

January 28, 2018

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

44 Temple St. Worcester, MA 01604

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PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Fr. John Madden
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Assisting Priests

Fr. Charles Armev
Fr. James Hoey
Fr. James Mazzone

Deacons

Paul Dacri
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**Coordinators of
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Donna Mastrovito
Dianne Gustowski

Director, After-School Program

Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

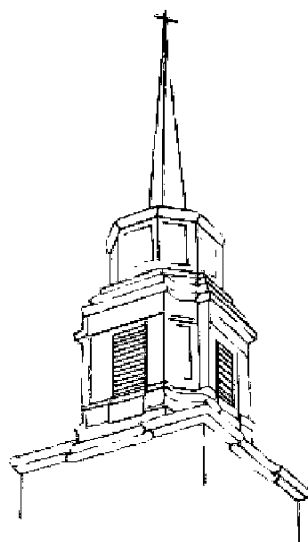
Sean Redrow, Director
Lucia Clemente Falco, Asst. Dir.

Rectory Office Hours:

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

Parish Email

stjohnsworc@gmail.com



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

Dt 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

Worship Hymnal #95

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 27, 2018

4:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Anthony Thompson (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Daughter Barbara

Sunday, January 28, 2018:

8:00 AM **James Vincent Powers**, req. by family

10:15 AM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini** req. by family

12:15 PM **Jonathan Young**, req. by Dianne Gustowski, **Viriglio Ramos**, req. by friends

7:15 p.m. **Dennis Cashman**, req. by family

Monday, January 29, 2018

6:15 PM **Barbara Dufresne (13th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

6:15 PM **Mary Dorr (Month's Mind)**, req. by Dianne Gustowski

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

6:15 PM **Josephine Kozlowski**, req. by Children

Thursday, February 1, 2018

6:15 PM **Diane M. Pagano**, req. by Frank Carroll Family

Friday, February 2, 2018

6:15 PM **Rev. John Nicholson (Birthday Wishes)**, req. by Family

Saturday, February 3, 2018

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Alejandro "AJ" Lorente**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Satyrh Munzert**, req. by Family; **Pat Casey, James Hearn, Jr. and Paul Hearn**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 4, 2018:

8:00 AM **Christopher Johnson**, req. by family; **Health and Intentions of Gail Webster**, req. by Green Island Residents Group

10:15 AM **Joe Comeau**, req. by family

12:15 PM **Jean Patricia Cosmo**, req. by Family

7:15 p.m. **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

There are, as you know!, many second collections. All of them support needy ministries. Still, today's Home Missions collection is perhaps most dear to me. I have friends and classmates serving in Mission dioceses and I know how hard they work. I know, too, how much they need our support. Bishop McManus knows it, too:

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many dioceses here in the United States face challenges due to priest shortages, lack of funds, remote geography, or impoverished parishes. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports these dioceses that struggle to make ends meet and to serve the many needs of their parishioners. Through last year's grants of \$9.66 million, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supported evangelization, catechesis, ministry formation, and other areas of faith development and pastoral programs in needy dioceses. Forty-two percent of all dioceses in the United States are considered home missions. As a result of the generosity of parishioners like you, this appeal impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics.

The Diocese of Pueblo's "wild west" terrain, very mountainous and lonely, has shaped the attitude of pastors and parishioners alike—they tend to be highly independent. This has served them well, since only 44 priests and 45 deacons are available to serve the needs of over 64,000 Catholics. The diocese is primarily rural, covering the entire southern half of the state of Colorado, and the priest shortage is felt very strongly there. But with your support of CHMA, the Diocese of Pueblo offers lay ministry training programs. This training will provide ministers to serve the most isolated parishes and offer spiritual support for Catholics in the diocese.

Thanks to your contributions, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal can continue to provide catechesis, lay leadership training, funding for seminarian education, and other essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses. I encourage you to be generous this weekend to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Laetetur Cor, Ps. 105 (104):3, 4
Op.: # 628 Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Ps.: 95, "If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts."
Gospel Acc.: # 208 'Alleluia'
Prep.: # 666 Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311
Comm.: Illumina faciem tuam, Ps. 31 (30): 17,
18
940 Take and Eat
Closing: # 602 Christ is the World's Light

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

January 22—RCIA in the 7 PM 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.

