

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

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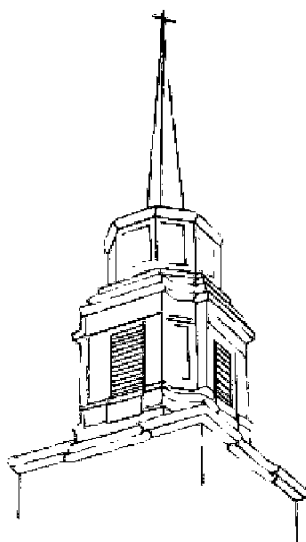
Donna Mastrovito
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Director, After-School Program and Ascension Clothing Center

Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

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



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

Jos 5:9a, 10-12

2 Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

#1144 in Worship Hymnal

Rectory Office Hours:

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

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 visit the parish website
under the "Sacraments" tab

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office

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, March 30, 2019

4:15 PM **Mildred and John Ahern**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:00 AM **Willis Gould**, req. by Green Island Residents Group, Inc.

10:15 AM **Rudolph Gaudette and Chad Rossi**, req. by Family; **Juozas and Janina Miliauskas**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Genevieve and William Pugliese, Bill Pugliese, Jr.**, req. by Family; **Alexis Lenti (9th Anniv.)**, req. by Frank Lenti and Family

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

Monday, April 1, 2018

6:15 PM **Barbara Warner**, req. by a Friend

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

6:15 PM **Otilia Martinez and Patricia Vera**, req. by Family; **Jose and Delia Nicholas**, req. by Family

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

6:15 PM **Barbara J. Casey**, req. by Family and Friends; **Joann M. Brosnan (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family

Thursday, April 4, 2019

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

Friday, April 5, 2019

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions for Carlene**

Saturday, April 6, 2019

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; For the 40th Reunion of Holy Name Class of 1978**

7:15 PM **Michael Gonsalves**, req. by Family

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:00 AM **Jimmy and Carlene Gannon**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Donna Mulcahy**, req. by Grafton St. School Teacher Friends

12:15 PM **Kathleen Donahue Jones (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Michael Lewis (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,

As many of you have heard, we will be hosting three upcoming receptions for the Legacy of Hope Campaign. This campaign is vitally important to the shared needs of the diocese, as well as to our parish.

I would sincerely appreciate each and every one of you to join us for these receptions. You will NOT be asked to make a commitment on the spot. These receptions are educational events to learn about the necessary projects we need to address in our Church.

If you have yet to RSVP for which campaign reception you will be attending, please fill out the reply cards that are located in the pews. There are pencils in the pews as well. Once it is filled out please place it in the offertory basket when it comes around.

We would like to have 100% participation among all of us in the parish, meaning, if you can not attend, please fill out and RSVP anyway and indicate that, so we are certain that every family has in fact heard about the receptions, and then we will be able to take your name off of the list of reminder phone calls. We also need to have an accurate count for materials preparation, and refreshment planning as well. We would love to see you at a reception, they will only take about an hour, and refreshments will be served.

The receptions will be held on the following dates and times:

Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 PM

Monday, April 29th at 12:00 PM

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In addition to filling out the RSVP card you can also call or email the rectory with your RSVP. All receptions will be held in the St. Francis Xavier Center. If you are one of the many households that have already responded, we thank you kindly. The receptions will be your opportunity to learn firsthand about the exciting future for our community and ask specific questions about the campaign. To see more frequently asked questions and receive more campaign information, please visit our campaign website at legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org.

In Christ's Peace
Fr. John Madden

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Laetare, Jerusalem*, Is 66: 10, 11

Op.: # 466 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Ps. 34, "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord."

Gospel Acc.: # 208 B

Prep.: # 963 Our Father, We Have Wandered

Eucharistic Accs.: # 304, 305, Amen, 311

Comm.: *Jerusalem, quae aedificatur*, Ps. 122 (121): 3, 4

473 Hear Us Almighty Lord

Cl.: # 467 The Glory of These Forty Days

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

April 2— Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL is underway. The theme for this year's appeal is "Generate Joy". The goal for this year is \$76,600. To date we have collected \$55,014.00. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW BAPTISM PROTOCOL— As of March 25 all of our Baptismal prep will be done online. Anyone interested in having their child baptized should visit the parish website and click on the "sacraments" tab and follow the link to the baptismal request documents. Once the documents are filled out you will be given a date for your baptismal meeting and in that meeting you can schedule your baptism. Please email stjohnsbaptismalclass@gmail.com with any questions regarding this process.

2019 WALK FOR THE HOMELESS— Join Team St. John's Food for the Poor at the "Kick Off" Party at Coney Island on Wednesday, April 10 from 5-7 PM. The walk will be held on Sunday, May 19 at Elm Park, Worcester. For more information please contact Linda Murphy at 508-987-8304 or Connie Bartelton at 774-262-2512.

DINNER SHOW— The Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a dinner show with Sarah the Fiddler, who is back by popular demand on Saturday, May 11 following the 4:15 PM Mass at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Dinner includes roasted chicken, salad, soup, pasta, potato, vegetable, rolls and butter, coffee and dessert. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. Tickets are \$30.00 Per Person and will be on sale after the 4:15 PM, 8:00 and 10:15 AM and 12:15 PM Masses. Any questions, please call Judy 508-478-9813.

