

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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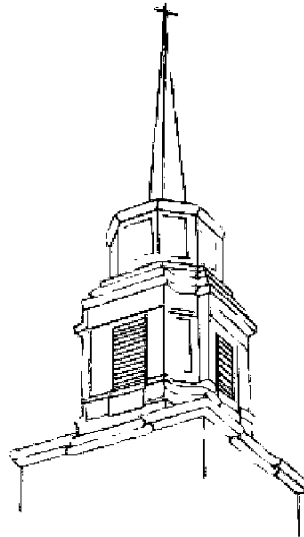
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

Worship Hymnal #1164

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 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

Monday, August 13, 2018

6:15 PM **Henry W. Burak (21st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Frank and Yolanda D'Elia**, req. by Family

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

6:15 PM **Cristobal Parra and Maria Miranda**, req. by Family

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

12:15 PM **Betty Ann Veroneau**, req. by friends

6:15 PM **William Bresnahan**, req. by Family

Thursday, August 16, 2018

6:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

Friday, August 17, 2018

6:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by a Family

Saturday, August 18, 2018

4:15 PM **Catherine Ward and Margaret Murray**, req. by Family; **Leo and Dolores Matys and Family, Julia and Elaine Kasparian and Family, Joseph and Ann Kirklauskas and Family, Jan and Michalina Pieniazek and Family**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 19, 2018

8:00 AM **Jim Gannon**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Anthony Guinto (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Danute Marcinkevicius

12:15 PM **George Abraham**, req. by Wife and Children; **John and Agnes Shea**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The summer is the best time of the year for reading. I shake my head when I think of the trouble I gave my parents when they would ask about my progress with the summer reading assignment! The book club does not meet in July or August which gives us the opportunity to read a lengthy book for the September meeting. As you have seen in the bulletin announcement, this summer we chose *The Life You Save May Be Your Own* by Paul Elie. The subtitle is key: *An American Pilgrimage*. The book is a sort of four biographies in one. Elie presents the lives of four great American Catholic Writers from the middle of the 20th century: Flannery O'Connor, Walker Percy, Thomas Merton and, of course, Dorothy Day. I first read the book back when it was released in 2003. It was the Holy Spirit's final impetus in sending me to the Catholic Worker in NYC. I have read it at least once more since then. I am enjoying it again this summer.

In the book Elie is not only a biographer of the four, though he does a terrific job with the biographical part. He also shows how the subjects were interrelated. Further, that this interrelationship was more about their unique missions than about their personal relationships with each other. Which were, on the whole, quite limited. Herein lies the key to the subtitle. Dorothy's column in *The Catholic Worker* was entitled *On Pilgrimage*. The same could be said for the other three, as well. And their unique if related pilgrimages were essentially American. This is one of the most helpful parts of the book. Like them, we all have a specific Catholic mission and it is lived out in a specific place, the United States of America.

Today's second reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians describes this specific mission in this specific place: *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ*. His first point is most essential. We have different opinions and priorities. We have different fears and anxieties. It is only through humbly opening ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to fulfill this mission in this place at this time. Every year on Monday of the First Week of Lent, the first reading from the Book of Leviticus presents the Commandments God gave to Moses. It contains one of my favorite lines in the Bible. God says to Moses – and to us – that we cannot have hatred in our heart for each other. Indeed, we will have to reprove one another at times. Still, we should not "incur sin" as we do so. An ancient law of Israel that needs to be made new there and here and everywhere.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Respite, Domine, Ps. 74 (73): 20, 19, 22, 23
Op.: # 571 Crown Him with Many Crowns
Ps. 34, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."
Alleluia: # 208.

Offertory: # 662 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 218, 311
Comm.: Panis quem ego dederò, Jn. 6: 52
956 Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup
Cl.: # 631 Father, We Thank Thee, Who Have Planted

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, a holy day of obligation, is this Wednesday, August 15. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 6:15 PM. Holy day Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday at 12:15 PM and 6:15 PM.

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 this Sunday, August 12 at 1 PM at Lake Park in Worcester RAIN OR SHINE (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.

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 to help please contact Dianne at 508-579-6099, or via email at dhgustowski@gmail.com.

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.

HAM AND BEAN DINNER SHOW- The Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a Ham & Bean dinner show with Sarah the Fiddler on Saturday, September 22nd at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Dinner will be served after 4:15 PM Mass and tickets are \$20.00 per person (tickets include show with ham & bean dinner, coleslaw, cornbread, coffee and dessert) Tickets will be on sale beginning the weekend of August 25th after the Saturday 4:15PM and Sunday 8:00 and 10:15AM and 12:15 PM Masses or by calling Judy 508 478-9813. Get you tickets early, there is a limited number of tickets

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP- Do you have a loved one with Dementia? Would you be interested in learning more about Alzheimer's or Dementia? We are here to help, offer support and provide education. There is no obligation to share, you are welcome to come and just listen! The support group will be held at St. John's the first Tuesday of each month, beginning on September 4 at 5 PM. When a loved one develops Dementia, it can be difficult for everyone. Hearing how other people have walked through the journey of caring for a loved one with dementia can be helpful. The group will be facilitated by the Alzheimer Program Director at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Jeanne Pellegrino. Jeanne is a certified Dementia Practitioner and has over 20 years of experience working with seniors and people with Alzheimer's and Dementia. Have questions? Feel free to contact Jeanne Pellegrino, at 508-755-8605.

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.

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 Masses, if you would like to make a donation. For more information, please see www.dismasisfamily.org or contact Elsie at 508-612-1869.

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.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$6938.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$2329.00	Restoration- \$270.00
Candles- \$214.00	Stipends- \$610.00
Rent- \$75.00	Assumption- \$45.00

Total- \$10,481.16 **Unrestricted-** \$10,211.16; **Restricted-** \$270.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$325 IMO Thomas Gentile; \$50 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$25 IMO Betty Ann Veroneau; \$100 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$115 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$15 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$100 IMO Kathleen Donahue Jones; \$375 IMO Claire Sullivan; \$50 IMO Karen Burke; \$25 IMO Mary Kovach; \$25 IMO Robert and Melanie Smith; \$12 IHO Raymond Richard; \$200 IMO Christine Riccio; \$50 IMO Paul C. Keller

Expenses- \$10,095.54

Altar (650.11) Administration (5340.71) Clergy Benefit Plan (1006.67) Church Electrical Repair (220.00) House (551.48) Religious Ed. Computer (913.71) Maintenance (179.69) Funerals (458.40) Religious Ed Textbooks (663.59) Ascension Alarm (111.18)

Food for the Poor-

Income- \$5522.00 Expenses- \$4033.77

This weekend's second collection is for the Church in Eastern Europe.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Ernest Brackett, Gail Gully, Lynne Dimond, Ann Friend Goodrich, Robert Moynagh and Helen Trainor who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“What is the mark of a Christian? It is to watch daily and hourly and to stand prepared in that state of total responsiveness pleasing to God, knowing that the Lord will come at an hour that he does not expect.”

–Basil the Great