

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

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Music Ministry

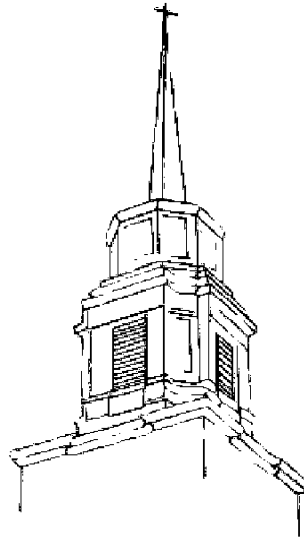
Sean Redrow, Director
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Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
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

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

Worship Hymnal #1031

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, February 24, 2018

4:15 PM **Mary and Joseph Paskavitz, Rose and Frank Allelunas, Anthony and Adele Dailida**, req. by Family; **Skip Granger and Hannah Walsh**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joseph Senckowski (19th Anniv.) and Christine Plouffe (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 25, 2018:

8:00 AM **Sarah Sandowski**, req. by Sue and Al Johnson; **David Covello**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Dolores Gallo**, req. by family; **Peter Liddy**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Thomas P. Reynolds**, req. by Family; **Robert J. Pellegrino**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

Monday, February 26, 2018

6:15 PM **Ruben and Ricardo Almeida**, req. by Family

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

6:15 PM **Wolf Wolfensberger**, req. by Friends; **Thomas P. Reynolds**, req. by Family

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

6:15 PM **Edward Triboski**, req. by Family

Thursday, March 1, 2018

6:15 PM **William Bresnahan**, req. by a Friend

Friday, March 2, 2018

6:15 PM **Winifred McNamara (100th Birthday)**, req. by Family

Saturday, March 3, 2018

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Dorothy Fresolo**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family

Sunday, March 4, 2018:

8:00 AM **Betty Gleason**, req. by Family; **Jim and Margaret Falvey**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Susan Wright (9th Anniv.)**, req. by family; **Deceased Members of the Madonna Family**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **The Parath and Splaine Families**, req. by Family; **Andrew Belsito (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal, I would like to thank all of you who supported the 2017 Appeal with a gift as well as your time and talents. I thank God for the generous support of the people of the Diocese of Worcester, and the leadership of pastors and parish chair people. Thanks to everyone's efforts we surpassed our \$5 million goal in 2017 raising \$5,125,527.

This year's appeal patron is Dorothy Day, Servant of God. She was born in New York in 1897 and died in 1980. Initially working as a journalist and supporter of activist causes, she had a dramatic conversion to the Catholic faith in 1927 while gaining fame as a social activist. She was the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement which has over 120 houses of hospitality throughout the country, including Sts. Francis and Therese Catholic Worker House in Worcester.

The ministries supported by Partners in Charity serve tens of thousands of people in Worcester County, from families in our parishes to those on the fringe of society. Your continued assistance to this appeal has been and continues to be a compassionate sign of your own desire to acknowledge the needs of so many people and to help them bear their struggles.

As you reflect on the many gifts God has bestowed upon you this past year, I trust we can rely on your continued support with the upcoming 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal.

For those who have volunteered to be parish chairpersons as well as parish staff, Thank you for your willingness to help in this important role.

I am reminded of a wonderful junior high student that spoke at last September's appreciation dinner. "Partners in Charity is important because of all the people it helps," said Caitlin, who is from St. George Parish in Worcester. "It helped my uncle when he was younger and went to Nazareth School for Boys. It helps our retired priests, like Father Charlie Dumphy, who is really funny and was a great priest at our church. It helps with religious education, which I am in right now, so you are helping me!"

With your leadership and help and young stewards like Caitlin, we will continue to serve tens of thousands of people in Worcester County, from families in our parishes to those on the fringe of society. Your help to this appeal has been and continues to be a compassionate sign of your own desire to serve the needs of so many and to help them bear the frightening burdens they face.

Thank you again for your generosity and for your valued leadership by assisting and coordinating the appeal. With your help, we will continue to build and strengthen the Church in Worcester County and beyond.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Tibi dixit cor meum*, Ps. 27 (26): 8, 9
Op.: # 881 How Good, Lord, to Be Here!
Ps. 116, "I will walk before the Lord, in the Land of the living."
Gospel Acc.: # 208 "Praise and honor to You, O Lord Jesus Christ."
Prep.: # 880 Transform Us
Eucharistic Accs.: # 304, 305, 306, 311
Comm.: *Visionem*, Mt 17: 9
Cl.: # 467 The Glory of These Forty Days

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

February 26—The Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "Fr. Solanus Casey" by Catherine Odell.

