

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

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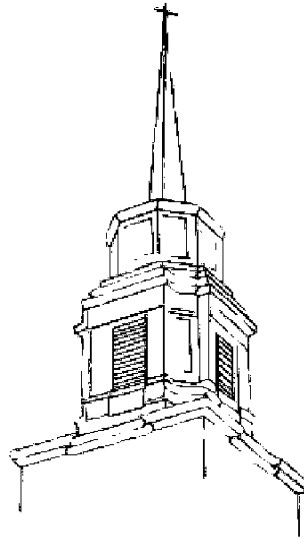
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

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 the rectory 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, January 5, 2019

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**

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

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:00 AM **Bob and Nancy Nelson**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Lawrence F. "Buddy" Gay, Sr. (30th Anniv.)** req. by Children; **John J. (61st Anniv.) and Claire K. (36th Anniv.) Healy**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Christopher and Dante Folino**, req. by a Friend

Monday, January 7, 2018

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

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

6:15 PM **Frank Wright**, req. by Family

Thursday, January 10, 2019

6:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends; **Henry S. Kozlowski**, req. by Children

Friday, January 11, 2019

6:15 PM **Christopher Evers**, req. by Family

Saturday, January 12, 2019

4:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Bob and Joan Krusas

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

Sunday, January 13, 2019

8:00 AM **John O'Neil**, req. by Family; **Robert and Dorothy Vaicilionis**, req. by Daughter

10:15 AM **Anntonette Sullivan and Helen Etre (14th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Vanda Bazikas**, req. by Joanna Dabrila

12:15 PM **Britney K. Gengel (9th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Christopher and Dante Folino**, req. by a Friend; **Francesca Grimaldi (9th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today's Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord does not conclude the Christmas Season. It concludes next week with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Still, this event does, essentially, end the Christmas Story. Or, as I mentioned during the Season of Advent, the Christmas Drama. As I say every year, one of my favorite Christmas cards reads: "The Wise Still Seek Him." The story of the Magi holds true for every age. They symbolize the journey that all people seeking God must undertake. The journey is long. Its path is lined with trials, confusion and doubt. As we travel others might try to deceive us. Often enough we fear that we have lost our way and we can despair of returning to the Godly path. Yet, if we remain attentive, only a glimmer of faith is necessary for us to find our way.

Give Us This Day's reflection for Epiphany comes from St. Bernad of Clairvaux:

I ask you reflect and see how clear-sighted faith is; consider carefully what sharp eyes it has. It recognizes the Son of God as he sucks milk, it recognizes him as he hangs on the cross. It recognizes him as he dies. The thief recognized him on the gibbet, the Magi in the stable, the one recognized him pierced by nails, the Magi wrapped in swaddling clothes, while the centurion knew him as life in death. They recognized the power of God in the weakness of a youthful body, and he recognized the supreme Spirit as he breathed his last.

The Saint captures what the Magi – the good thief and the centurion – model for us. The drama of Christmas is that the Chosen One comes to us disguised as a little child. Throughout his life Jesus remains largely unrecognized by the powers that be. Still, today, he appears to us in unexpected ways. The great Letter to the Hebrews encourages us, *Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. Angels for sure, but more than that, the King of Kings himself.*

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Ecce advenit, Mal 3:1; 1 Chron 29:12

Op.: # 448 What Star Is This

Ps. 72, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep: # 452 We Three Kings

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

Comm.: Vidimus stellam, Mt. 2:2

Cl.: # 449 The First Nowell

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

January 8 – Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

January 18 – Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

January 28 – Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "Dagger John: Archbishop John Hughes and the Making of Irish America" by John Loughery.

LESSONS AND CAROLS – Join us for A Ceremony of Epiphany Lessons and Carols to mark the end of the Christmas Season! Come this Sunday, January 6, at 4:00 PM in the Church as our Schola Cantorum sings Carols and music of the Season as we hear Scripture and music celebrating Jesus' revelation to the world!

THE CLOTHING CENTER at the Ascension Campus has re-opened as of January 3rd. They are open Tuesday and Thursday's from 10 AM to Noon. Donations can be brought there directly or dropped off at the rectory Tuesday-Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM.

