

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

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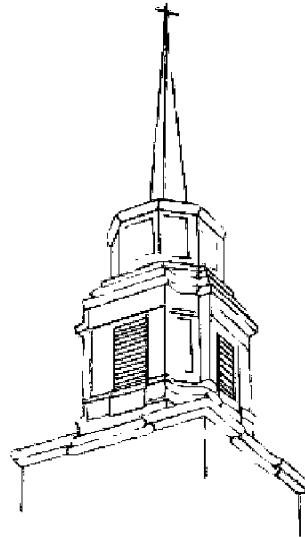
Donna Mastrovito  
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**Director, After-School Program  
and Ascension Clothing Center**

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**

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

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**Rectory Office Hours:**

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm  
Jimmy Archibald, Manager  
[stjohnsworc@gmail.com](mailto: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, 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

Monday, April 8, 2018

6:15 PM **Dan Best**, req. by Family

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

6:15 PM **Johnny Rosenberg and Carlos Mendez**, req. by Family; **Richard and Yolanda LaViolette**, req. by Family

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

6:15 PM **Justin Christopher Bolger**, req. by a Friend

Thursday, April 11, 2019

6:15 PM **Richard "Okie" O'Connor (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by a Friend; **Anne Reardon**, req. by a Friend

Friday, April 12, 2019

6:15 PM **Dan Martel**, req. by Family; **Guy Corso (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Friends

Saturday, April 13, 2019

4:15 PM **The Lamarche Family**, req. by Family.; **Derek Allaire Balsavich**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Rose Pezzella**, req. by Family

Sunday, April 14, 2019

8:00 AM **Charles Hamalaiene (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Wife, Donna; **Geraldine and Barney Murphy**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson

10:15 AM **Rose Walsh**, req. by Family; **Jeannette and Ernest Brackett**, req. by Children; **Jim Lyons**, req. by Wife

12:15 PM **Gladys (21st Anniv.)**, **Leo, Sr. (51st Anniv.) and Leo Brosnan, Jr. (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Eleanor Clifford**, 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.**

*"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." —Rev 3:20*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do we recognize Jesus when we see the poor and vulnerable? When we respond to those in need, we "help Jesus in disguise" as we are reminded by the national Catholic Relief Services Collection next weekend, April 14. Through your generosity, you can help ease the burdens of our brothers and sisters in some of the most marginalized communities around the globe.

In a remote village in Ghor, one of the poorest provinces in Afghanistan, an estimated 80% of adults are illiterate, and the illiteracy rate is even higher for women. Most villagers are farmers who never attended school. The closest school was too far and the road too dangerous for young children to attend. Through your support of CRS, you helped bring a community-based classroom to this remote village. Your generosity made it possible for the children to attend school and has offered them a more hopeful and secure future.

Thanks to your financial support, you can:

- alleviate suffering and provide assistance to people in need through the international Catholic humanitarian agency, Catholic Relief Services (CRS)
- supply outreach and pastoral care to refugees, migrants, and travelers
- provide assistance to victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world such as the recent devastation cause by a cyclone in Mozambique and Malawi
- advocate for poor and vulnerable people and for international justice and peace
- actively help victims of human trafficking and refugees by providing resettlement services and public policy advocacy

Are you ready to answer the knock of Jesus in disguise? I ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support the Catholic Relief Services Collection this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who are assisted, please visit [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Iudica Me, Deus*, Ps. 43 (42): 1, 2  
Op.: # 461 Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days  
Ps. 126, "The Lord has done great things for us; we  
are filled with joy."  
Gospel Acc.: # 208  
Prep.: # 471 O Sun of Justice  
Eucharistic Accs.: 304, 305, Amen, 311  
Comm.: *Qui mihi ministrat*, Jn. 12: 26  
# 469 Parce Domine  
Cl.: # 494 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

### ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

April 9– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, April 11– Chrism Mass, 10:30 AM at the Cathedral of St. Paul
- Holy Thursday, April 18th– 7:15 PM
- Good Friday, April 19th– Downtown Way of the Cross, 12 Noon departure from St. John's to St. Paul's. 7:15 PM Mass for Good Friday at St. John's
- Holy Saturday, April 20th– 7:30 PM
- Easter Sunday, April 20th– 8 & 10:15 AM, 12:15 & 7:15 PM

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 \$55,879.00. 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](mailto: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 Conney 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 Bartelson at 774-262-2512.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist– This Sunday, April 7, 9-10 AM in the Xavier Center.

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

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

Confirmation (grade 10)– This Sunday, April 7, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

CONFIRMATION SENDING MASS is this 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 this 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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, April 23 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.

**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](http://BeLikeBrit.org/events)

**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.

**THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA** are hosting their Annual Spring Fling Ham & Bean Dinner on Friday, May 3, at 6:00 PM at the Holy Family Parish. Cost is \$10 for Adults and children (under 12) \$5.00. Menu includes Ham, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw, Salad,, Rolls & Butter, Desserts, Coffee & Tea. There will be door prizes, themed baskets, and a grand prize. For tickets and reservations, please call Terry Turgeon 508 757-6209 by April 21.

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$9105.00 We have also received:

Candles- \$267.00	Parking- \$35.00
Stipends- \$990.00	Easter Flowers-
\$536.00	

**Total- \$10,933.66 Unrestricted- \$10,933.66 Restricted-\$0.00**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$25 IMO Philip Shea; \$300 IMO Robert Larocque; \$25 from a friend; \$250 IMO Donna Mulcahy; \$175 IMO Shirley O'Brien; \$25 IMO Lolita Catalan; \$50 IMO Kenneth Sullivan; \$1700 from Moynagh Tavern's St. Patrick's Day

**Expenses-** \$12,326.81

Schola (853.64) Funerals (329.20) Administration (2601.95) State Payroll Taxes (1204.21) Federal Payroll Taxes (1689.72) Church Hall Electrical Repair (581.00) Stipends (1610.00) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) Spring Maintenance Contract (600.00) House (40.00) Office of the Diaconate (350.00) Christmas Pageant (180.00) Ascension Alarm (117.20) Office Phones (1016.00) Copier (621.89)

**Food for the Poor:**

Income- \$5015.00  
Expenses- \$5587.74

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

## Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Robert St. Germaine who has been born into eternal life.

## Word of Life

**“A woman has been sentenced to death by stoning. But such a sentence is not the way of God. Jesus’ response to her situation is a clear illustration of the Church’s argument against the death penalty. In imposing such a sentence, we are assuming a role that is God’s alone. We are refusing to give God the time to work on the human heart. For God’s love and mercy are so vast that there is always time, always room for repentance. We are always free to turn from our old ways and follow the path that God sets before us.” –Kathleen Norris**