

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

44 Temple St. Worcester, MA 01604

Phone: 508-756-7165

Msgr. Tinsley Center at Ascension Campus: 774-243-6351

**PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor**

Fr. John Madden  
frjohnmadden@gmail.com

**Assisting Priests**

Fr. Charles Armev  
Fr. Jean Robert Simbert Brice  
Fr. James Mazzone  
Fr. Conrad Pecevich

**Deacons**

Paul Dacri  
Van Nguyen

**Coordinators of  
Religious Education**

Donna Mastrovito  
Dianne Gustowski

**Director, After-School Program  
and Ascension Clothing Center**

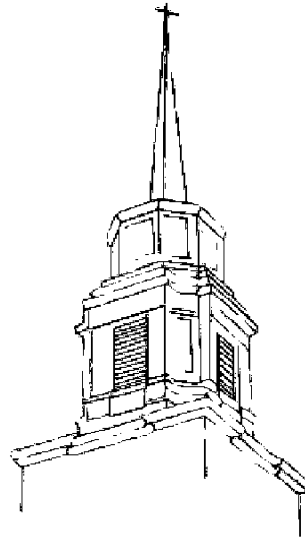
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

**Music Ministry**

Sean Redrow, Director  
Lucia Clemente Falco, Asst. Dir.

**Rectory Office Hours:**

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm  
Jimmy Archibald, Manager  
stjohnsworc@gmail.com  
stjohnsworc@gmail.com



**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 6:2-6

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34

Worship Hymnal #1200

**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, November 3, 2018

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

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by a Friend

Sunday, November 4, 2018

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

10:15 AM **William, Theresa and Edward Roix, Andrew Sokolowski, Eva James**, req. by Family, **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Grazina Bazickas and Family

12:15 PM **Margaret, Eugene, John Gingras, Bridget and William Coomey and Families**, req. by Family; **John and Eleanor Wallace**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Timothy Brosnihan (14th Anniv.)**, req. by Family, **Robert Girard (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Monday, November 5, 2018

6:15 PM **Casimir and Teofile Simulynas**, req. by Wanda Bazikos and family

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

6:15 PM **Ruben and Ricardo Almeida**, req. by family

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

6:15 PM **Matthew Pulsifer**, req. by the Mastrovito Family

Thursday, November 8, 2018

6:15 PM **John Benison**, req. by Tim and Joyce Cooney

Friday, November 9, 2018

6:15 PM **Joseph Pezzella**, req. by family

Saturday, November 10, 2018

4:15 PM **William and Mary Lynch**, req. by family; **George Comptois**, req. by family

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

Sunday, November 11, 2018

8:00 AM **Fr. Joe Coonan**, req. by Sue and Al Johnson;

**Maureen Flanagan**, req. by Marje and Paul Korpinen

10:15 AM **Joseph Nozzolillo (!st Annive.)**, req. by Jonathan and family

12:15 PM **Patrcia Dacri**, req. by family

7:15 PM **Charles Gauthier and the MacDuffie Family**, req. by family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Last Sunday morning at 10:15 a.m., the Diocesan St. Thomas More Society hosted the “Red Mass” at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The Red Mass, which dates back to the 13th century, was introduced in the United States in 1928. Currently it is celebrated in diocese through the country to invoke God’s blessing upon members of the bench, bar, legislature, law enforcement and all protectors and administrators of the law.

The celebration here in Worcester also includes honoring four members of the legal community; a judge, a lawyer, a non-Catholic and a lay person. I attended the Mass last week because this year Officer Sean Lovely was one of the honorees. As many of you know, Officer Lovely is a critically important part of our Food for the Poor program. As a member of the neighborhood response team, he is present at the meal every day. Actively present! Sean helps to insure that the meal—and the pantry on Saturday mornings—is conducted smoothly and safely. His biggest weapon in this work is his genuine concern and sincere kindness. The guest love him because they know that he loves them. “Above and beyond” falls short in describing what he provides for the guests and for all of us.

Officer Lovely’s work on behalf of St. John’s Food for the Poor would be more than enough to be honored by the St. Thomas More Society. Yet, it only scratches the surface. It is said that one should be careful during a speech when naming people to thank because you invariably forget a person or two. I should be careful in naming the other contributions Sean offers for the same reason. Yet, I am going to go ahead—just remember this is an incomplete list: Sean initiated and leads the Hill-o-Ween celebration that hosted about 5,000 people, mostly youngsters, on Wednesday night’s 4th Annual event on Vernon Hill, he has cataloged 237 memorial squares in the city, and he created many plaques commemorating St. John’s School. He is a past winner of the City’s Eleanor Riik Service Excellence Award, the Worcester Veteran of the Year Award, the Hometown Hero Award—and he plays a mean bagpipe!

I was moved to tears at the Mass on Sunday. Not only because the award was so fitting, but mostly in recognizing that Sean’s work is directed mostly toward the “least among us.” On behalf of all us, Congratulations and Thank You!

In Christ’s Peace, Fr. John Madden

## THE THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Ne derelinquas me, Ps. 38 (37): 22, 23  
Op.: # 617 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above  
Ps. 18, "I love you Lord, my strength."  
Alleluia: # 208

Prep: # 700 Where Charity and Love Prevail  
Eucharist Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311  
Comm.: Notas mihi fecisti vias vitae, Ps. 16 (15): 11  
Cl.: # 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore you

### ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

**November 26**— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "Everything Happens For A Reason and other lies I have loved" by Kate Bowler.

**November 6**— Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting has been changed to Monday, November 12 at 7 PM in the rectory.

**November 16**— Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

**RCIA**—The next session of the RCIA will be held this Monday, November 5 at 7 PM in the rectory. This meeting continues the Inquiry Stage of the process. Anyone who wishes to inquire about receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist is invited to attend. If you have any questions please call the rectory.

**SCHOOL OF JOY**— Due to the bad situation which has interrupted the tourist trade that supports our Christian families in Bethlehem, the birth town of Jesus, our friend, Maysoon Kahir will be visiting St. John's again on next weekend, **November 10 & 11, 2018**. She represents the School of Joy for special needs children as well as over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all the Masses there will be a display of these hand carved items such as Nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the Last Supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Please look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to keep the children and the Christians present in the Holy Land.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Grades 1-6**— This Sunday, November 4, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

**Grades 7-9**— This Sunday, November 4, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

**Confirmation (grade 10)**— This Sunday, November 4, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

**LASALLETTE SHRINE TRIP**— The social activities committee is sponsoring a trip to see the Christmas display at Lasallette Shrine in Attleboro on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The bus leaves St. John's at 3:30 PM and will return approximately around 8:00 PM. Cost is \$15 per person which includes transportation. Tickets will be sold after 4:15 PM, 8:00 and 10:15 AM & 12:15 PM masses and need to be purchased by November 18th as we have limited seating. If you have any questions, please call Judy at 508 478-9813.

**THANKSGIVING BASKETS** will once again be given out at St. John's. We will provide a basket to any family that lives within the church boundaries and has a zip code in the 01604 and 01610 neighborhoods. Sign-ups for the baskets will be held **OVER THE PHONE ONLY** from Tuesday, October 30 - Friday, November 2, Tuesday, November 6-Friday, November 9 and Tuesday, November 13 - Friday, November 16 from 9 AM to 12 PM.

**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL AT OUR LADY OF LORETO PARISH** will hold its Harvest Bazaar on Saturday, November 10 from 9 am – 3 pm. Come and shop the Country Store, look for Christmas decorations, jewelry booth old and new, handbags and knitted goods. There will be a them basket raffle as well as a Grand Money Raffle. And, of course, lots of Italian food and cookies!. Come and join us for a day of fun at 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester.

**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!

**THE FILIPINO CHOIR** will be at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, November 24. All are welcome and invited to a reception in the Xavier Center following the Mass.

### **In Our Catholic Community...**

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

**THE LITHUANIAN CHOIR** will be singing at the 10:15 Mass on next Sunday November 11th. A reception will follow downstairs after the Mass. All are invited and welcome

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP**- Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Church Hall. 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! 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. The group will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month. Have questions? Feel free to contact Jeanne Pellegrino, at 508-755-8605.

**FRENCH MEAT PIES**- The Daughters of Isabella will be holding their annual Fund Raiser - French Meat Pie Sale - on Sunday, November 18, 2018, from 8:00 AM through Noon. The cost is \$13.00. Because of the popularity of these meat pies, they are now taking advance prepaid order. Please call Terry at 508 757-6209 with your order. The deadline for prepaid orders is Sunday, November 11. These meat pies are to be picked up on the 18<sup>th</sup> at St George's Church on 40 Brattle Street or St. Joseph's (Holy Family Church) on Dupont Street. There will be some extra meat pies while the supply lasts. However, they usually sell out.

### **Financial Report**

Last weekend we received \$8,610.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$1605.00

Restoration- \$179.00

Candles- \$194.00

Stipends- \$1305.00

Hurricane Relief—\$695.00

**Total-** \$12,588.16 **Unrestricted-** \$11,714.16 **Restricted-** \$874.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$160 IMO Catherine Gallivan, \$650 IMO Francis Petty, \$50 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$5,000 from a friend, \$200 from a friend, \$100 IMO Jack Keaney, \$100 IMO The Schelin Family, \$200 IMO Victims of Violence, \$390 IMO Joseph Battelle, \$50 IMO James Murphy

**Expenses—** \$13,464.39

Schola (860.20) Funerals (529.20) Administration (1980.94) After School (139.97) Ascension Phone (142.29) Celebrate Priesthood (1250) Church Gas (30.46) Rectory Gas (169.43) Ascension Gas (204.54) Maintenance (800.00) Stipends (1675) Advertising (250) Rectory Plumbing (448.12) Plowing Contract (166.66) Ascension Plowing (416.66) Legal Expenses (86.11) Preserve the Flame (764) Church Bells Mntnce (850) Ascension Alarm (146.41)

**Food for the Poor—** Expenses- \$8015.35

**YEAR TO DATE**— In October we had an operating cash loss of \$2,558.75. This places our cash loss for FY 18/19 at \$818.58. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's

This weekend's second collection is The Monthly Special Needs.

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

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Joseph Dufrense, Willie McCovey and James Bulger who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Emily Mason, Michael Lahey, Everly Mae Booth, Ellie Gwen Wallner, Carter Michael Guertin and Brooke Tiffany Sochovka who have entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

### **Word of Life**

**“Belatedly I loved thee, O Beauty so ancient and so new, belatedly I loved thee. For see, thou wast within and I was without, and I sought thee out there...Thou didst call and cry aloud, and didst force open my deafness. Thou didst gleam and shine, and didst chase away my blindness. Thou didst breathe fragrant odors and I drew in my breath; and now I pant for thee. I tasted, and now I hunger and thirst. Thou didst touch me, and I burned for thy peace.” —St. Augustine**