

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

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### **Pastor**

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### **Assisting Priests**

Fr. Charles Armev  
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### **Deacons**

Paul Dacri  
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Donna Mastrovito  
Dianne Gustowski

### **Director, After-School Program**

Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

### **Music Ministry**

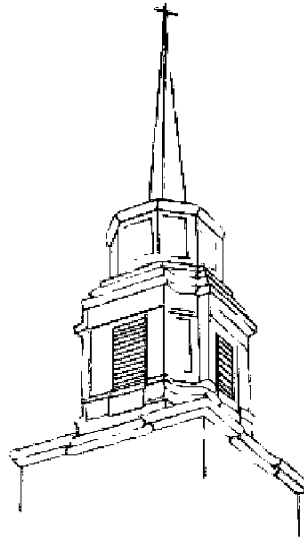
Sean Redrow, Director  
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### **Rectory Office Hours:**

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

### **Parish Email**

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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 4:32-35

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 20:19-31

Worship Hymnal #1049

### **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, 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

Monday, April 9, 2018

6:15 PM **Brothers, Sibblings and Grandchildren**, req. by Family; **Lorenzo Hoang Nguyen**, req. by Family

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

6:15 PM **Lorenzo Hoang Nguyen**, req. by Family

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

6:15 PM **Lorenzo Hoang Nguyen**, req. by Family

Thursday, April 12, 2018

6:15 PM **Dan Martel**, req. by Family; **Lorenzo Hoang Nguyen**, req. by Family

Friday, April 13, 2018

6:15 PM **Lorenzo Hoang Nguyen**, req. by Family

Saturday, April 14, 2018

4:15 PM **Daniel O'Connor (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **The LaMarche Family**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:00 AM **Gerry and Bonnie Murphy**, req. by Family; **David Covello**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **James Lyons (8th Anniv.)**, req. by Wife; **L. Frank DesRosiers (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Stacey Vaitkunas**, req. by Daughter, Danute; **Eleanor Clifford**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Virginia DiPadua**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

It has been a tough week here at St. John's.

On Holy Saturday Gaetano "Guy" Corso passed away. As you know, for many, many years Guy was a significant part of our parish family. His presence at nearly every parish event and, particularly, his service at nearly every Mass was one of the constants here on Temple Street. Much to his personal detriment, Guy served our country with distinction. His service to us at St. John's was also distinctive. We have missed him being here for the past couple of years. We are confident that he now knows the mercy and love of God to whom he was so dedicated. Guy's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Monday morning. Following the Mass he will be buried at St. John's Cemetery with his parents.

In similar but far more shocking news, Fr. Jim Hoey was born into eternal life on Thursday, his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday. Fr. Jim had suffered a massive stroke on Tuesday. In his few years with us Fr. Jim made a strong impression and was enormously helpful, especially to me. I am, of course, saddened and shocked at his passing. Still, I continue to reflect upon how happy he was throughout Holy Week and Easter. Fr. Jim loved the Lord and loved the priesthood and he wanted all of us to love in the same deep manner. Despite the grief, even with the loss we experience, I cannot help but be thrilled for him. Fr. Jim celebrated the Paschal Mystery with great care and deep joy – and then went off to heaven! At this time, we are unaware of his funeral arrangements. I am quite sure that the funeral will be held at Mary, Queen of the Rosary Parish in Spencer where he served for so well and for so long.

This was not the best Easter week in our parish's history. Still, I found it instructive. One thing that I have mentioned – many, many times – is how interesting I find the Gospel on Easter Sunday. We get all dressed up to celebrate the most important feast of the year and all that we hear in the Gospel is Mary Magdalene tell the apostles: "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him." It is only during Easter week and the fifty days of the Easter season that we hear that Jesus appears to them and inspires in them that He is Risen. Through this week and this season we, too, renew our own faith in the Resurrection. We, too, come to experience that He lives. By the grace of God, this renewal occurs most deeply as we endure the loss and the death which remains a part of everyone's life. We trust that Guy and Fr. Jim rest in the peace of Christ and await us in the heavenly kingdom

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Quasi modo geniti*, 1 Pet. 2:2

Op.: # 510 Christ is Alive!

Gl.: # 297

Ps.118 "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting."

