

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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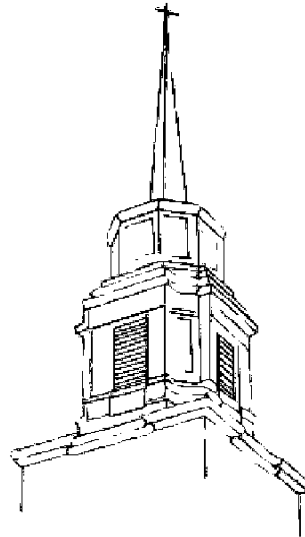
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

Worship Hymnal #1161

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, August 4, 2018

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.;** Nat Losapio, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 5, 2018

8:00 AM **Patrick Johnson**, req. by Family;

Pauline Fresolo, req. by VAAH Friends

10:15 AM **Josephine Zalieckas**, req. by Family;

Zigmas Dabrila, req. by Aldona Kibelkstis

12:15 PM **Doris (Dee) West**, req. by Friend Lucia

7:15 PM **Marie Young**, req. by Family

Monday, August 6, 2018

6:15 PM **Joe Hickey and Dan Best**, req. by Family

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

6:15 PM **Carlos Mendez and Patricia Vera**, req. by Family

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

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

Thursday, August 9, 2018

6:15 PM **Ellie Gaudette**, req. by Family

Friday, August 10, 2018

6:15 PM **Richard Giziowski**, req. by a friend

Saturday, August 11, 2018

4:15 PM **Annette Pellegrino (Month's Mind)**, req. by Children and Grandchildren

7:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 12, 2018

8:00 AM **Christopher Johnson**, req. by Family;
In Honor of Sr. Lee Kirchner's 70th

Anniversary, req. by a Friend

10:15 AM **Michele M. Morris (6th Anniv.)**, req. by Twin Sister Margaret Chapman; **Zigmas**

Dabrila, req. by Vanda Lescord

12:15 PM **Patricia Hamilton**, req. by Family;

Kathleen Donahue Jones, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Marguerite Cobil (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

For thirty years I have been assisted and sustained by the Scripture commentary of Monika K. Hellwig. This what she offered regarding today's readings:

"Today's readings continue the theme from last week's readings as we continue our journey through the 6th chapter of John's Gospel. The Gospel text gives a dialogue reflecting on the meaning and implications of the miracle of loaves and fishes, and correcting some misinterpretations of the miracle of manna and quail in the desert. In the Exodus story, God provides for the people when they trust in divine providence. When they are concerned first and foremost to obey the divine commands and do what is right, their communal and individual needs are met. In the dialogue taken from John's Gospel, Jesus points out that the crowd coming in search of him has inverted the order. They are concerned to care first for their material needs as though that were sufficient to give meaning and happiness to life.

Perhaps the injunction to seek the unperishable food of eternal life, and claim that Jesus is the bread of life, make most sense when we recall those other sayings of Jesus: his food is to do the will of the One who sent him; people do not live by bread alone but by every utterance that comes from God; to seek God's will and justice first is to find all other needs met. These sayings suggest a clearer perspective on manna, miracle and Eucharist. They suggest a new way of thinking about "spiritual food," about grace, about the sharing of divine life. They suggest that for Jesus miracle and Eucharist are the call to deeper, fuller discipleship, not merely moments of passive receiving of benefits without further consequences. For Jesus the reception of divine nourishment is also the process of becoming, as it were, food for others, sustaining and nourishing the lives of others. Such is the meaning and power of God's wonderful deeds in our lives. Such is the intent of the Eucharist.

Perhaps this needs to be made more explicit. The whole mission of Jesus is to redirect human life and society towards God. This means a reordering of values and expectations, and involves a re-discovery of the true foundation for security and the true source of sustenance. The long and rather complicated discussions in John 6 are all concerned to evoke an appreciation of this by allusions and figures of speech. Human yearning is not stilled by self-seeking or self-gratification, but by self-gift to God in trust and to other human beings in meeting their needs. To be nourished and sustained by Jesus means being empowered to live in this way."

Now you see why I have relied on her insights all these years!

