

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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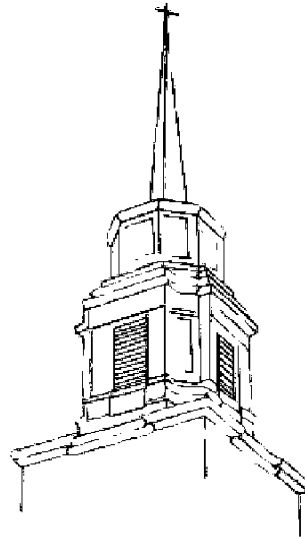
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Cor 12:31-13: 13

Lk 4:21-30

#1120 in Worship Hymnal

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, February 2, 2019

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

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

Sunday, February 3, 2019

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

Alejandro Lorente, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Anna Zukowski (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends

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

Monday, February 4, 2018

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

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

6:15 PM **Scott and Gwen Gow** req. by Family

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

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

Thursday, February 7, 2019

6:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Children

Friday, February 8, 2019

6:15 PM **Francis Polucha (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Saturday, February 9, 2019

4:15 PM **Jane Brick (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family;

Patricia Brunelle, req. by Phil Brunelle and Family

7:15 PM **Pat Casey, James Hearn, Jr. and Paul Hearn**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 10, 2019

8:00 AM **Patrick Johnson**, req. by Family; **Robert Esposito, Jr.**, req. by The Jalbert and Walinsky Families

10:15 AM **Patricia Gaudette**, req. by a Friend;

Frank Riccardi (7th Anniv.), req. by Family

12:15 PM **Paul (7th Anniv.) and Winifred (4th Anniv.) Gingras**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

St. Basil was known as “the Great.” Here’s one reason why. It comes from the Detailed Rule for Monks:

“What words can adequately describe God’s gifts? They are so numerous that they defy enumeration. They are so great that any one of them demands our total gratitude in response.

Yet even though we cannot speak of it worthily, there is one gift that no thoughtful person can pass over in silence. God fashioned us in His own image and likeness; God gave us knowledge of himself; God endowed us with the ability to think which raised us above all living creatures; God permitted us to delight in the unimaginable beauties of paradise, and gave us dominion over everything upon the earth.

Then, when we were deceived by the serpent and fell into sin, which led to death and all suffering, God still did not forsake us. God first gave us the law to help us; God set angels over us to guard us; God sent the prophets to denounce vice and to teach virtue; God restrained our evil impulses by warnings and roused our desire for virtue by promises... Moreover, when we continued in disobedience even after he had done all this, God did not desert us...

On the contrary, although we were dead, our Lord Jesus Christ restored us to life again, and in a way even more amazing than the fact itself, *for his state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God, but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave.*

He bore our infirmities and endured our sorrows. He was wounded for our sake, and he submitted to the most ignominious death in order to exalt us to the life of glory...

How, then, shall we repay the Lord for all his goodness to us? He is so good that he asks no recompense except our love: that is the only payment he desires. To confess my personal feelings, when I reflect on all these blessings, I am overcome by a kind of dread and numbness at the very possibility of ceasing to love God and of bringing shame upon Christ because of my lack of recollection and my preoccupation with trivialities.”

Beautiful, isn’t it.

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Laetetur Cor*, Ps. 105 (104): 3, 4

Op.: # 642 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Ps. 71, "I will sing of your salvation."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 701 Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels

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

Comm.: *Beati mundo corde*, Ps. 31 (30): 17, 18
940 Take and Eat

Cl.: # 592 God Has Spoken by the Prophets

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

February 5— Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

February 6— Social Activities Committee, 7 PM in the rectory.

February 15— Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

March 25— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory.

The selection is "Catholics in America" by Russell Shaw.

ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL will begin next weekend, February 9th and 10th with the In-Pew Collection. The theme for this year's appeal is "Generate Joy". The goal for this year is \$76,600 which is the same as it has been for the past couple of years. The reason for the early start to this year's appeal is that we are in the first flight of the upcoming Diocesan Capital Campaign. The theme for the campaign is Legacy of Hope. There will be more information coming in the weeks ahead.

