

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

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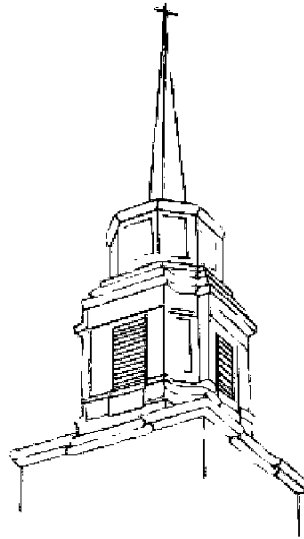
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Rom 8:14-17

Mt 28:16-20

Worship Hymnal #1106

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, June 2, 2018

4:15 PM **Mary Patnaude**, req. by Mary O'Connor;
All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.

7:15 PM **Joseph Prendiville**, req. by Family

Sunday, June 3, 2018

8:00 AM **Fr. Joe Coonan**, req. by Sue and Al Johnson; **Anthony Boudas (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Sheryl (Romano) Patterson, Fina Romano and the Romano Family**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family; **Barbara Freeman (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Jose and Natividad Catalan**, req. by Friends

Monday, June 4, 2018

6:15 PM **Brian Barry**, req. by Friends at the Senior Center

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

6:15 PM **Stephanie LeBlanc**, req. by Family

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Thursday, June 7, 2018

6:15 PM **Thaddeus Skowronski (28th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Friday, June 8, 2018

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

Saturday, June 9, 2018

4:15 PM **Rocco Fresolo, Sr.**, req. by Family; **All Guy Corso**, req. by Jim and Judy Burke

7:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

Sunday, June 10, 2018

8:00 AM **Don O'Keefe**, req. by Sue and Al Johnson; **Ann and Paul Reynolds**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Ryan Quinn**, req. by Family; **In Honor of Anna Leseman's 102nd Birthday**, req. by the Lithuanian Community

12:15 PM **Kathleen Donahue Jones**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Frank Wright**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Leaving Mass last weekend someone expressed the hope that my "prayers" for the Celtics were more effective than my "prayers" for the Steelers. Alas. Not so. Still, the C's gave us much more entertainment than we had the right to expect. 2019 is shaping up as the long awaited "next year" – for both my teams!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The teaching of the Second Vatican Council teaches that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." Every time that we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, particularly the Sunday Eucharist, it is a solemn and important moment. Still, the Church's Liturgy sets aside one weekend to focus our minds and hearts on the Eucharist. It is on Holy Thursday, of course, that we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist. However, that celebration comes with the shadow of Good Friday and Calvary. Today's Solemnity, still in the shadow of the Easter Season and Pentecost and the Most Holy Trinity, lends itself to a much more joyous celebration.

Our experience recognizes that Vatican II's teaching is not just empty words. The many and varied works of charity and compassion, kindness and generosity that we perform – individually and communally – issue forth from our faith in Jesus. Specifically, our belief that He remains really present to us and will, as we heard in last week's Gospel, "until the end of the age." This "thanksgiving" which is the Eucharist is the source of our missionary activity.

Further, in undertaking this service we have known success and failure, gratitude and complaint, cooperation and resistance. Just as Jesus had promised! Being "on the ground" and "in the trenches" comes with many and varied challenges. All of which serve to remind us that the summit we journey toward is not found on this earth. We seek to see, as our patron John did, "a new heaven and a new earth."

Just this week I mentioned to someone – in a context I know forget! – that when I thought of being a priest – the ministry and community of St. John's is what I envisioned and hoped it would be. At the same time, nearly thirty-four years later the best and favorite thing I do is preside at the Eucharist. Whether in the shadow of Calvary or huddled together in anticipation, it remains the source and summit of all our lives.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti*, Ps.
81 (80), 17

Op.: # 953 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Ps. 116 "I will take the cup of salvation, and
call on the name of the Lord."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 557 O Food of Exiles Lowly

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

Sunday 7:15: # 371, 372, 373, 311

Comm.: *Qui manducat*, Jn 6: 5

556 Hidden Here Before Me

Cl.: # 614 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

June 6— Social Activities Committee, 7 PM in the rectory.

June 25— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the Rectory. The selection for this month is "The Secret Chord" by Geraldine Brooks.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP will not meet during the Summer months. Meetings will resume in September.

