

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

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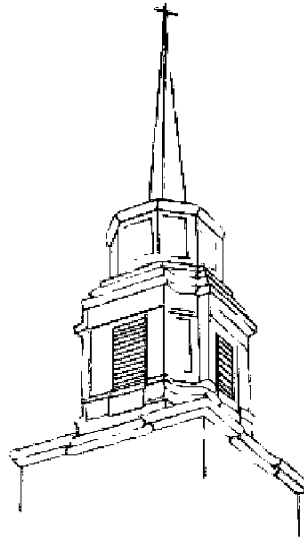
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Rectory Office Hours:

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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 49:26-31

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15: 1-8

Worship Hymnal #1089

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 28, 2018

4:15 PM **Joseph Fresolo**, req. by Family; **Special Intention of the Piper Family**

7:15 PM **Richard Lynch**, req. by The Landen's

Sunday, April 29, 2018

8:00 AM **David Covello**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Juozas and Janina Miliuskas**, req. by Family; **Fr. James Hoey**, req. by Bill and Sophia Zinnel

12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin** req. by Wife Helen and Family; **Leslie John Dudley (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Walter Grzesik**, req. by Family

Monday, April 30, 2018

6:15 PM **AJ Lorente**, req. by Family; **John J. Healy (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family;

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

6:15 PM **Chad Rossi (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

6:15 PM **Joseph Prendiville**, req. by Family; **Raymond Habib**, req. by Family

Thursday, May 3, 2018

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Friday, May 4, 2018

6:15 PM **Christopher Evers**, req. by Family

Saturday, May 5, 2018

4:15 PM **Anna Krusas**, req. by Family; **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**

7:15 PM **Rose and James Riccardi**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 6, 2018

8:00 AM **Robert Jackson (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Susan Stapinski (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Husband Paul

10:15 AM **Jack Cooney**, req. by The Keane Family;

Richard Markowski (2nd Anniv.), req. by Family

12:15 PM **Paul O'Leary (1st Anniv.)** req. by Family;

Frank Luca, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Perhaps I am too harsh a critic, but I find nearly all "religious" movies to be boring or, with one well known film, too violent and bloody. A part of this might be the expectations that I have entering the theater. This was certainly true of the latest movie on Paul, the Apostle of Christ. I found the movie boring, but my expectation was that it would cover Paul's missionary journeys. It does not. Still, I believe that there is something more at play. The Sacred Scriptures, as the inspired Word of God, are nearly impossible to capture on film. They are the revelation of who God is. They communicate the consolation of God's presence and the challenge of God's call, especially as it takes flesh in Jesus Christ. No merely human medium can come close to the Biblical writings. They truly are "The Greatest Story Ever Told" – a movie that I give 1 and ½ stars!

The movie, Paul, the Apostle of Christ is set when Paul is imprisoned in Rome. His companion Luke comes to visit him with the hope of being able to write Paul's story. This is a reference, of course, to the Acts of the Apostles. One of the main blessings of the Easter Season is that each year the liturgy provides us with so many passages from Luke's Acts. Particularly, those concerning the conversion and missionary work of Paul.

In last week's daily readings, we heard the story of Paul's encounter with the Risen Christ on the road outside of Damascus. Luke tells us that Paul headed to Damascus "breathing murderous threats" against Christians. Then, having experienced Christ Risen, is unable to see and his led by the hand into the city. There it might have ended had not the disciple Ananias not trusted God's word that "this man is a chosen instrument of mine."

In today's first reading we hear that this chosen instrument has come to Jerusalem. There, too, he is met by the disciples who know of him and his history. They were, justifiably, afraid and did not believe he, too, was a disciple. Barnabas comes to his defense and Paul's actions make plainly clear that he is, indeed, and Apostle of Christ. The work of God is clearly on display in Paul, Ananias, Barnabas and the others who are part of The Way. The work of God in them – and in us – cannot be captured fully on film. It is an internal reality and, often, quiet and subtle. But it is real. The words of Sacred Scripture make it come alive for us over and over again...and they console and challenge us to make it real in our everyday lives.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Cantate Domino Canticum Novum*, Ps. 98
(97): 1

Op.: # 528 Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Ps. 22 "I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of
your people."

Gospel Acc.: # 208 'Alleluia'

Offertory: # 823 I Am the Vine

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

Sunday 7:15 # 371, 372, 373, 311

Comm.: *Ego sum vitis vera*, Jn. 15:5

495 Now the Green Blade Rises

Cl.: # 496 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

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.

May 1— Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

May 2— Social Activities Committee, 7 PM in the
Rectory

May 18— Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the recto-
ry

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 \$44,103.00. 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.

TEAM ST. JOHN'S FOOD FOR THE POOR will
once again participate in the Central Massachusetts
Housing Alliance, Inc. Walk for the Homeless on
Sunday, May 20 at Elm Park, Worcester. To join our
team go to www.walkforthehomeless.org. Any ques-
tions please contact team captains Linda Murphy
(508-987-8304) or Connie Bartelson (774-262-2512).

