

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Pastor

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Donna Mastrovito
Dianne Gustowski

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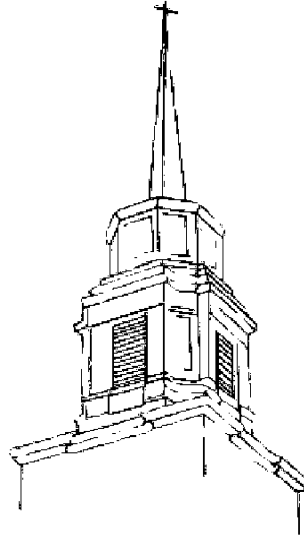
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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

Gn 2:18-24

Heb 2:9-11

Mk 10:2-16

Worship Hymnal #1188

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, October 6, 2018

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Eleanor Prevoski (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Christopher Sebring**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 7, 2018

8:00 AM **Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **James Shugrue**, req. by Nancy, Al and Lorraine

10:15 AM **Catherine McGurl**, req. by Family, **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Grazina Bazakas and Family

12:15 PM **Rev. Joseph A. Coonan (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Denise Boucher Garofoli and Family; **Alphonse and Cecelia Bender and Roland Thibeault**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **James McDonald**, req. by Family

Monday, October 8, 2018

6:15 PM **George Comptois**, req. by Family

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

6:15 PM **Eduardo and Lenin Almeida**, req. by Family

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

6:15 PM **Bill Leseman and Alexander Maleskas**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 11, 2018

6:15 PM **George E. McMahon (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family

Friday, October 12, 2018

6:15 PM **Dan Martel**, req. by Family; **Deacon Harry and Claire Fenner**, req. by a friend

Saturday, October 13, 2018

4:15 PM **Dorothy Fresolo**, req. by Family; **Margaret Claire Sullivan**, req. by Mary O'Connor

7:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 14, 2018

8:00 AM **Eddie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Mr. and Mrs. A. Bucciaglia, Mr. and Mrs. C. DeLuca, Mr. and Mrs. S. DelleSemine**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Bernice Boucher and Mona Penny**, req. by Family, **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Irena Juodaitis

12:15 PM **Christopher Bosowski**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Dwight Young**, req. by Family; **Rose Pezzella**, 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 we watched Hurricane Florence ravage the communities in the Carolinas and adjoining states with as much as 40 inches of rain, we could not imagine that the worst of the damage was yet to come from the flooded rivers and streams which inundated neighborhoods and even entire communities. The scenes coming to us in the media over the past few weeks are bleak and our hearts and prayers go out to the many people whose lives, whose homes, and whose livelihoods have been crushed by this disaster.

Once again, we are called to respond. I ask that we join with Catholic Dioceses around our nation in taking up a second collection for relief efforts. In making the request on behalf of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Cardinal DiNardo noted that initially, funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid in the form of water, food, shelter, and medical care. Catholic Charities will be involved in long-term efforts to restore communities after this widespread destruction. Also, funds will go to support the USCCB's efforts to assist with pastoral and reconstruction aid to the Church. Humanitarian funds for any future disasters impacting communities outside the US may be shared with Catholic Relief Services for their response efforts.

I ask that parishes take a second collection in the next few weeks to support these efforts (the collection at St. John's will be the weekend of October 27/28). You can also make a donation online at any time from our website at worcesterdiocese.org. Since my arrival in the Diocese of Worcester, I have noted on many occasions the wonderful generosity of the people of our Diocese. I pray that our continued sense of gratitude for the gifts God has bestowed on us will encourage us to help our brothers and sisters in this time of need. Thank you for your assistance and may God continue to bless you and your families.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit.: *In voluntate tua, Domine*, Esther 13:9, 10, 11

Op.: # 642 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Ps. 128, "May the Lord bless and protect us all the days of our life."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 686 Lord of All Hopefulness

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

Comm.: *In salutari tuo anima mea*, Ps. 119(118):81, 84, 86

662 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Cl.: # 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

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

October 19–Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

October 29– Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "Wise Blood" by Flannery O'Connor.

RCIA–The first session of the RCIA will be held Monday, October 15 at 7 PM in the rectory. This meeting begins the Inquiry Stage of the process. Anyone who wishes to inquire about receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist are invited to attend. If you have any questions please call the rectory.

JOHN MCDERMOTT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

– You won't want to miss John McDermott and friends joyous Christmas Concert at St. John's Upper Church on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM to benefit St. John's Food for the Poor. Tickets are \$20 a piece and Seating is limited! A great Christmas gift for family and friends! **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW.** Call Frank Carroll at 508-770-0110.