BIBLE STUDY will not meet during the summer months. We will resume our meetings on Tuesday, September 4 at 7 PM in the rectory.

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 \$64,098.00. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this diocesan effort.

JOHN MCDERMOTT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You won't want to miss John McDermott and friends joyous Christmas Concert at St. John's Upper Church on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM to benefit St. John's Food for the Poor. Tickets are \$20 a piece and Seating is limited! A great Christmas gift for family and friends! **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW.** Call Frank Carroll, 800-343-0939, ext. 0234.

PARISH CHOIR- Today is the Parish Choir's last Sunday singing at the 12:15. We thank them for their hard work and dedication and for sharing their talents with us all year long! They made our 12:15 Mass so beautiful with their music making! We'll be back when the Choir season starts again. Thank you all!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMP is going to "Set Sail With the Holy Trinity" as we travel with St. Patrick to Ireland to learn all about God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Camp will be held at Ascension for kids entering grades 1-7 and will begin Monday, June 25th and run through Friday, June 29th from 9 AM to 12 noon. There is no cost for this, so encourage your child to bring a friend! Registration is available on the parish website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE for 2018-2019 will be released in June. It will be made available on the parish website under the "Religious Education" section.

CYC HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM is forming this summer under the direction of Joe Tomlinson and Tim Morse. There is a max of 16 players per team so if you are interested, please contact Joe at 508-254-9909, or jat651@verizon.net or Tim at 774-329-1848.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday June 13th, 9:30-11:00am, in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. If anyone needs a prayer shawl for someone, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

COMEDY/DINNER SHOW- The Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a Comedy/Dinner Show "Jokes My Irish Father Told Me" on Saturday, June 9th at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM with the doors opening at 5:00 PM. A full course chicken dinner, with salad, rolls & butter, coffee & dessert will be served. The cost is \$30.00 per person, come, enjoy the food, show and a fun filled night. Tickets are on sale after the 4:15 PM, 10:15 AM & 12:15 PM Masses or call July 508 478-9813.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS— The Social Activities Committee will be holding the following events (reminder to get your tickets early so you don't miss out):

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.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, June 26 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.

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET -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.

ST. THOMAS MORE LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP- Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of not less than \$3000 to a law student attending an accredited law school. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website or by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before September 21, 2018. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated and you can make contact at the above address or phone number.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT- If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8218.16. We have also received:
Monthly- \$72.00 Restoration- \$92.00
Candles- \$323.00 Parking- \$70.00
Stipends- \$55.00 Partners in Charity- \$425.00

Total- \$9255.16 Unrestricted- \$8738.16; Restricted-\$517.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$1000 IHO Dan Shaughnessy; \$235 IMO Patricia Brunelle; \$120 IMO Owen Murphy; \$658 from the Filipino Community; \$100 IMO Alfred Cancelli; \$50 from Sisters of St. Anne; \$50 IMO Stephanie LeBlanc; \$187 from Venerini Academy

Expenses- \$7873.44
Schola (975.24) Altar (750.00) Administration (1899.76)
Church Gas (206.64) Rectory Gas (397.04) Ascension Gas (407.12) Federal Payroll Taxes (1477.80) House (40.00) Partners in Charity (425.00) Postage (67.71) Preserve the Flame (861.00) Funerals (76.40) Fire Alarm (34.73) Mothers Day Cards (255.00)

Food for the Poor- Income- \$52,056.00 Expenses- \$3629.87

YEAR TO DATE- In May we had a cash loss of \$6,178.85. Our cash gain for the first three quarters of FY 17/18 is \$31,658.56.

This weekend's Second Collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Walter Cushman, Ray Greenwood and Ernie Richards who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Margaret Ellen Miskinis and Grace El Chudzikiewicz who have entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“It becomes clear that the manna which nourishes the Christian on the journey of faith and which enables hope to conquer cynicism and despair is the commitment to loving service. This is the heart of the teaching of Jesus and it is the deepest meaning of the Eucharistic manna. For the body and blood of the Lord in the Eucharist are a body broken for others and a blood poured out in sacrifice for others. To receive this sacrificial body and blood is to commit oneself unalterably to the loving service that they signify. Thus, a mysterious and wonderful bonding occurs between Jesus and the Christian, not just from receiving the Eucharist, but also from living the love and unselfishness of Jesus.” –Demetrius Dumm, OSB