Gospel Accs.: # 208 'Alleluia'

Prep.: # 507 O Sons and Daughters

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

Comm.: *Mitte manum tuam*, Jn. 20:27

# 940 Take and Eat

Cl.: # 514 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

### ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

April 10—Bible Study, 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.

HOPE FOR HOUSING GIFT CARDS will be sold in April 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 RAFFLE WINNERS

April 1— Mark Berthiaume \$150.

April 2— Bob Spelaane \$50

April 3— Mark Berthiaume \$50

April 4— Kathy Palmer \$50

April 5— Kimberly Hoag \$50

April 6— James Kieras \$50

THANK YOU to all of our Choirs and Cantors for a truly beautiful and meaningful Lent, Holy Week, and Easter! We are so blessed that you share your talent, time, and effort to make it a truly memorable season!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

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

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

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

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY will be held this 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.

CYC HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM is forming this summer under the direction of Joe Tomlinson. If you would like to join the team, please contact Joe at 508-254-9909, or jat651@verizon.net.

THE ST. RAFOA 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS— The Social Activities Committee will be holding the following events (remember to get your tickets early!!)

June 9— Comedy/Dinner Show (Jokes My Irish Father Told Me

July 15— Bus Trip to Fatima Shrine in Holliston (Rosary and Picnic)

August 12— 3rd Annual Parish Picnic

September 22— Musical Dinner Show (Sarah the Fiddler)

October— Apple Festival (Date, TBA)

November 3— Mystery Dinner Show

December— Bus trip to Lasalette to see Christmas Lights, Date TBA.

### 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 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.

**OPEN HOUSE AT VENERINI-** Venerini Academy will hold its Spring Open House on Monday, April 23 through Friday, April 27 from 9-11 AM. Visit our classes, meet our parents and faculty. Located at 27 Edward St. Worcester. Contact us at 508-753-3210 x7310 for more information.

**ANNUAL SPRING FLING HAM & BEAN DINNER IN WORCESTER-** St. Katharine Drexel Circle, #1398, a circle of the Daughters of Isabella, is hosting their Annual Spring Fling Ham & Bean Dinner on Friday, May 4 at 6 pm, at the Msgr. Ducharme Center, 10 Dupont St., Worcester. Menu includes Ham, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw, Salad, Rolls, Desserts, and hot and cold drinks. Good food, beautiful themed baskets for our Chinese Auction, and even a grand prize -- you won't want to miss it! Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children under 12. Please contact Terry Turgeon at 508-757-6209, to reserve or purchase tickets. Join us to celebrate the final arrival of spring!

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$11,442.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$550.00	Restoration- \$386.00
Candles- \$249.00	Parking- \$105.00
Stipends- \$490.00	Good Friday- \$588.00
Novena- \$200.00	Prayers Shawl-\$1881.00
Rice Bowl- \$90.00	Partners in Charity- \$1930.00
Haitian Raffle- 924.00	Easter- \$6271.00
Easter Flowers- \$163.00	

**Total-** \$25,269.16 **Unrestricted-** \$22,275.16; **Restricted-** \$2994.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** Sorry that there is no report of donations this week. We will make a two week report in the next bulletin.

**Expenses-** \$13,009.42

Schola (1956.80) Administration (2219.42) CRS (90.00) Church Electrician (1449.50) Stipends (1605.00) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) House (220.62) Prayer Shawl Dinner (1020.00) Office (48.64) Marriage Prep (27.50) Partners in Charity (1930.00) Good Friday (588.00) Altar (154.09) Confirmation (329.00) Advertising (125.00) Ascension Alarm (111.45) Copier (602.40)

**Food for the Poor**

Income- \$4310.06

Expenses- \$2917.53

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

## **Our Parish Community...**

...Welcomes Lola Jean Morris who has entered the Christian Community through the Waters of Baptism.

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Fr. Jim Holey, Gaetano Corso, Paul Campbell, Kathleen Donahue-Jones, Doris Hunt and Seymon Amal who have been born into eternal life.

## **Word of Life**

**“On the journey of faith... we encounter patches of light, but we also encounter stretches in which God seems absent, when his silence weighs on our hearts and his will does not correspond with ours, with our inclination to do as we like. However, the more we open ourselves to God, welcome the gift of faith and put our whole trust in him... the more capable he will make us, with his presence, of living every situation of life in peace and assured of his faithfulness and his love.” –Pope Benedict XVI**