HAITIAN APOSTOLATE RAFFLE WINNERS

April 21— \$100 Patty Bell

April 22— \$150 Fr. Madden

April 23— \$50 Linda Murphy

April 24— \$50 Lynn Sullivan

April 25— \$50 LaRue Nelson

April 26— \$50 Denise Garofoli

April 27— \$50 Billi Belton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1-6— This Sunday, April 29 at 9 AM in the
church hall.

Grades 7-9— This Sunday, April 29 11:15 AM in the
church hall.

THE LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY AT ST. JOHN'S
will be having a Mass with a Mary Crowning and Lithua-
nian Choir at 4:15 PM on Saturday, May 5th. A reception
will follow the Mass. All are welcome.

COMEDY/DINNER SHOW— The Social Activities
Committee is sponsoring a Comedy/Dinner Show "Jokes
My Irish Father Told Me" on Saturday, June 9th at the St.
Francis Xavier Center. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM
with the doors opening at 5:00 PM. A full course chicken
dinner, with salad, rolls & butter, coffee & dessert will be
served. The cost is \$30.00 per person, come, enjoy the
food, show and a fun filled night. Tickets will be sold af-
ter 4:15 PM, 10:15 AM & 12:15 PM Masses or call Judy
508 478-9813.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS— The Social Activities
Committee will be holding the following events:

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.

**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 fi-
nal arrival of spring!

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, May 22 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.

SCOUTING RELIGIOUS AWARDS MASS- The annual scouting awards Mass will take place on Saturday, May 5 at 5 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester. This Mass acknowledges the religious emblem recipients for our various youth scouting programs. Bishop McManus will be the celebrant.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL, PREK THROUGH GRADE 8, is holding an Open House for prospective families on Sunday, May 20th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We are located at 17 Grove Street, Millbury. Please visit www.assumption-cs.org or call the office at 508-865-5404 for more information on what Assumption School offers.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS (Grades PreK-12) 50 Richland St., Worcester, MA, will be holding a Spring Open House on Saturday, May 5 from 10 AM to Noon. We currently have openings for all grade levels. Tours of the schools and informational packets will be provided. For more information please call 508-753-1170 or visit our website at www.stmarysworcester.org. St. Mary's is now offering a Half Day Pre-kindergarten Program in addition to the Full Day program.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Barbara Bush, Tracy Higham, Bennie Cunningham and Scott Oglivie who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Theodore Martin Pulaski, Patrick Riopel, Camila Marcano, Julian Marcano and Taylor Morin who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$16,143.57. We have also received:

Monthly- \$245.00 Restoration- \$79.00
Candles- \$235.00 Stipends- \$800.00

Total- \$17,502.57 **Unrestricted-** \$17,423.57; **Restricted-** \$79.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 IMO Rose Sorel; \$100 IMO Mary Polli; \$25 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$30 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$140 from a friend; \$100 IMO Chester Iaconi; \$50 IMO William Coyle; \$175 IMO Marie Pare; \$50 IMO Kathy Hoey; \$475 IMO Fr. Jim Hoey; \$25 IMO Kay Carlo; \$10 IMO Nicholas Argento; \$10 IMO Stanley Choinski; \$20 IMO Christine Rose Flaherty; \$200 IMO John J. Bafaro; \$200 IMO Charlie Hamalainen; \$215 IMO Kathleen Donahue Jones; \$500 from Harvard Pilgrim; \$463.10 from Our lady of the Lake Parish; \$50 IMO Patrick and Christopher Johnson; \$250 IMO Mary Madigan

Expenses- \$17,502.57

Federal Payroll Taxes 4 weeks (4652.60) State Payroll Taxes (1007.30) House (200.00) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Schola (996.00) Funerals (558.40) Administration (3802.10) First Communion (36.00) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (590.96) Ascension Phone (142.38) Church Gas (773.74) Rectory Gas (1152.27) Ascension Gas (1306.51) Church Lights (536.00) Maintenance (600.00) Marriage Prep (27.50) Preserve the Flame (840.00)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$12,672.00
Expenses- \$10,369.55

YEAR TO DATE- In April we had a cash gain of \$4,822.24. This brings our cash increase for FY 17/18 to \$37,837.41. Thank you for your great generosity to St. John's.

Word of Life

“Remain in Me.’ It is the Word of God who gives this order, expresses this wish. Remain in Me, not for a few moments, a few hours which must pass away, but ‘*remain...*’ permanently, habitually, Remain in Me, pray in Me, adore in Me, love in Me, suffer in Me, work and act in Me. Remain in Me so that you may be able to encounter anyone or anything; penetrate further still into these depths... It is there in the very depths that the divine impact takes place, where the abyss of our nothingness encounters the Abyss of mercy, the immensity of the all of God. There we will find the strength to die to ourselves and, losing all vestige of self, we will be changed into love.” -- Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity