

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

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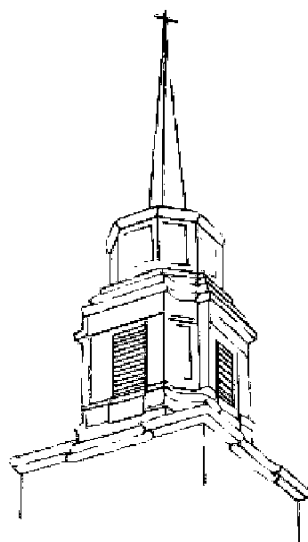
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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

Lk 19:28-40

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14-23:56

#1150 in Worship Hymnal

Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
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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 13, 2019

4:15 PM **The Lamarche Family**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Rose Pezzella**, req. by Family; **Derek Allaire Balsavich**, req. by Friends

Sunday, April 14, 2019

8:00 AM **Charles Hamalainen (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

Monday, April 15, 2018

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

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

6:15 PM **Carlos Tauria and Karen Franks**, req. by Family; **Hon. Charlotte Perretta and John L. McCluskey**, req. by Family

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

6:15 PM **Jonathan Perez**, req. by Family; **Charles Hamalainen (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Friends

Thursday, April 18, 2019– Holy Thursday

7:15 PM **For the People of St. John's**

Friday, April 19, 2019– Good Friday

7:15 PM **For the People of St. John's**

Saturday, April 20, 2019– Holy Saturday

7:30 PM **For the People of St. John's**

Sunday, April 21, 2019– Easter Sunday

8:00 AM **For the People of St. John's**
10:15 AM **For the People of St. John's**
12:15 PM **For the People of St. John's**
7:15 PM **For the People of St. John's**

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today's celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, as you know, begins Holy Week – the Annual Retreat of the Universal Church. I am well aware of how busy any given week can be for every one of us. Families with children are especially stretched by the many things that find their way onto the daily and weekly schedule. Still, I hope that all of you are able to make the time to celebrate, at least in part, the Paschal Triduum. The schedule for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday is listed in today's bulletin. These days are the "holy of holies." In that regard, they make available to us God's grace in a unique and powerful manner. They are community building days, as well. There is a power in coming together to celebrate the paschal mysteries that not only uplifts and strengthens us as individuals, but also deepen the bonds of unity which Christ has won for us all. Though the prayers, readings and rituals are always the same, each year offers a unique spiritual experience depending on the circumstances of our lives and our relationship with God. This reality has never been clearer to me than it is now. Not that I am recommending it but having major surgery can add greatly to one's Lenten journey! The hand of God was clear throughout the process leading up to the surgery. The power of prayer has been really present during this period of recovery.

On Friday I met with the surgeon, Dr. Elias Arous from UMass/Memorial Hospital on Lake Street. He was very pleased. First with the surgery itself and now with the period of recovery over these past few weeks. The abdominal binder (which has become a true friend!) can be removed in two weeks and I am able to begin to resume my normal activity. Obviously, I must continue to watch myself, "listen to my body" and be sure to rest when I grow tired. Holy Week is an ideal time for this return and renewal.

My deepest thanks to the people of St. John's and our many friends. I am thankful for the good wishes, the many cards, the food and fruit baskets. Mostly, I am grateful for all the prayers. They worked! When the Visiting Nurse was discharging me, she said that she had never seen someone recuperate so quickly from major surgery. I assured her that it is the power of prayer. My sincere thanks, also, to Frs. Conrad, Charlie, Brice and, most especially, Sebastian for all their efforts and concern and, of course, their prayers. Like you, I am so impressed with and grateful for Fr. Sebastian. At the very beginning of his priestly ministry he found himself in a challenging situation. He has responded wonderfully. Of course, he has had the guidance of the other priests on the team, the wisdom of Dolores, a terrific group of people who are cheering for him...and, the power of prayer.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: # 1043 Hosanna to the Son of David

Op.: # 483 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Ps. 22 "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me."

Gospel Acc: # 208 B

Prep.: # 490 My Song is Love Unknown

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

Comm.: *Pater, si non potest*, Mt. 26: 42

Cl.: # 489 O Sacred Head Surrounded

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

April 16– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

May 20– Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection for May is "American Priest: The Ambitious Life and Conflicted Legacy of Notre Dame's Fr. Ted Hesburgh" by Wilson D. Miscamble, C.S.C.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- 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 21st– 8 & 10:15 AM, 12:15 & 7:15 PM

MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S LITHUANIAN

CHOIR will be singing at the 10:15 AM Easter Mass to include two traditional Lithuanian Easter Hymns.

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 \$63,434.00. 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 stjohnsbaptismal-class@gmail.com with any questions regarding this process.

2019 WALK FOR THE HOMELESS 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 14, 9-10 AM in the Xavier Center.

Grades 1-6– This Sunday, April 14, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall.

Grades 7-9– This Sunday, April 14, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)– This Sunday, April 14, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

Mandatory Confirmation Rehearsal will be held at St. John's in the main church on Monday, April 22 at 7 PM for BOTH candidates and sponsors. The Confirmation ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 28 a 3 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul/

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.

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.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held 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.

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 Be-LikeBrit.org/events

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) are \$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.

DIOCESE OF WORCESTER NIGHT AT THE BRAVEHEARTS- All schools, parishes and agencies of the Diocese of Worcester are invited to join in an evening of summertime fun at the ballpark on Friday, June 14 at 7 PM as Dr. David Perda throws out the first pitch as the Worcester Bravehearts take on the Brockton Rox at Hanover Insurance Park at Fitton Field. Postgame fireworks show will complete the evenings of fun. Our group will get free Braveheart hats! Tickets are available by visiting the website at www.worcesterbraveheartsgroups.com (use password: diocese) or by contacting Sue Saucier via email at ssaucier@worcesterdioocese.org with questions.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$9341.66 We have also received:

Monthly-	\$2457.00	Restoration-	\$351.00
Candles-	\$235.00	Parking-	\$285.00
Stipends-	\$780.00	Donations-	\$600.00
Easter Flowers-	\$892.00		

Total- \$14,941.66 **Unrestricted-** \$14,590.66 **Restricted-** \$351.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$2100 IMO Lolita Catalan; \$100 IMO Joann Brosnan; \$50 IMO Russell Hicks; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$20 IHO Robert and Melanie Smith; \$265 IMO Michael Casello; \$100 IHO Katie McEvoy and Michael Hickey; \$50 IMO James Hurley; \$100 IMO Robert St. Germain; \$10 IMO Barbara Durkan; \$470 IMO Donna Mulcahy; \$450 IHO Jordan and Debra O'Connor; \$1500 from Core-Mark International; \$300 IMO John Trumpaitis from the Wexford House Patriots Fans

Expenses- \$12,024.38

Schola (989.44) Administration (5066.60) Altar (1222.00) Clergy Benefit Plan (2014.00) House (314.03) Funerals (176.40) Ascension Electric (992.17) Office (244.74) Partners in Charity (755.00) Advertising (250.00)

Food for the Poor:

Expenses- \$5949.22

This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Relief Services.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Bishop George Rueger, Mary Donahue, Sharon Mrugula and Forrest Gregg who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“And so I saw my Lord Jesus languishing for long, because of the union in him of man and God, for love gave strength to his humanity to suffer more than all men could... But the love which made him suffer all this surpasses all his pains as far as heaven is above earth. For his pains were a deed, performed once through the emotion of love; but this love was without beginning and is and ever will be without any end.” – Saint Julian of Norwich, *Showings*