

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

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Donna Mastrovito
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Music Ministry

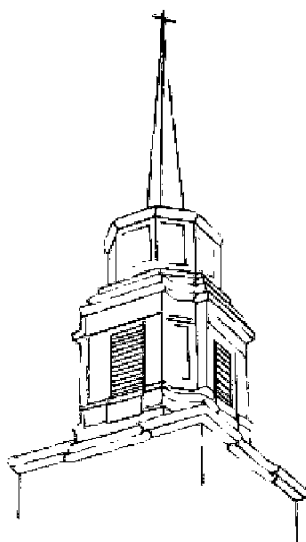
Sean Redrow, Director
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Rectory Office Hours:

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

Ez 2:2-5

2 Cor 12:7-10

Mk 6:1-6a

Worship Hymnal #1152

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, July 7, 2018

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Joseph Morrissey**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Kassia Smith**, req. by Family; **Nellie Wisboro (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Son

Sunday, July 8, 2018

8:00 AM **Jim and Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Marie Pare**, req. by VAAH Friends
10:15 AM **Rose Gerdauskas (100th Birthday Rememberance) and Lucy Bilzerian**, req. by Marie and Arthur Bilzerian; **Leonard Smith**, req. by Mary and Joe McClusky
12:15 PM **Frank Luca**, req. by Family; **Brendan Michael Baker**, req. by Frank Carroll
7:15 PM **Robert N. Cote, Sr.**, req. by Family

Monday, July 9, 2018

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Gail McAuliffe; Joyce Osodo (31st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

6:15 PM **Oswaldo Molina and Mery Valencia**, req. by Family

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

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

Thursday, July 12, 2018

6:15 PM **Dan Martel**, req. by Family; **Claire K. Healy (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Daughter

Friday, July 13, 2018

6:15 PM **Paul F. Campbell**, req. by Frank Carroll

Saturday, July 14, 2018

4:15 PM **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family; **Joseph Zalieckas**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Sunday, July 15, 2018

8:00 AM **Adelle Sullivan**, req. by Family; **John O'Neil**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **In Honor of Madeline Leazes 99th Birthday**, req. by Friends; **Francis Leazes**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Margaret and Michael Hallinan**, req. by Family; **William Gibbons**, req. by Arlene Abraham and 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,

Next weekend, as part of our Diocesan Mission Co-operative program, we will welcome Brother Dominique Olondo, CFX from the Congregation of Xaverian Brothers. It is more than fitting, of course, that we welcome one of the Xaverian Brothers. As you all know, the Brothers have played a significant role in the history of our parish. Even though, the school building is no longer standing, the sacrifice and contribution of the Brothers continues to live on here on Temple Street. More to the point, their mission among us continues to bear fruit.

In 1984, marking the 150th Anniversary of St. John's Parish, Timothy Meagher wrote an informative and interesting history of the parish. Entitled *Preserve the Flame* he writes the following: *The Saint John's Boys School limped along in the tenements with an overworked lay staff until 1892, when Msgr. Griffin built a new modern facility. His negotiations for the land for this school had been somewhat mysterious; so mysterious, in fact, that some suspected that Griffin was angling to become bishop of a new Worcester diocese and purchased the land as the site for his new cathedral. By 1893 he had lured the Xaverian Brothers to teach his boys. The Xaverians, a Belgian-based order long established in America, proved to be somewhat tougher (or perhaps more patient) than the Christian Brothers. In any event, they refused to be chased away and have taught at St. John's ever since.* (p. 36)

The "glory days!" As Brother Dominique will explain, their missionary work continues. Today they operate schools in some of the poorest areas of the world including the Democratic Republic of Congo and Kenya. Besides their educational ministry, the Brothers reach out to homeless street children in Kenya and the Congo and provide housing for young men in Haiti.

Brother Dominique entered the Congregation of Xaverian Brothers in 2003. He was previously directing the postulancy in Kenya and serving street children in Bungoma. Brother Dominique is currently studying Theology and Ministry at Boston College. We are thrilled to have him with us next weekend. I thank you in advance for your generosity to the Brothers in the collection which will be taken up.

On early Sunday morning our parish contingent of 13 is heading to Grand Goave, Haiti and to Brit's Home and St. Francois Church. Please be generous in your prayers for us throughout this week. And, always, for the children at Brit's Home, the people of St. Francois and all in Haiti.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Suscepimus, Ps. 48 (47): 10, 11

Op.: # 590 Word of God, Come Down on Earth
Ps. 123, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy."