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Deus in adiutorium, Ps. 70 (69): 2, 3
Op.: # 553 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Ps. 78, "The Lord gave them bread from heaven."
Alleluia: # 208

Offertory: # 953 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 218, 311
Comm.: Panem de caelo, Wis. 16: 20
556 Adoro Te/ Hidden Here Before Me
Cl.: # 614 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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: An American Pilgrimage" 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.

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.

3RD ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will be held on Sunday, August 12 at 1 PM at Lake Park in Worcester (Coburn Ave. entrance). All are welcome to attend, there is no cost. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon and soft drinks. Come enjoy the food, socialize with fellow parishioners, have fun and play some games. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the back of the church, we need a head count for food purchases by August 5. Anyone willing to bring a dessert to share, it would be welcomed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-Registration and schedule for the 2018-2019 school year is available on the website. We have added a few dates, so please make sure to download the schedule. Also we need a 7th-8th grade teacher and a 9th grade teacher. If you are willing, contact Dianne at 508-579-6099, or dhgustowski@gmail.com.

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.

ST. JOHN'S PARISHIONER, KEVIN DOWD, has just published his first book called "Teaching Kids to Respect Others: Reflections, Activities, and Prayers on Bullying and Prejudice." It can be purchased from Kevin (\$8.00), from Twenty-third Publications online (link below for \$8.95), and at Amazon for \$9.95. Kevin is a Ph.D. candidate in Theology and Education at Boston College. He teaches theology at Anna Maria and speaks around the country for Pflaum publishing located at Assumption College. The link to purchase online is www.twentythirdpublications.com/tekitoreotne.html

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

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.

DISMAS HOUSE FUNDRAISER- St. John's parishioner, Elsie Uffelmann, and her friends Mary-Jean MacDonald and husband, Alan, are running a triathlon (.9 mi swim; 24-mile bike; 6.2 mile run) to raise funds for Dismas House in honor of its 30th Anniversary in the Worcester area. The mission of Dismas House, Fr. John Brooks House, and Dismas Family Farm in Worcester and Oakham, respectively, is "to reconcile former prisoners to society and society to former prisoners through the development of a supportive community comprised of students and former prisoners who live together in a family setting." Containers marked Dismas House will be available at the church entrances during all the Masses, if you would like to make a donation. For more information, please see www.dismasisfamily.org or contact Elsie at 508-612-1869.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, August 28 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #88 will be running their annual trip to Saratoga Race Track on Saturday, August 11. The cost of the trip is \$60 per person. For more information please contact Paul White at 508-756-5129 or Frank Reed at 508-799-5189. All are welcome to attend.

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PRAYER EXPERIENCE- A 30 week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer. Starting on October 2nd, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include reflection, direction and presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester adjacent to Clark University. Information nights will be held at St. Rose of Lima in Northborough on August 19th, St. Mary's in Jefferson on August 26th and St. Peter's in Worcester on August 28th, each at 6PM. Information and an application forms are available on the web site www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-home. You can e-mail with any questions at worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick at 508-885-4462.

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 \$8790.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$10.00	Restoration- \$62.00
Candles- \$212.00	Stipends- \$530.00
School Rent- \$4659.75	

Total- \$14,264.41 **Unrestricted-** \$14,202.41; **Restricted-** \$62.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$50 IMO Annette Pellegrino; \$370 IMO Christine Riccio; \$60 IMO Pauline Fresolo; \$50 IMO Bob Henry; \$25 IMO Michael Revelli; \$100 IMO Russell Hicks; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$100 IMO Nat Losapio; \$50 IMO Thomas Gentile

Expenses- \$8,597.09

Schola (911.64) Administration (1942.96) Stipends (1505.00) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (2508.06) Funerals (329.20) House (211.61) Rectory Alarm (34.73) Copier (621.89)

Food for the Poor-

Income- \$1045.00 Expenses- \$4548.17

This weekend's second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

YEAR TO DATE- In July we had an operating loss of \$8,293.69. That leaves an operating gain for FY 17/18 at \$16,873.39. August is the final month of the fiscal year. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Claire Sullivan, Julie Gover and Eric Eaton who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Everly Josephine Rasmussen who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. ... No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly— everyone should be cherished and protected!”

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan