

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Music Ministry

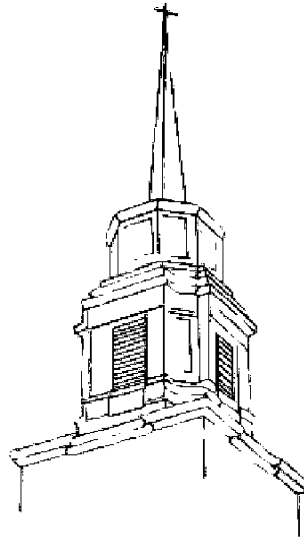
Sean Redrow, Director
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Rectory Office Hours:

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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

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

Lk 24:13-35

Worship Hymnal #1046

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 Deacon Paul 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, March 31, 2018— Holy Saturday
7:15 PM **THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S**

Sunday, April 1, 2018— Easter Sunday
8:00 AM **THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S**
10:15 AM **THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S**
12:15 PM **THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S**
7:15 PM **THE PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN'S**

Monday, April 2, 2018
6:15 PM **Otilia Martinez and Oswaldo Molina**, req. by Family; **Margaret Dilk (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Tuesday, April 3, 2018
6:15 PM **John and Mildred Ahern**, req. by Family; **Barbara J. Casey**, req. by Family

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
6:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Thursday, April 5, 2018
7:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

Friday, April 6, 2018
7:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

Saturday, April 7, 2018
4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Michael Lewis (8th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Helen Stolgitis Savage**, req. by her cousin

Sunday, April 8, 2018
8:00 AM **Jimmy Gannon**, req. by Family; **Carol Santa Maria**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **All Living and Deceased Members of the AOL/LAOH Division #36**
12:15 PM **Gladys (20th Anniv.), Leo J., Sr. (50th Anniv.), and Leo J. Brosnan, Jr. (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Milton Joseph Pepin**, req. by Wife Helen and Family
7:15 PM **Rev. John Chwalek**, req. by Greg Prokopowicz; **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family

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

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the grieving women walked to the tomb in the pre-dawn darkness of Easter Sunday, their companion was not only grief but worry. How would they remove the stone that blocked the tomb so they could anoint Jesus' body?

When they arrived at the tomb the women found the stone removed. To their amazement, they also found much more—an angel and the announcement that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Overjoyed, the women ran to announce the good news to the disciples.

That evening, two of the disciples were leaving Jerusalem on the road to Emmaus. Grief and disappointment hung over them as they discussed the events of the last three days. Just as worry about the stone distracted the women from recalling Jesus' promise, the events of Good Friday, shattering their hopes, prevented the disciples from believing the women's report.

Many times worries and disappointment over the immediate events of life cause us distraction. When that happens, do not forget Christ's promises. Do not forget history's greatest event, Christ's resurrection.

The women's worry about the stone proved to be a trifle. God would move the stone. The expectations of the disciples on the road to Emmaus were inconsequential when compared to God's plan fulfilled in Jesus. When the angel told the women that Christ's promise was fulfilled, they were overjoyed. When Jesus enlightened the disciples about the prophecies of Scripture, their hearts burned. The women's worry and the disciples' disappointments were utterly dispelled by the joy of the Resurrection.

May we live in the light of Easter—full of hope and anticipation. May we never let our worries or disappointments distract us from the realization that God's love provides us with the means to overcome every fear and to live in the confidence that God's promises will exceed our most fervent hopes.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESSURECTION OF THE LORD

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Resurrexi, Ps. 139 (138): 18, 5, 6

Opening Hymn: # 516 Jesus Christ his Risen Today
Ps. 118, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice
and be glad"

Sequence: # 1080 Christians, praise the Paschal Victim/
Victimae Paschali

Gospel Acc.: # 208 Alleluia

Prep.: # 515 This Is the Feast of Victory

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

Comm.: Pascha Nostrum, 1 Cor. 5: 7, 8

Closing: # 526 Sing With All the Saints in Glory

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

March 26— The Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory.
The selection for March is "Abandonment to Divine Providence" by Fr. Jean Pierre Cassaude, S.J.

April 3— Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

April 4— Social Activities Committee, 7 PM in the rectory.

April 20— Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

April 30— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the Rectory. This month's selection is "Liturgy" by Rita Ferrone who will be present at the meeting.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY is underway. This year's theme is "Faith in Action— Loving God by serving others." The appeal's patron is Dorothy Day, Servant of God. This year our parish goal is \$76,600. To date we have raised \$34,958.00. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this diocesan effort. Donations may be made to St. John's, or by sending directly to the Chancery and also online.

DID YOU KNOW? When you buy Hope for Housing gift cards, you keep the gift card for the full value that you paid. The stores then donate a percentage of the card value to the Hope for Housing program. It costs you nothing - a true WIN WIN! In April, cards will be sold on the weekends of 4/7-4/8 and 4/21-4/22 at the Saturday 4:15, Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 AM Masses. Turn grocery shopping into an act of love!

HAITIAN APOSTOLATE MONTHLY CALENDAR

RAFFLE—to support our annual trip to Grand Goave, Haiti and the mission of the Be Like Brit orphanage and St. Francois parish will be held in April. This weekend is the last weekend to buy tickets. They are available after all Masses. They are \$10, 3 for \$25 and 7 for \$50. Thank you for your generous support of those in need!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1-6— Sunday, April 8 at 9 AM in the church hall.

Grades 7-9— Sunday, April 8 11:15 AM in the church hall.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Sunday, April 8 at 9 AM in the Xavier Center.

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY will be held Sunday, April 8 at 3 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul. All candidates and sponsors please arrive at St. Paul's by 2:15 PM. All are welcome to attend.

THE ST. RAFQA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will be meeting on Wednesday, April 11 in the lower chapel, 9:30 - 11:00 AM. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to come. Anyone who would like a prayer shawl for someone, call Connie at 508-755-5172.

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.

APRIL'S MASS & SPAGHETTI SUPPER FOR

MEN IN DISCERNMENT- Men who are discerning a priestly vocation are cordially invited to the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies on Thursday, April 5. Mass: 5:45pm; Spaghetti Supper: 6:30pm; Social: 7:30pm. You are welcomed to attend whatever events your schedule allows. These events are for men discerning a priestly vocation, and their friends who support them. 51 Illinois St., Worcester. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net or call 508-340-5788.

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. Also airs at 4:30 pm in Shrewsbury on Ch. 28, and 5 pm in Clinton area on Ch. 8.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, April 24 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.

FISH FRY TO BENEFIT POLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES-

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish will serve a fresh haddock fish fry on Fridays during Lent from Noon-6 pm in the lower level of the church, 34 Ward St., to benefit Saturday Polish Language School. Includes fried fish, chips and coleslaw for \$10 eat-in or take-out. Chowder, soup, drinks and pastry are available for an additional charge.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE DOROTHY

DAY LECTURE - On Sunday, April 22 at 1 PM, Emmanuel College Dorothy Day Lecture featuring Razia Jan will be held at 400 the Fenway, Boston. Razia Jan, a fearless advocate for girls and women in her native Afghanistan, will speak on her Razia's journey from immigrant to Massachusetts business-woman to humanitarian and philanthropist.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND FATIMA

- Father Donato Infante is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima and Rome from September 21-30 with Deacon Steve Kohut of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Worcester, who is also the past president of Serra Club of Southern Worcester County. This coincides with the annual diaconate ordination in Rome, at which a Worcester seminarian, Alfredo Porras, is on track to be ordained. If you are interested in joining or seeing the itinerary, go to the website www.johnpaultours.com/sjcc.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$12,596.53. We have also received:

Candles- \$355.00	Parking- \$70.00
Stipends- \$190.00	Flowers- \$723.00
Rice Bowl- \$10.00	

Total- \$13,944.53 Unrestricted- \$13,944.53; Restricted-\$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$50 IMO Matthew Metzmaker; \$75 IMO Kathleen Cushing; \$50 IMO Mary McConville; \$240 IMO Angelo "Chester" Iaconi; \$25 IMO Andrew Stencil; \$100 IMO Richard Bafaro; \$100 IMO Randolph Cutress; \$50 IMO Mary Polli and Rose Sorel; \$50 IMO Sylvia Hall; \$165.75 from a friend; \$49.31 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend

Expenses- \$17,366.29

Schola (989.44) Funerals (482.00) Administration (3663.61) After School (150.37) Altar (194.40) Ascension Phone (142.17) Church Gas (1745.03) Rectory Gas (1474.73) Ascension Gas (1066.52) Envelopes (110.82) Maintenance Supplies (580.06) Federal Payroll Taxes (3156.80) Plowing (1666.66) Ascension Plowing (416.66) Alarms (94.73) CCD (103.46) Copier (168.83) Marriage Prep (82.50) Preserve the Flame (596.00) Alarm Repair (632.00)

Food for the Poor
Expenses- \$4756.84

This weekend's second collection is the Easter Offering.

YEAR TO DATE-In March we had a net cash operating gain of \$12,831.34. This puts our cash gain for FY 17/18 at \$33,015.17. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of John Scotti, Seymon Amell and Rusty Staub who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"Hallelujah, He is risen, Hallelujah!"