POT LUCK SUPPER— The Social Committee is sponsoring a Valentine Theme Pot Luck Supper at the St. Francis Xavier Center on Saturday, February 9th, following the 4:15 PM Mass. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to bring and share your favorite dish, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the front of the church. Hope to see everyone there.

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

- 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)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist— This Sunday, February 3, 9-10 AM in the Xavier Center

Grades 1-6— This Sunday, February 3, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall.

Grades 7-9— This Sunday, February 3, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)— This Sunday, February 3, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will be meeting on Wednesday, February 13 in the lower chapel at 9:30–11:00 am. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. If anyone needs a prayer shawl for anyone for any reason, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

SECOND ANNUAL VALENTINE RED TIE GALA

will be held on Saturday, February 9 at the Worcester Hibernian Cultural Center. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres will be at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM and Dancing at 8:00 PM with music by RHYTHM. Tickets are \$45 per person which includes a buffet dinner of Prime Rib or Fish Entrée. Tickets must be purchased in advance by February 2nd. TO purchase tickets please contact Steve Belton at orhfenian@msn.com or 508-757-7862 or Deb Haglund at deborahhaglund@charter.net or 508-756-0788. Tickets are also available at Fiddlers' Green Pub.

LECTURE AT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE— The Ecumenical Institute at Assumption College will present a lecture on religious tensions in Jerusalem featuring nationally renowned author and journalist James Carroll, which will provide a deep analysis of the city of Jerusalem and the conflicts that have arisen in response to the tensions between Christianity, Muslims, and the Jewish people over the centuries. The lecture will take place on February 7 at 4 PM in the Jeanne Y. Curtis Performance Hall of the Tsotsis Family Academic Center on Assumption College's Worcester Campus, 500 Salisbury St.

FRIDAY EVENING BINGO IN WORCESTER

Bingo is held every Friday evening from 6:30 -10 PM at St. Christopher's Parish Hall, 950 West Boylston Street, Worcester. All those 18 years of age and older are invited to enjoy a fun Friday night out with a family member or friend.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, February 25 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.

19TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE AT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE- Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, April 6. Visit the conference website

at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin Dunn, Francesco Cesareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mike Aquilina and Eric Mahl. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 25, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

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 \$8788.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$2.00	Restoration- \$116.00
Stipends- \$935.00	Candles- \$422.00

Total- \$10,263.66 Unrestricted- \$10,147.66 Restricted-\$116.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$500 from St. Mary's Church, Jefferson; \$180 IMO John McNamara; \$300 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 IMO Jean Sullivan; \$50 IMO Gail Gully; \$100 IMO Barbara Moriarty; \$60 IMO Patrick and Christopher Johnson; \$455 IMO Earl Joslyn; \$100 IMO Donna Gentile; \$100 IMO Michael Falvey; \$100 to Hotel Grace; \$165 IMO Duddie Massad; \$50 IMO Robert Larocque

Expenses- \$14,703.35

Schola (936.60) Administration (2026.88) Ascension Phone (143.21) Church Gas (1084.38) Rectory Gas (1453.77) Ascension Gas (1898.29) Stipends (1525.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (1350.00) Ascension Plowing (675.00) Church Plowing (275.00) Funerals (582.00) House (657.00) Marriage Prep (27.50) Postage (1245.99) Preserve the Flame (788.00) Rectory Alarm (34.73)

Food for the Poor: Income- \$10,569.00 Expenses- \$34513.89

YEAR TO DATE- In January we had an operating loss of \$11,675.04. This puts our operating loss for FY 18/19 at \$6,951.38. Thank you for your generosity to St. John's.

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

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of James Daigneault, Thomas Harray, Sr. Ellen Hennigan and Jack Zennaro who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Brooklyn Elizabeth Rossi and Grace Elizabeth Skiba who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“Take away from love the fullness of self surrender, the completeness of personal commitment, and what remains will be a total denial and negation of it.”

—Pope John Paul II