January 30—Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

February 16—Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

PARISH CHOIR- We are beginning our new Choir semester. If you would like to join us, please contact Director of Music Sean Redrow at SPRedrow@aol.com or simply come up and introduce yourself after Mass. The Parish Choir rehearses weekly at 7 p.m. in the choir loft, and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. before the 12:15 Mass. We'd love you to come and add your voice to ours!

HOTEL GRACE is looking for volunteers for the night shifts. 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.

HOPE FOR HOUSING GIFT CARDS- Gift cards to local stores (Shaws, Stop & Shop, Dunkin Donuts and more) are sold every month on the 1st and 3rd weekends at the Saturday 4:15, Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 AM Masses. In February, cards will be sold on the weekends of 2/3-2/4 and 2/17-2/18. For a complete calendar of card sales dates see our page on the church website. Every card purchase provides support to at-risk families in our community. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1-6— Sunday, February 4 at 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9— Sunday February 4, 11:15 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation— Sunday, February 4, 11:30 AM –12:45 PM in the Xavier Center.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist will continue this Sunday, January 28 at 9 AM in the Xavier Center.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL, PreK through Grade 8, is holding an Open House for prospective families this Sunday, January 28th, from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. We are located at 17 Grove Street, Millbury. Please visit www.assumption-cs.org or call the office at 508-865-5404 for more information on what Assumption School offers

ST. PETER CENTRAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL will host an Open House this Sunday, January 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. There are openings in Grades Pre K to 7. Please visit us on January 28, call 508-791-6496 for information or visit www.stpetercentralcatholic.com. Thank you.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY invited all current 6th and 7th grade and transfer students to spend an academic day at NDA through May 1. If you are interested please contact the office of admissions at 508-757-6200 Ext 229 or email admissions@nda-worc.org.

VENERINI ACADEMY PK-3 through Grade 8, is hosting a winter open house this Sunday, January 28 from 12:15-2 PM and Monday through Friday, January 29-February 2 from 9-11 AM. Meet our parents, students, teachers and tour our campus. Please call 508-753-3210 x7310 for more information.

ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL will host an Open House for Transfer Students on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Please email admissions@stjohnshigh.org or call (508) 842-8934 ext. 266 to register.

NOTRE DAME HOSPICE is looking for kind, compassionate people. Our volunteers give the precious gift of their time to our hospice patients. They provide companionship in so many ways: sharing stories and experiences, reading, praying or just sitting quietly holding their hand. We also find that pet therapy brings a lot of joy to our patients, if you happen to have a dog. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact, Debbie Karalus, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at ND Hospice 508-852-5505 or email at dkaralus@notredamehealthcare.org What a great way to be Christ to others!

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, February 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.

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/, 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND PRAGUE- Our Lady of Czestochowa is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Poland and Prague from July 16-31 with Fr. Richard Polek in the footsteps of St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Faustina Kowalska and St. John Paul II. The all inclusive cost, with 3 meals a day is \$3290.00. A detailed itinerary can be requested in the parish office at 34 Ward St, or by calling 508-577-5959. To register please call Christine at 508-865-9390.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS- Our 2018 dates are: Men's - February 22-25 & June 14-17; Women's - 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.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8418.20. We have also received:

Candles- \$269.00 Parking- \$490.00
Stipends- \$420.00

Total- \$9597.20 Unrestricted- \$9597.20; Restricted- \$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$175 Imo Clarence Gonyea; \$100 IMO Pat Gaudette; \$100 from a friend; \$40 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$75 Imo Stanley Choinski; \$50 IMO Milton Pepin; \$25,210 for new van; \$353.90 from Worcester State University; \$100 IMO Rich Gribbin

Expenses- \$23,686.33

Funerals (176.40) Schola (949.40) Administration (6560.54) After School (171.36) Rectory Phone, Cable, Internet (581.40) Ascension Phones (141.94) Church Gas (1611.29) Rectory Gas (2284.11) Ascension Gas (3167.91) House (43.97) Diocesan Budget Bill (7586.00) Catholic University (412.00)

Food for the Poor
Income- \$26,963.51.00 Expenses -\$3039.54

Today's Second Collection is for The Catholic Home Missions

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Keri McLaughlin, Nathan Grossi, Richard Fresolo and Bernice Adams who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"Look upon us, Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of your brightness. Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of your wisdom."

-St. Augustine