BE LIKE BRIT GALA– Dance the night away with The World Premier Band at Be Like Brit's 8th Annual Gala; Saturday, November 3rd at Mechanics Hall. This is a fabulous night of fun and all proceeds go directly in helping Be Like Brit and their mission of "Raising the next Generation of Leaders in Haiti" which includes Darwens, St. John's sponsored child. For tickets and/or to become a sponsor, please go to www.BeLikeBrit.org/gala or email Cherylann at Cherylann@BeLikeBrit.org We hope to see you there!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6– Sunday, October 14, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

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

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

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION deadline is October 7. All students must attend the October 14 class in order to be confirmed in 2019.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION– Grades 1-9 open enrollment is still available on the parish website under the Religious Education tab.

2018 PUBLIC SCHOOL ROSARY CRUSADE is coming to Elm Park in Worcester on October 13 at Noon. For more info contact Joe at 508-459-9687.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SHOW will be held on Saturday, November 3rd at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and include the show and a dinner of pasta & meatballs, salad, rolls & butter, coffee & dessert. Dinner will be served following the 4:15 PM Mass. Tickets will be on sale after the 4:15 PM, 8:00, 10:15 AM and 12:15 PM Masses or by calling Judy 508 478-9813.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday October 10, 9:30am-11:00 AM, in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Come join us. If you would like a shawl for someone in need, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

A DAY OF PRAYER– The 10th Annual 2000 Hail Mary's in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary will be held at St. John's in the lower church on Sunday, October 7. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit the St. John's Food for the Poor. You may bring all clothing and non-perishable food items to the lower church when you come. Refreshments will be available throughout the day. The schedule is:

- 8 AM– Start of the Rosary
- 9 AM-5:30 PM– Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3 PM– Divine Mercy Chaplet (resume the Rosary immediately after)
- 5:30 PM– End of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, October 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.

A PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON THE KELLEY SQUARE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT will be conducted by MASS DOT on Wednesday, October 10 at 6 pm at the White Room, Crompton Collective at 138 Green Street. For more information, please contact Lorraine Laurie at lorrainelaurie@yahoo.com or call (508) 757-8741.

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.

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE- will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Assumption College. Come and be renewed by dynamic talks from outstanding national Catholic leaders. Confessions will be available and Mass will be celebrated by Bishop McManus. More details are available at worcestercatholicwomensconference.com or call Corinn at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

St. John's- Tuesday, October 16, 6 PM
Holy Name- Sunday, October 28 12-2 PM
St. Peter-Marian- Sunday, October 28, 1-3:30 PM
Notre Dame Academy- Sunday, October 21, 2-4 PM
St. Mary's Jr./Sr. High- Wednesday, October 24 6:30-8:30 PM

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8353.66. We have also received:

Candles- \$341.00	Parking- \$175.00
Stipends- \$580.00	Catholic Schools- \$2156.00
Donation- \$450.00	After School- \$100.00
Dinner Show- \$450.00	Day's Pay- \$1400.00

Total- \$14,005.66 **Unrestricted-** \$11,399.66; **Restricted-** \$2606.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$275 IMO John Belanger; \$100 IMO Shirley Rezuke; \$20 IMO Andrew Shea; \$768 from St. Luke, Westborough; \$100 IMO Cirilo and Maltide Varias; \$60 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$1800 from Cutler Charitable Foundation; \$200 IMO Eleanor Prevoski; \$30 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$43 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$20 from a friend

Expenses- \$11,070.80

Schola (846.00) Confirmation (34.98) After School (54.43) Administration (2271.25) Clergy Benefit Plan (1007.00) Stipends (1530.00) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) House (1385.74) Ascension Landscape (225.00) Catholic Schools (2156.00) Ascension Alarm (111.22) Office (295.29) Copier (621.89)

Food for the Poor
Expenses- \$4251.85

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

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Robert Jaston who has been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Kylie Lyons, Trinity Donahue and Rainell Young who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"Perfect families do not exist. This must not discourage us. Quite the opposite. Love is something we learn; love is something we live... Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows. Love can flourish in men and women who try not to make conflict the last word, but rather a new opportunity... This is a great legacy that we can give to our children, a very good lesson: we make mistakes, yes; we have problems, yes. But we know that that is not really what counts. We know that mistakes, problems and conflicts are an opportunity to draw closer to others, to draw closer to God."—Pope Francis