THE BE LIKE BRIT FOUNDATION has 2 fabulous events coming up and they would love for you to join them! All proceeds help to support the 66 kids at Brit's Home in Haiti. Bowling for Brit is Friday, May 3rd at the AMF Auburn Lanes and their Golf Tournament will be Monday, June 3rd at Cyprian Keyes in Boylston. To register or for more information, please go to BeLikeBrit.org/events

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist— This Sunday, March 31, 9-10 AM in the Xavier Center.

Grades 1-6— Sunday, April 7, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall.

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

Confirmation (grade 10)— This Sunday, March 24, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

CONFIRMATION SENDING MASS is Sunday, April 7th at 10:15 AM. Please join us as we celebrate this year's Confirmation class. A reception to follow at the Xavier Center. All are welcome!

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday April 10, 9:30 -11:00 AM in the downstairs chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Anyone who needs a shawl for someone, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR 2018

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence for all who have completed their 14th year. On Week Days of Lent there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended. Voluntary Self-Denial may include, in addition to fasting, participation in daily Mass, spiritual studies, Lenten Devotions, Stations of the Cross, saying the Rosary, deeds of mercy and kindness. Easter Duty Obligation must be made from the first Sunday in Lent (March 10) through Trinity Sunday (June 16).

DEEDS OF MERCY AND KINDNESS:

Brown Bag It— paper bags will be available in the church with a list of the food items most needed in our food pantry. You are invited to take a bag and when filled return it to the statue of St. Therese.

Baby Bottles and Rice Bowls will also be available. You are invited to place the money you would have spent on what you "give up" for Lent into the bottle and/or bowl. The bottles support the great pro-life work of Visitation House here in Worcester. The bowls support the great work done by Catholic Relief Services all across the globe.

ST. JOHN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated every Friday in Lent after the 6:15 PM Mass.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held this Tuesday, March 26 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.

J.S. BACH BIRTHDAY CONCERT-

This Sunday, March 31 at 2 PM our own Sean Redrow will play a concert to celebrate the composer J.S. Bach's 334th Birthday and the 50th anniversary of the Noack organ at Trinity Lutheran, 73 Lancaster St., Worcester. The program includes works of Buxtehude, Böhm, and Bach, and our own Katherine Engel Meifert, Cantor and Schola Member will be singing a piece with me! A give-as-you-are-able offering will be taken to support of Music at Trinity. Hope to see you there!

EASTER BRUNCH AT COMPASS TAVERN-

This coming Easter Sunday, April 21, our friends at the Compass Tavern are open for brunch with proceeds going to the St. John's Food for the Poor Center. Seating times for brunch are 10 AM, 12 and 2 PM. Brunch includes meat carving station, omelet station, Waffle and French toast station, hot and cold items and more. Cost is \$20.99 for adults, \$10.00 children 12 and under, kids under 6 are free. \$1.00 from each brunch goes to St. John's Food for the Poor.

40TH REUNION MASS- On Saturday, April 6 at the 4:15 PM Mass there will be a 40th reunion Mass for the Holy Name Central Catholic High School class of 1978. There will be a reception to follow the Mass at the Hibernian Club, 19 Temple St.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7144316 We have also received:

Monthly- \$92.00	Restoration- \$132.00
Candles- \$249.00	Stipends- \$620.00
Partners in Charity- \$540.00	FFTP Transfer- \$7867.06

Total- \$16,644.22 Unrestricted- \$15,972.22 Restricted-\$672.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$440 IMO Robert St. Germaine; \$25 from a friend; \$255 IMO Donna Mulcahy; \$50 IMO Earl Johnson; \$50 IMO Lolita Catalan; \$200 from a friend; \$50 IMO Joseph Gallati; \$70 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$1000 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 IHO Bill Riley's Birthday; \$50 from a friend; \$50 IMO Michael Cassello; \$50 IMO David Schwartz

Expenses- \$16,94.81

Schola (1065.52) Administration (5372.75) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (612.56) Ascension Phone (143.21) Church Gas (1182.38) Rectory Gas (1686.72) Ascension Gas (1931.16) Repair and Maint. (138.49) Federal Payroll Taxes (1004.38) Church Hall (417.50) Church Alarm (94.73) Partners in Charity (540.00) Preserve the Flame (678.00) Funerals (229.20) Parish School Assessment (200.00) Office (106.38) Church Bells (26.56) Postage (1000.00)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$4575.00
Expenses- \$3965.63

YEAR TO DATE- In March we had an operating gain of \$18,587.64. That leaves an operating gain for FY 18/19 at \$3,668.36. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Lolita Catalan, Kathleen McGinn and Sandra McElroy who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"The father, as a figure of the divine, offers a gift of reconciliation that shatters the too narrow vision of children vying for a bigger piece of the pie, when all along the whole of the inheritance is offered to each and all, with no bounds. This gift begins a process of healing that expands our puny estimation of our inheritance and opens our capacity to be transformed by the Giver, enlarging our capacity to pass on that heritage to others."

--Sr. Barbara Reid