

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Fr. Charles Armev
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Donna Mastrovito
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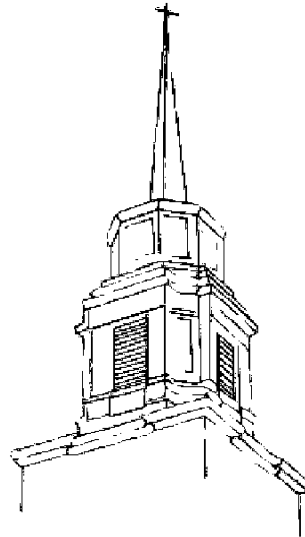
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
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Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
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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 40:1-5, 9-11
Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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 12, 2019

4:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Bob and Joan Krusas; **Eleanore Walinsky (15th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

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

Monday, January 14, 2018

6:15 PM **Charles and Julia Oroszko**, req. by Family

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

6:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

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

Thursday, January 17, 2019

6:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends

Friday, January 18, 2019

6:15 PM **Francesca Luca**, req. by Family

Saturday, January 19, 2019

4:15 PM **Catherine Gallagher (26th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 20, 2019

8:00 AM **Dele and Connie Sullivan**, req. by Family; **Deceased Members of the Bartelson and Creedon Families**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Joseph and Marie Mastrovito** req. by Family; **Vanda Bazikas**, req. by Goddaughter Gita Sullivan

12:15 PM **John and Helen Rosseel (9th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

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

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

January 22, 2019 marks the 46th anniversary of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision which, with its companion case *Doe v. Bolton*, legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy in every state in the nation. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal (n. 373)*, designates Tuesday, January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Forty-six years of legalized abortion in this country has left an incomprehensible aftermath. With over 60 million lives lost, and countless women and men, mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings, and friends who have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually by this tragedy, we need now more than ever to re-commit ourselves to defending life. I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions, and all the faithful, to observe reverently the Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22nd both personally and within your communities. Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice on this day, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through these charitable works, along with our fervent prayers and sacrifices, that the culture can be transformed and the great goods of life, marriage, and religious liberty can be protected and upheld.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 22nd Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer." Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will with God's grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Dilexisti*, Ps. 45, 8 & 12

Op.: # 451 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Ps. 29, "The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 457 To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came

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

Comm.: *Omnes qui in Christo*, Gal. 3, 27

455 The Strong and Gentle Voice

Cl.: # 458 When John Baptized by Jordan's River

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

January 15 – 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.

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.

FREE WORCESTER RAILER TICKETS are available in the sacristy to anyone interested in attending this Sunday's game at 3 PM. The event is being sponsored by Country Bank and the Railers are wearing special jerseys that will be auctioned off after the game with all the proceeds going to BeLikeBrit.

MASS FOR LIFE- All are invited to attend the annual Mass for Life on Thursday, January 17 at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Please join us as we remember the 46th tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. We will also pray in a special way for all those who will be travelling to Washington, DC for the March for Life. All are welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FRIST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST- Sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation/Eucharist will begin this Sunday, January 13th at 9:00 AM in the Xavier Center. These classes are for any child who is in 2nd 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 at 508 450 8639 or mastrovito21@charter.net

Grades 1-6– This Sunday, January 13, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall.

Grades 7-9– This Sunday, January 13, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)- This Sunday, January 13, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

THE ST. JOHN'S CYC BASKETBALL TEAM is 2-0 and off to a great start. We have beaten St. Matthews #2 48-22 and then rallied to beat St. Mary's #1 48-39. The team is playing hard and is such a super group of kids. This week's game is at Assumption College in Worcester on Sunday, January 13th at 2:30 PM. All are welcome.

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

Beginning on January 31, St. Peter's in Northbridge is proud to present 4 weekly video presentations by Edward Sri based on the biblical life of the Blessed Mother. There will be time for discussion to follow each video. We will have two meeting times so guests can choose which works better for their schedule. Please join us Thursday mornings at 8:30 AM or Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM in the classroom of the parish center. Feel free to bring your friends. It's a beautiful series and we're pretty sure you're going to love it! Any questions or to register, please contact Leann at stplifeteen@charter.net or 508-234-6355. St. Peter's Parish is located at 39 Church Avenue, Northbridge, MA 01534.

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT THE RAILERS- Please join us on Saturday, January 26 for Catholic Schools Night at the Worcester Railers as Bishop McManus and Superintendent Dr. Perda drop the puck at 7 PM To purchase tickets please visit www.railershc.com/catholicschools. Lower level tickets are \$20 and the first 1,000 tickets will receive a Catholic Schools Night/ Worcester Railers T-shirt. Upper level tickets are \$15 including a t-shirt while available. After the T-shirts are gone, \$5 will be donated back to the schools. The top selling schools from each size category will get a Railers player appearance at their school and will also have each student invited down to the high five line before puck drop. If you have any questions regarding ticket information, please contact Connor Haynes at the Railers at 508-365-1752.

THEOLOGY ON TAP COMES TO GARDNER- Young adults (college age through their 30s) are invited to join us for a Theology on Tap gathering on Friday, January 25 at 7 PM at Williams Restaurant, 184 Pearson Blvd in Gardner (Just off of Rt. 2) . Join us for a lively conversation facilitated by Fr. Stephen Lundrigan on Faith and Science: Can they Coexist? Free Appetizers will be provided, and a Cash Bar will be available.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$16,765.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$2800.00	Restoration- \$259.00
Candles- \$349.00	Parking- \$395.00
Stipends- \$845.00	Mary, Mother of God- \$3145.00
Donation- \$350.00	After School- \$25.00

Total- \$16,765.16 **Unrestricted-** \$16,506.16 **Restricted-**\$259.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$30 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$540 IMO David Schwartz; \$1204 IMO Duddie Massad; \$210 IMO Robert Larocque; \$435 IMO James Duffy; \$55 IMO Paul Thomas; \$30 IHO Dave Young; \$30 IMO Bernadine Perry; \$90 IMO John Trumpaitis; \$25 IHO The Pittsburg Steelers; \$100 IMO Jonathan Favreau; \$225 IMO John McNamara; \$50 IMO Michael Falvey; \$100 IMO the Sabonaitis and LaPoint Families

Expenses- \$10,306.59
Schola (1985.20) Funerals (405.60) Administration (4868.91) Clergy Benefit Plan (1007.00) Repair and Maintenance (533.65) Ascension Electric (1094.38) Office (200.00) Ascension Alarm (111.85)

Food for the Poor:
Income- \$9570.00
Expenses- \$1936.41

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of
Gwendolyn Gow
who has been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“I know that we cannot please our Creator unless we love him, because he *is* love and wants nothing but love. If we do know ourselves we find this love. Why? Because we see our own nothingness, that our very existence is ours by grace and not because we have a right to it, and every grace beyond our existence as well—it is all given to us with boundless love. Then we discover so much of God's goodness poured out on us that words cannot describe it. And once we see ourselves so loved by God, we cannot help loving him.” --St. Catherine of Siena