Alleluia: #208

Offertory: # 707 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 218, 311

Comm.: Gustate et videte, Ps. 34 (33): 9

Cl.: # 592 God Has Spoken By His Prophets

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB, will not meet in July and August. The next meeting will be Monday, September 24, 7 PM in the Rectory. The selection for September is "The Life You Save May Be Your Own" by Paul Elie.

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 \$66,023.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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. 0110.

THE CLOTHING CENTER at the Ascension Campus has given out 2,385 pieces of clothing in the past year and serve nearly 300 people per week. Clothing center hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM to 12 Noon. We will be closed the last week of July. Donations can be brought during those hours.

A TASTE OF THE DIACONATE is a cookbook celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Diaconate Program in the Worcester Diocese. It is a collection of 143 recipes by the Deacons, candidates and their families. Cost of the book is \$10.00 which will support the Diaconate program. Books will be available at all Masses or by contacting Deacon Paul. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE for 2018-2019 will be released on the website in the coming weeks. We are looking for teachers and classroom aides for the upcoming school year. Please contact Dianne at 508-579-6099 or dhgustowski@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

BUS TRIP TO FATIMA SHRINE- The Social Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to The Fatima Shrine in Holliston, MA. on Sunday, July 15th. The bus will leave St. John's at 1:00 PM and return approximately 6:00 PM. The cost of this trip is \$10.00 per person which includes the round trip bus fare and a picnic lunch. We will have a group Rosary, a picnic lunch and you will have time to enjoy the grounds and the gift shop. A Sign Up sheet will be on the tables in the back of the church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS- The Social Activities Committee will be holding the following events (reminder to get your tickets early)

August 12- 3rd Annual Parish Picnic

September 22- Musical Dinner Show (Sarah the Fiddler)

October- Apple Festival (Date, TBA)

November 3- Mystery Dinner Show

November 14- John McDermott Concert

December- Bus trip to Lasalette to see Christmas Lights, Date TBA.

IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) New England is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming year. Persons interested in applying or more information should contact Dave Hinchin via email at dhinchin@ivcusa.org, New England Regional Director, for more information and an application. IVC combines service with monthly spiritual reflection in community with other volunteers. Ignatian Volunteers, men and women 50 years of age or better, commit to two days per week of service in parishes, schools, and non-profit organizations working directly with people experiencing poverty or marginalization, or in the pursuit of social justice. The service commitment takes place over a ten month period, September through June.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, July 24 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.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP- Do you have a loved one with Dementia? Would you be interested in learning more about caring for someone with Alzheimer's or Dementia? We are here to help, offer support and provide education. We would be interested in holding a Caregivers Support Group at St. John's Parish. There is no obligation to share, you are welcome to come and just listen! Have questions? Feel free to contact Jeanne Pellegrino, Alzheimer Program Director at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at 508-755-8605.

CHANCERY SUMMER HOURS- The Chancery Offices will be open from 8 AM to 5:30 PM from Monday - Thursday and closed on Fridays from June 22 through August 24 inclusive. Thank you for your understanding. Our summer schedule provides good cost savings and efficient operation during the summer given the number of employees with scheduled vacations.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT IN WORCESTER- Blessed Sacrament Bereavement Support group will meet July 12 from 6:30- 8 pm, Epiphany House, 551 Pleasant Street, Worcester. For further information please contact Blessed Sacrament Rectory at 508 755-9152 or Cecelia M Mason at ceceliamason@yahoo.com, Tel: 508 335-0898.

YOUNG ADULT THEOLOGY ON TAP will be held Tuesday, July 10 beginning at 6:30 pm at Compass Tavern in Worcester! Our speaker will be Fr. Jim Boland and the topic will be "Mission Possible: Living Your Call in the Modern World". Open to all young adults (ages 18-39). Doors open at 6:30 for food and drinks. The speaker will begin at 7:15. Compass Tavern is located at 90 Harding St, Worcester.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$9471.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$2060.00	Restoration- \$262.00
Candles- \$254.00	Parking- \$105.00
Stipends- \$110.00	

Total- \$12,262.16 **Unrestricted-** \$12,000.16; **Restricted-**\$262.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$75 IMO Owen Murphy; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$125 IMO Robert Withstandley; \$25 IHO Stephen Lane

Expenses- \$5,395.94

Catholic Summer Camp (205.00) State Payroll Taxes (1053.66) Federal Payroll Taxes (1873.86) Household (82.56) Administration (2180.86)

Food for the Poor-
Expenses- \$2000.85

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Fr. Raymond Messier, Frank Iaconi and Robert Thayer who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Candido Rivera, Dimitri McPerson and Harrison Graham who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“The Church always advances between the cross and the resurrection, between persecutions and the consolations of the Lord. This is the path: those who take this path do not go wrong.”

— Pope Francis