ST. JOHN'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S 2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, February 9th – International Pot Luck Dinner with a Valentine Theme
- Saturday, March 16th - Talent Show
- Saturday, May 11th- Dinner Show
- Sunday, July 14th- Parish Picnic
- Saturday, September 21- Dinner Show
- Saturday, October 16- Costume/Halloween Party
- December- LaSalette Shrine Bus Trip (date to be announced)

Mark your calendar, more information will follow on each event.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FRIST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST – Sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation/Eucharist will begin on Sunday, January 13th at 9:00 AM in the Xavier Center. These classes are for any child who is in second grade or older. If you have not registered your child, please complete the application available on the St. John's website. In addition, please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate if your child was not baptized at St. John's to the first class. Also, please note that the schedule has been updated and is available on our website as well. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Mastrovito at 508 450 8639 or at mastrovito21@charter.net.

Grades 1-6 – This Sunday, January 6, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall.

Grades 7-9 – This Sunday, January 6, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10) – This Sunday, January 6, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday January 9, 2019 in the lower chapel at 9:30-11:00 AM. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. If you need a shawl for anyone, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

ENDOW GROUP – A new reading group for Catholic women is starting on January 11th. We will begin with an 8-week study of Pope John Paul II's *Letter to Women*. The group will meet on Fridays at 8 PM in the home of parishioner Sarah Berry. Please contact Sarah either by email (sarahlizberry@gmail.com) or call 214-632-3399 to sign up.

CAR DONATION PROGRAM – Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities and help us help your Worcester County neighbors? It's quick and easy to do. Just visit our website to donate your vehicle online at www.ccworc.org or call 1-888-CAR-7308 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program.

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.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, January 22 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.

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.

SENIOR FRAUD HOTLINE- RSVP's Senior Fraud HelpLine is a toll-free resource for seniors and their families to call when they are concerned that they are being targeted by scammers. If they are in doubt, they should check it out by calling 1-800-297-9760. Confidential. Knowledgeable. Local. Supportive.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Robert Lovely, George Bakanas, Barbara Durkan, John McNamara and Michael Falvey who have been born into eternal life.

... Welcomes Maxwell Francis Franzel, Evett Mattis and Leo Raiden Lizotte who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$11,661.16. We have also received:
Candles- \$315.00 Parking- \$35.00
Stipends- \$50.00 Social Activities- \$69.00
Christmas- \$575.00 Free Press- \$39.00

Total- \$13,358.16 Unrestricted- \$13,358.16 Restricted-\$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$80 IMO John Trumpaitis; \$5,000 from Charles P. Lauman Co.; \$500 from a friend; \$5,000 from a friend; \$70 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$40 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$300 IMO Paul Thomas; \$325 IMO David Schwartz; \$40 IHO Karen Bissette; \$60 IHO Robert and Melanie Smith; \$100 IMO Ellen Cote; \$100 IMO Jean Sullivan; \$200 in Thanksgiving for God's Gifts; \$50 in Thanksgiving for a safe trip; \$50 IMO John F. Dowd, Sr.; \$60 IMO Patrick and Christopher Johnson; \$825 IMO Duddie Massad; \$250 IMO Philip Murphy; \$155 IMO Andrew Stencil; \$25 IMO Philip Shea, Sr.; \$500 from Eat to Give, Inc.; \$50 IMO Paul Powers

Expenses- \$30,675.64

Schola (2789.68) Elevator Repair (160.00) Funerals (152.80) Altar (1800.00) Administration (1959.55) 1st Communion (416.50) Ascension Phone (142.71) Church Gas (1012.99) Rectory Gas (1267.64) Ascension Gas (1715.37) Stipends (1710.00) Envelopes (775.46) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) House (632.70) Church Boiler (3887.00) Rectory Boiler (1380.00) Ascension Boiler (3627.00) Snow Contract (1666.66) Ascension Snow Contract (416.66) Church Alarm (60.00) Church Electric (1767.32) Preserve the Flame (743.00) Altar Candles (1403.98) Rectory Alarm (34.73) Copier (621.89)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$29570.00 Expenses- \$15,066.86

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

Word of Life

“With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world. He is mysteriously present in those for whom there seems to be nothing but the world at its worst.”

- Thomas Merton