

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

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Donna Mastrovito  
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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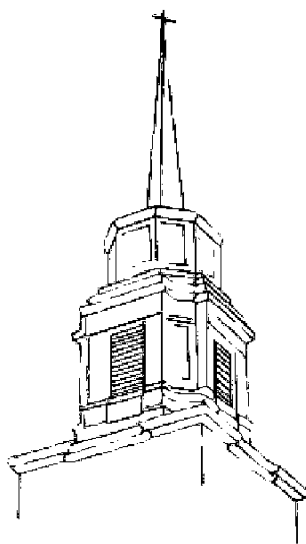
Sean Redrow, Director  
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**Rectory Office Hours:**

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**

Jer 31:31-34

Heb 5:7-9

Jn 12:20-33

Worship Hymnal #1040

**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, March 17, 2018

4:15 PM **Carl Steele (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family;  
**Robertta Bodwell (1st Anniv)** req by family  
7:15 PM **Joe Hickey and Dan Best**, req. by Family

Sunday, March 18, 2018:

8:00 AM **Lucy Thompson (42nd Anniv.)**, req. by Daughter Barbara; **Patrick Johnson**, req. by Family  
10:15 AM **Joseph A., Joseph R. and Madeline Nozzolillo**, req. by Family; **Victor Kruczynski, Sr.**, req. by Family  
12:15 PM **Bill Pugliese, Jr., Genevieve and William Pugliese, Sr.** req. by Family; **Birthday Wishes for Bernadette Boucher**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Monday, March 19, 2018

6:15 PM **Felicidad Oviedo and Eladio Murillo**, req. by Family; **Joseph F. Collins**, req. by Family

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

6:15 PM **To The Sacred Heart**, req. by Cristiana

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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

Thursday, March 22, 2018

6:15 PM **John Tomlinson**, req. by Family

Friday, March 23, 2018

6:15 PM **Roger Hessel**, req. by Frank Carroll

Saturday, March 24, 2018

4:15 PM **Mary and Joseph Paskavitz, Rose and Frank Allelunas, Anthony and Adele Dailida**, req. by Family; **Leo and Helen Matys, Joseph and Ann Kirklauskas, Julia Kasparian and Family** req by family  
7:15 PM **Judith Ann Daley (9th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Mattias Sosa**, req. by Christiana

Sunday, March 25, 2018:

8:00 AM **The McLearan Family**, req. by Family; **David Covello**, req. by Family  
10:15 AM **Deceased Members of the Flynn and Fleming Family**, req. by Family; **Rose Labonte**, req. by Family  
12:15 PM **William Riggieri**, req. by Family; **Shirley Paradis**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Alexis Lenti (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Frank Lenti and Family; **Alfred and Theresa Lewis**, req. by Family  
**The Angelus and Rosary are prayed each weeknight at 5:45 p.m.**

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

God's blessings often come as a surprise. *Joyous Celebrations* is a well-known Gospel music group from South Africa. They are in the United States for two Africa-USA Unity Music Concerts. One is in New York City this weekend and one in Providence next weekend. The surprise blessings is that they will be stopping here at St. John's in between! Thanks to our own "Pastor Leshy," who has been working on our Good Works Program, the group has agreed to present a concert on this Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. in the church. Tickets are \$35 and will be available at the door. Any proceeds will be used in the Good Works program's efforts in finding employment for guests at the Xavier Center and Hotel Grace. The group plans to visit the Xavier Center on Friday morning to offer a couple of songs and enjoy the great food. Sorry for the short notice, but hope that you are able to attend.

Our annual mission trip to Brit's Home and St. Francois Parish in Grand Goave, Haiti is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. Once again we have a great group who will be making the trip. They – and others who have made the trip in the past – are in the back of the church after each Mass with tickets for the Calendar Raffle which will be held during the month of April. All the proceeds of the raffle will be used for July's trip. The tickets are (I always get this wrong, so double-check!) are \$10, 3 for \$25 and 7 for \$50. This weekend and next are the last two chances to purchase tickets before the raffle begins. Though we would be happy to sell tickets throughout the month of April. Along with our Haitian Apostolate team, I thank you for the support that you offer to two places we enjoy immensely – Brit's Home and St. Francois.

The Season of Lent is proceeding rapidly. Holy Week is right around the corner. The schedule for the Holy Week, the Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday is:

Sunday, March 25 is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – we will celebrate the Lord's Solemn Entry into Jerusalem and His Passion with the regular weekend schedule.

Tuesday, March 27 the Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 29 is Holy Thursday – we will celebrate the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:15 p.m.

Friday, March 30 is Good Friday – the Downtown Way of the Cross begins at St. John's at 12 noon and processes to the Cathedral of St. Paul. The Passion of the Lord will be commemorated at 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 31 is Holy Saturday – the Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 1 is Easter Sunday – we will celebrate with the regular Sunday schedule of Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Judica Me, Deus*, Ps. 43 (42): 1, 2  
Op.: # 466 Forty Days and Forty Nights  
Ps. 51, "Create a clean heart in me, O God."  
Gospel: # 208, "Praise and honor..."  
Prep.: # 463 From Ashes to the Living Font  
Eucharistic Accs.: # 304, 305, 306, 311  
Comm.: *Qui mihi ministrat*, Jn. 12:26  
# 471 O Son of Justice  
Cl.: # 627 O God beyond All Praising

### ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

**March 19**—RCIA, 7 PM in the rectory.

**March 20**—Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

**March 26**—The Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection for March is "Abandonment to Divine Providence" by Fr. Jean Pierre Cassaude, S.J.

**April 4**—Social Activities Committee, 7 PM in the rectory.

**April 20**—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 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 \$25,943.00. 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 by visiting [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net)

**HAITIAN APOSTOLATE MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE**—to support our annual trip to Grand Goave, Haiti and the mission of the Be Like Brit orphanage and St. Francois parish will be held in April. Tickets are available after the Masses or at the rectory. They are \$10, 3 for \$25 and 7 for \$50. Thank you for your generous support of those in need!

**BACH ST. MARK PASSION** - As we did last year, several of us from our St. John's Schola will be joining with the Music Program of Trinity Lutheran at 73 Lancaster St., Worcester next Saturday evening, March 24 at 7:30 PM in presenting this powerful work. This piece for chorus and orchestra presents the Passion as found in the Gospel of Mark. Bach's original work is not extant. This reconstruction will be given only its second performance at this concert. The concert is free and open to the public!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**Grades 1-6**— This Sunday, March 18 at 9 AM in the church hall.

**Grades 7- 9**— This Sunday, March 18, 11:15 AM in the church hall.

**First Reconciliation/First Eucharist** this Sunday, March 11 at 9 AM in the Xavier Center.

**EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held next Sunday, March 25th immediately following the 10:15 AM Mass in the rectory. We'll have many more eggs hidden this year, plus maybe a surprise guest or two!

**ANNUAL CONFIRMATION SENDING MASS** will be this Sunday, March 18th at 10:15 AM. Please join us in praying for, and welcoming these candidates into full initiation to the Catholic Church. Confirmation candidates please report to the church by 9:45 AM. A reception will follow in the Xavier Center. All are welcome.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR 2018

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence for all who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### In Our Catholic Community...

**A MASS FOR HEALING** will be held Tuesday, March 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.

**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S** open house for prospective students will be held on Sunday, March 25 from 2-4 PM. Students currently in 5th-8th grade are encouraged to attend. Please visit their website [www.nda-worc.org](http://www.nda-worc.org) to pre-register. NDA is the only Catholic private and independent college preparatory school for young girls in grades 7-12 in Central Mass.

**GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY**- Back by popular demand, Fiddlers Green Pub will host its annual Good Friday Fish Fry (coffee/tea and dessert included) on Friday, March 30 from 5-8 PM. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For tickets please contact Beth at 508-847-2969 or they can be purchased at Fiddler's Green Pub, 19 Temple St., Worcester.

### **FISH FRY TO BENEFIT POLISH LANGUAGE**

**CLASSES**- Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish will serve a fresh haddock fish fry on Fridays during Lent from Noon-6 pm in the lower level of the church, 34 Ward St., to benefit Saturday Polish Language School. Includes fried fish, chips and coleslaw for \$10 eat-in or take-out. Chowder, soup, drinks and pastry are available for an additional charge.

**THE LITHUANIAN SCOUTS** will be celebrating their annual Spring Festival (Kaziuko Muge) at Maironis Park 52 South Quinsigamond Ave in Shrewsbury on Palm Sunday, March 25, starting at Noon. The Scouts are celebrating 100 years of scouting. A Lithuanian dinner and a chicken dinner will be served from 12:30 p.m. There will be vendors present plus the author, Ursula Song, who wrote about the Lithuanian resistance. The youngster from the Lithuanian School will also provide entertainment. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of fun.

### Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$9900.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$58.00	Restoration- \$57.00
Candles- \$325.00	Rent- \$75.00
Stipends- \$330.00	Novena- \$13,766.00
Haitian Raffle- \$755.00	School Rent- \$4659.75
Free Press- \$78.00	Easter Flowers- \$375.00

**Total-** \$35,281.41 **Unrestricted-** \$34,469.41; **Restricted-** \$812.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$10 IMO Kathleen Cushing; \$50, \$100, \$150, \$50, \$10, \$150, \$50 from a friend; \$1000 for new van; \$500 IHO Bill Riley; \$300 IMO Mary Buck; \$25 IMO Peter Liddy; \$50 IMO Catherine "Kay" Montville; \$40 IMO Mary Polli; \$25 IMO Christopher Bosowski

**Expenses-** \$17,999.47

Schola (961.04) Administration (8422.60) Repair and Maintenance (216.63) Organ Repair (144.75) March Diocesan Budget Bill (7425.00) Altar (55.12) Advertising (250.00) Fire Alarm (111.45) Office (412.88)

Food for the Poor  
Income- \$2800.00  
Expenses- \$651.10

This weekend's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services

### **Our Parish Community...**

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Rose Sorel, Carmella Carey, Stephen Hawking and Philip DeLongchamp who have been born into eternal life.

### **Word of Life**

**"This is one way the symbol of a suffering God can help: by signaling that the mystery of God is here in solidarity with those who suffer. In the midst of the isolation of suffering the presence of divine compassion as companion to the pain transforms suffering, not mitigating its evil but bringing an inexplicable consolation and comfort." –Elizabeth Johnson**