February 26—RCIA in the 7 PM rectory.

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

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

PARTNERS IN CHARITY, the annual appeal to support the spiritual, educational and charitable ministry of the Diocese kicks off this weekend with the in pew collection. In the pew you will find pencils and pledge sheets for you to fill out. 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. Please be generous in supporting this diocesan effort. Donations may also be made online by visiting www.partners-charity.net.

THE 95th ANNUAL NOVENA OF GRACE IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER will begin Sunday, March 4 and run through Monday, March 12. Mass and Novena prayers will be held on the weekdays at 9:15 AM, 12:15 and 6:15 PM and on the regular weekend schedule. Benediction and Novena prayers will be celebrated at 2:15 PM on March 10th. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in this great Lenten tradition.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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

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

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist this Sunday, February 25 at 9 AM in the Xavier Center.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER CARDS are available in the back of the church. Please pray for one (or more!) of our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive this Sacrament in April. You will have a chance to meet them at the Sending Mass in March. Thank you!

THE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE is looking for children and families to help carry banners in the parade. If you and your family wish to do this, please contact Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com. Thank you.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR 2018

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence for all who have completed their 14th year. On Week Days of Lent there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended. Voluntary Self-Denial may include, in addition to fasting, participation in daily Mass, spiritual studies, Lenten Devotions, Stations of the Cross, saying the Rosary, deeds of mercy and kindness. Easter Duty Obligation must be made from the first Sunday in Lent (February 18) through Trinity Sunday (May 27).

DEEDS OF MERCY AND KINDNESS:

Brown Bag It— paper bags will be available in the church with a list of the food items most needed in our food pantry. You are invited to take a bag and when filled return it to the statue of St. Therese.

Baby Bottles and Rice Bowls will also be available. You are invited to place the money you would have spent on what you "give up" for Lent into the bottle and/or bowl. The bottles support the great pro-life work of Visitation House here in Worcester. The bowls support the great work done by Catholic Relief Services all across the globe.

ST. JOHN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated every Friday in Lent after the 6:15 PM Mass, except on the Friday of the Novena, March 9th.

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.

18TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE AT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE-

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 17. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until February 28, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are \$30.

FISH DINNER IN WORCESTER- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at Our Lady of Loreto Church will hold a dinner, Friday, March 2, 4-6:30 PM in the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, 28 Mulberry St. Choice of haddock fish and chips or baked haddock with rice pilaf at \$15 or fish chowder at \$5. Ticket must be purchased in advance in the parish office, 37 Massachusetts Rd., Mon-Fri., 9 AM- 5 PM or email Joan a joan_dargenis@yahoo.com.

INDOOR YARD SALE IN WORCESTER- St. Christopher Church, 950 West Boylston Street, Worcester will be holding an Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, March 10 from 9 AM-2 PM Rent a table for \$20 or just come to browse and shop. To rent a table or for more information, contact Liz Knott at 508-852-2348 or at knotte@charter.net.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7503.03. We have also received:

Monthly- \$1400.00	Candles- \$286.00
Parking- \$70.00	Stipends- \$560.00
Ash Wednesday- \$1421.00	Latin America- \$445.00
Free Press- \$274.00	

Total- \$11,959.03 **Unrestricted-** \$11,514.03; **Restricted-** \$445.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$30 IHO Dave Young; \$25 IMO Philip Shea, Sr.; \$50 IMO Kathleen Carlo; \$70 IMO Peter Liddy; \$495 IMO Kathleen Cushing; \$25 IMO Daniel Trudell; \$150 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend

Expenses- \$18,464.55

Schola (1172.92) Funerals (305.60) Administration (6478.25) Plowing (1666.66) Ascension Plowing (416.66) Lithanian Donation (530.00) February Diocesan Budget Bill (7425.00) Latin America (445.00) Office Supplies (24.46)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$1685.59
Expenses- \$1463.50

Our Parish Community...

Offers prayers and condolences to the family of William Graham, Jr. who has been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“We must love to the point of folly, and we are indeed fools, as our Lord Himself was who died for such a one as this... It is agony to go through bitter experiences, because we all want to love, we desire with a great longing to love our fellows, and our hearts are often crushed at rejections. But, as a Carmelite nun said to me last week, ‘It is the crushed heart which is the soft heart, the tender heart.’” –Dorothy Day