

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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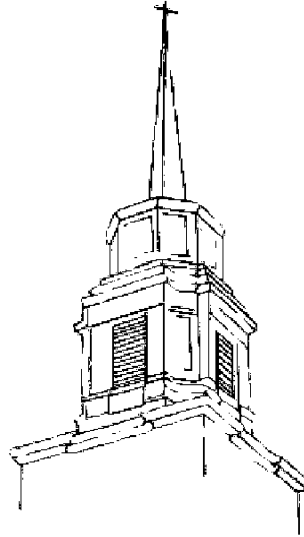
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
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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

Dn 7:13-14

Rv 1:5-8

Jn 18:33b-37

Worship Hymnal #1209

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 the rectory 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, November 24, 2018

4:15 PM **Josephine Zalieckas (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Mary V. Lyons (44th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Mrs. Jane O'Coin (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, November 25, 2018

8:00 AM **Jerome Thomas Sullivan**, req. by Johnson Family; **Tim Morse, Sr.**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Ralph Tiscione, Sr.**, req. by Family; **Richard Ford (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Edward Belton (20th Anniv.) and Albin Zukowski**, req. by Family; **Milton Joseph Pepin**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Monday, November 26, 2018

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

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

6:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

6:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by a Friend

Thursday, November 29, 2018

6:15 PM **Rose Pezzella**, req. by Family

Friday, November 30, 2018

6:15 PM **Joseph P. O'Coin (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Saturday, December 1, 2018

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**, req. by Family; **John and Rose Gerdauskas, Patricia Casavant**, req. by Marie and Arthur Bilzerian
7:15 PM **Donald Donovan and Susan Brigham**, req. by Family

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:00 AM **Elizabeth and Tom Spurr**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Rev. John Bakanas, George and Julia Bakanas, Joan Nichols**, req. by Family; **Walter Pogorek (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for Jonelle Garofoli**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The First Book of Samuel tells us that Samuel was displeased when the Israelites asked that a king be appointed over them. As directed by God, Samuel informed the people what this would mean first for their children who would be required to serve the king. Samuel further warnings included:

He will take the best of your fields, vineyards and olive groves and give them to his officials. He will tithe your crops and your vineyards and give the revenue to his eunuchs and slaves. He will take your male and female servants as well as your best oxen and asses and use them to do his work. He will tithe your flocks and you yourselves will become his slaves. When this takes place, you will complain against the king whom you have chosen, but on that day the Lord will not answer you.

The Israelites, like we so often do, did not heed God's warning. The Israelites, like we so often do, wanted to be like the other nations. Thereafter, Saul is anointed by Samuel and accepted as King. From there, things do not go well for Israel. David was an immense presence and an extraordinary person, but he had his flaws! Solomon was filled with wisdom but seemed more than a bit hung up on material possessions! And these were the two best Kings!

By the time of the event we hear in today's gospel passage, a foreign power rules the Israelites. Jesus appears before Pilate, a flunky installed by the Romans. In their exchange, and those that Jesus has with the Jewish officials, we see why Samuel had warned the people not to seek a King. Human authority, by its very nature, I think, tends toward the desire to be served and not to serve. This is as true whether we are speaking of political or religious authority. In fact, the saying "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely" was first said about a Pope. The initial desire to be like everyone else easily becomes the notion that I am better than everyone else.

The truth, as Jesus perfectly embodied it, is that we have been created to know, to love and to serve God. The disordered desire to be served must give way to the true reason for our existence. We need to seek to be not like the others, but like Him alone. We know that today's gospel passage is leading to a tragic event. But that is not where it will end. To follow Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe does include tragedy. Yet, it promises that we will be happy with Him forever.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Dignus est Agnus, Rev. 5: 12 and 1:6
Op.: # 563 At the Name of Jesus

Ps. "The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty
Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 564 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

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

Comm.: Sedebit Dominus, Ps. 29 (28): 10b, 11b
712 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Cl: # 570 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

November 26— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "Everything Happens For A Reason and Other Lies I Have Loved" by Kate Bowler.

November 27 — Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

December 21— Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

RCIA—The next session of the RCIA will be held on this Monday, November 26 at 7 PM in the rectory. This meeting concludes the Inquiry Stage of the process. Anyone who wishes to inquire about receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist is invited to attend. If you have any questions please call the rectory.

THE FILIPINO CHOIR will be at the 4:15 PM Mass this Saturday, November 24. All are welcome and invited to a reception in the Xavier Center following the Mass.

