM is forming this summer under the direction of Joe Tomlinson. If you would like to join the team, please contact Joe at 508-254-9909, or jat651@verizon.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS– The Social Activities Committee will be holding the following events (remember to get your tickets early!!)

June 9– Comedy/Dinner Show (Jokes My Irish Father Told Me)

July 15– Bus Trip to Fatima Shrine in Holliston (Rosary and Picnic)

August 12– 3rd Annual Parish Picnic

September 22– Musical Dinner Show (Sarah the Fiddler)

October– Apple Festival (Date, TBA)

November 3– Mystery Dinner Show

December– Bus trip to Lasalette to see Christmas Lights, Date TBA.

ANNUAL SPRING FLING HAM & BEAN DINNER IN WORCESTER– St. Katharine Drexel Circle, #1398, a circle of the Daughters of Isabella, is hosting their Annual Spring Fling Ham & Bean Dinner on Friday, May 4 at 6 pm, at the Msgr. Ducharme Center, 10 Dupont St., Worcester. Menu includes Ham, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw, Salad, Rolls, Desserts, and hot and cold drinks. Good food, beautiful themed baskets for our Chinese Auction, and even a grand prize -- you won't want to miss it! Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children under 12. Please contact Terry Turgeon at 508-757-6209, to reserve or purchase tickets. Join us to celebrate the final arrival of spring!

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, April 24 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.

"MISGIVINGS" - Our Lady of Providence Parish will host "Misgiving" on Saturday, May 12 in the Gym at St. Bernard Church, 228 Lincoln St., Worcester. The one-man show is a "divine" comedy of bellylaughs, blessings, blarney and bingo! Begins with a Social hour at 5 pm, Dinner is at 6 pm and Showtime is 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 and there will be a 50/50 raffle. For reservations contact Renee Jalbert at the Parish Office at 508-755-3820.

UPCOMING CURSILLO OPPORTUNITIES-

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Our 2018 dates are: Men - June 14-17; Women - May 3-6 & October 25-28. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com.

OPEN HOUSE AT VENERINI- Venerini Academy will hold its Spring Open House on Monday April 23 through Friday April 27 from 9-11 a.m. Visit our classes, meet our parents and faculty. Located at 27 Edward St. Worcester. Contact us at 508-753-3210 x7310 for more information.

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTER-
NET - 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.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$10,182.16. We have also received:
Sunday- \$10,182.16 Monthly- \$2644.00
Restoration- \$199.00 Candles- \$253.00
Parking- \$40.00 Stipends- \$930.00
Haitian Raffle- \$45.00 Rent- \$75.00
School Rent- \$4659.75 Easter- \$125.00

Total- \$19,152.91 **Unrestricted-** \$19,152.91; **Restricted-** \$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$500, \$81, \$50, \$100, \$25, \$100, \$1000, \$50, \$200, \$200, \$500, \$100, \$100, \$100, \$50, \$500, \$25, \$50 from friends; \$100 IMO John and Mildred Ahern, Anthony and Monica Planchunas; \$150 IMO Jim McDonald; \$50 IMO Gabrielle DiCicco; \$50 IMO Keith Bernard; \$90 IMO Christopher Bosowski; \$1600 from St. Paddy's Day at Moynagh's Tavern; \$10 IMO Peter Liddy; \$354.46 from OLA Elementary School; \$125 IMO Kathleen Cushing; \$50 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$300 IMO Mary McConville; \$205 IMO John Scotti; \$50 IMO Jeffery Schultz; \$50 IMO Sylvia Hall; \$390 IMO Angelo "Chester" Iaconi; \$225 IMO Fr. Jim Hoey; \$400 IHO Jordan and Deb O'Connor; \$100 IMO Joe Morrissey

Expenses- \$11,106.87

Schola (928.64) Elevator Inspection (425.00) Administration (5090.62) Altar (508.00) Advertising (60.00) Clergy Benefit Plan (1006.67) House (179.85) Security Cameras Deposit (1250.00) Funerals (705.60) Ascension Electric (924.99) Marriage Prep (27.70)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$8000.46
Expenses- \$4822.78

Our Parish Community...

...Welcomes Emmy Gusha, Kayley Quinlivan and Jaelynn Perez who have entered the Christian Community through the Waters of Baptism.

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Marie Pare and Officer Sean Gannon who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"Revelation is God allowing himself to be recognized"
-Edward Schillebeeckx