THE 31ST ANNUAL KELLEY SQUARE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY will take place on Saturday, December 1 at 5 PM at the Kelley Square Gulf Station on the corner of Madison and Harding Streets. There will be free refreshments and pictures with Santa Claus. For more information contact Lorraine Laurie at (508) 757-8741 or lorrainelaurie@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU to all the people who donated and helped with our annual Thanksgiving basket giveaway this year. We were able to help over 400 families have a thanksgiving meal with all the fixings. Thank you for your generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6— Sunday, December 2, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9— Sunday, December 2, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)— Sunday, December 2, 11:15 AM -12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOPPE will be held on Sunday, December 2nd at 11:15 AM in the church hall. The cost is \$2 per child, with a max of \$5 per family. Kids can come and make and wrap Christmas presents for family members. Simply supply a list of names, and we will do the rest! Pickup is at 1:15 PM. You may stay with us, or simply drop off/pick up. Open to all children.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting TUESDAY DEC 11 (not Wednesday Dec 12) at 9:30-11:00 am in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Anyone who would like a shawl for a comforting hug for someone, please call Connie at 508-755-5172

CYC BASKETBALL FOR ST. JOHN'S MEMBERS— Our 2018-19 CYC Basketball season will be here shortly. We are very excited. The team is looking for high school boys between the ages of 14-18 to join our parish team. Our first practice is this coming Tuesday, November 27th from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. For more details please call Head Coach Ray Mattress at 508-612-6007 or email him at raym577@gmail.com

LASALLETTE SHRINE TRIP— The social activities committee is sponsoring a trip to see the Christmas display at Lasallette Shrine in Attleboro on Sunday, December 2nd. The bus leaves St. John's at 3:30 PM and will return approximately around 8:00 PM. Please call Judy at 508 478-9813 with any questions.

CHRISTMAS MAGNETS— The social committee again this year will be selling Christmas Magnets (\$3.00 each) & Ornaments (\$5.00 each). These items will be on sale after Masses beginning the weekend of 11/17 and 11/18. They make great Christmas Stocking Stuffers. The profit from the sale of these items is used to defray the cost of the committees various activities.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held this Tuesday, November 27 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.

GINGERBREAD FAIR IN SUTTON- All are welcome to St. Mark's Chain of Lights Gingerbread Fair on Saturday, December 1, 9:30 AM - 4 PM. Enjoy bake tables filled with delicious homemade treats, wonderful sewing and craft items, lots of raffle baskets, Advent wreaths, a room filled with treasures from our Haiti committee and more. Our kitchen will be serving hot dogs, chili dogs, chili, baked potatoes, grilled cheese sandwiches and gingerbread. The Knights of Columbus will be dishing out delicious fried dough and clam fritters from their trailer. Have a photo taken with Saint Nicholas and his awesome Elf! Sit for a while, enjoy lunch and music and get in the spirit of the Christmas Season. We can't wait to see you there! 356 Boston Road, Sutton.

FREE ADVENT CONCERT AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WORCESTER- Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St. Worcester, will hold a free Advent concert on Sunday, December 2 at 2 PM in the Church. "Tidings of Great Joy" will be an afternoon of special music featuring sopranos Joan Shivick and Bridget Klofft, accompanied by pianist Olga Rogach. This concert is seasonal, sacred, classical, and Advent-themed. Consider attending this concert with three outstanding, professional musicians who will provide us with music to be remembered. It is open to the public, so be sure to invite family, friends, and anyone who enjoys listening to some of the most wonderful music they will hear this Advent season.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8469.16. We have also received:

Monthly-	\$1695.00	Restoration-	\$45.00
Candles-	\$284.00	Stipends-	\$730.00
Donation-	\$300.00	IMO Deacon Paul-	\$325.00
CCHD-	\$512.00		

Total- \$12,360.16 **Unrestricted-** \$11,803.16 **Restricted-** \$557.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$2500 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$150 IMO William Scalzulli; \$500 IHO Nick Argento; \$100 IMO Katherine Gallivan; \$100 IMO Russell Hicks; \$130 IMO Anna Pitro

Expenses- \$12,200.20

Funerals (229.20) Schola (1762.21) Administration (5809.04) After School (41.94) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (591.69) Church Electrical Repair (1049.00) House (259.88) Maintenance (600.00) Lithuanian Wire (530.00) CCD (118.26) Office (180.41) CCHD (512.00) Church Alarm (111.85)

Food for the Poor—

Income- \$20,924.00
Expenses- \$1131.98

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Sally Kruczynski who has been born into eternal life.

... Welcomes Jeffrey Thai Ngo and Savannah Bliss Darnell who have entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"Christ has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature."

—Cyril of Alexandria