

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Pastor

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Fr. Charles Armev
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Donna Mastrovito
Dianne Gustowski

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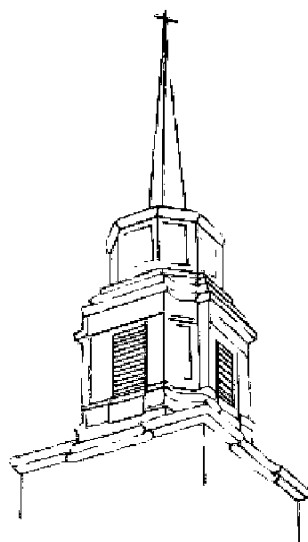
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Eph 5:21-32

Jn 6:60-69

Worship Hymnal #1170

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, August 25, 2018

4:15 PM **John Michael Cahill, Jr. (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **George Smalanskas**, req. by a friend

7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 26, 2018

8:00 AM **Rose Johnson**, req. by Family; **In memory of the Boyle Family**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Ron and Rasa Chiras

12:15 PM **Mr. and Mrs. Mauritz Lundgren**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Kim Kowalick Murphy (20th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Birthday Blessings for Fr. Ralph Diorio and Matthew Garofoli**, req. by Family

Monday, August 27, 2018

6:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

6:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

6:15 PM **David Sherry (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Julia Gover (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family

Thursday, August 30, 2018

6:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

Friday, August 31, 2018

6:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by a Family

Saturday, September 1, 2018

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

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

Sunday, September 2, 2018

8:00 AM **Tom and Elizabeth Spurr, Jim and Mary Gannon**, req. by Family; **Carol Santa Maria (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Aldona Kibelkstis; **George Smalanskas**, req. by Kathleen Ambrosi

12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin**, req. by Wife Helen and Family

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

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

Dear friends in Christ,

There have been a number of recent news stories from around the country and around the globe revealing reports of sexual abuse of minors by clergy over many decades and how some bishops did not take decisive action to remove them from ministry. That such stories continue to emerge is deeply troubling, to say the least. The horrors of the abuse which are detailed in many of these reports demonstrate in shocking manner how utterly disgusting is the crime and sin of sexual abuse of minors.

Since arriving in Worcester more than 14 years ago, I have had no more difficult pastoral responsibility as your bishop than to hear firsthand from victims the details of the abuse which took place during their childhood. Listening to the painful burdens which they carried for decades is sometimes more than the human heart can bear. Yet we cannot turn a deaf ear or a blind eye to the abuses which occurred at the hands of clerics and other church workers who used their position and influence to subject innocent children to their perverted desires. It is for this reason that zero tolerance of clergy who have been credibly accused must remain our standard.

I do not know what tomorrow will bring as more stories of past abuse from around the world come to light, but there is one thing that I can assure you, my dear people of the Diocese of Worcester. We have been and continue to be committed to responding to victims of past abuse and to the protection of children in our midst today as well as to the reporting of any cases brought to our attention to law enforcement, no matter how many years ago they occurred. The professionals on the Diocesan Review Committee, whose expertise include social work, medicine and law enforcement, have been an invaluable asset to me and our diocesan family as they assist us in vigilantly implementing the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*.

I ask you to continue to help us to not let any fatigue enter into the Charter's continued implementation. We will continue to insist on background screening of all ordained and lay staff and volunteers, which we have been doing for more than 15 years. We will continue training employees and volunteers in identifying the symptoms of abuse and how to report suspected abuse. We will continue reporting any past or current allegations to law enforcement and cooperate with annual independent audits of our compliance with the Charter. We will continue our commitment to zero tolerance by not returning accused clergy to any ministry and continue to require letters of good standing for any clergy who serve, even temporarily, in our diocese. We will continue to offer therapeutic assistance to victims as recommended by our Victim Assistance Coordinator with the support of our Diocesan Review Committee.

Above all, let us always keep the victims of abuse wherever they may be in our prayers as we lift their needs to Jesus, the Divine Physician and Healer of Souls. May God offer them peace in their struggles against the memories and harm which they have endured.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Intro: Inclina Domine, aurem tuam, Ps. 86 (5): 1, 2, 3
Op.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Ps. 34, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."
Alleluia: # 208 Offertory: # 642 Love Divine, All
Loves Excelling
Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 218, 311
Comm.: De Fructu, Ps. 104 (103): 13, 14, 15
937 Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether
Cl.: # 792 Go Make of All Disciples

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

September 4– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

September 21–Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

September 24– Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection for September is "The Life You Save May Be Your Own: An American Pilgrimage" by Paul Elie.

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, 800-343-0939, ext. 0110.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE- St. John's is transitioning to a brand new website accessible at the same web address: stjohnsworcester.org. The site provides several new ways to keep connected with the parish. Take a moment and check it out!

HOPE FOR HOUSING GIFT CARDS- The Hope for Housing Gift Card program will be starting back up in September with card sale weekends on 9/1-9/2 and 9/15-9/16. As a reminder, gift cards are sold at the Saturday 4:15 PM and Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 AM Masses. You receive the full value of the cards you purchase and the stores donate a percentage to this vital program that supports families in danger of becoming homeless. Its a win-win for everyone! A full listing of card sale dates and details about the program are available on the parish website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6– Sunday, September 16, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9– Sunday, September 16, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)- Sunday, September 16 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

Registration for all classes is available on the parish website. Please email Dianne if you have any questions at dhgustowski@gmail.com.

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

October– Apple Festival (Date, TBA)

November 3– Mystery Dinner Show

November 14– John McDermott Concert

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

HAM AND BEAN DINNER SHOW- The Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a Ham & Bean dinner show with Sarah the Fiddler on Saturday, September 22nd at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Dinner will be served after 4:15 PM Mass and tickets are \$20.00 per person (tickets include show with ham & bean dinner, coleslaw, cornbread, coffee and dessert) Tickets will be on sale beginning the weekend of August 25th after the Saturday 4:15PM and Sunday 8:00 and 10:15AM and 12:15 PM Masses or by calling Judy 508 478-9813. Get you tickets early, there is a limited number of tickets

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP- Do you have a loved one with Dementia? Would you be interested in learning more about Alzheimer's or Dementia? We are here to help, offer support and provide education. There is no obligation to share, you are welcome to come and just listen! The support group will be held at St. John's the first Tuesday of each month, beginning on September 4 at 5 PM. When a loved one develops Dementia, it can be difficult for everyone. Hearing how other people have walked through the journey of caring for a loved one with dementia can be helpful. The group will be facilitated by the Alzheimer Program Director at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Jeanne Pellegrino. Jeanne is a certified Dementia Practitioner and has over 20 years of experience working with seniors and people with Alzheimer's and Dementia. Have questions? Feel free to contact Jeanne Pellegrino, at 508-755-8605.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, August 28 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 LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY AT ST. JOHN'S will be observing the Feast of Our Lady of Siluva at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday September 8th. The Mass will include a procession with roses to Our Lady and the Lithuanian Choir will sing at this service. A reception will follow the Mass at the St. Francis Xavier Center. All are invited and welcome.

DISMAS HOUSE FUNDRAISER- St. John's parishioner, Elsie Uffelmann, and her friends Mary-Jean MacDonald and husband, Alan, are running a triathlon (.9 mi swim; 24-mile bike; 6.2 mile run) to raise funds for Dismas House in honor of its 30th Anniversary in the Worcester area. The mission of Dismas House, Fr. John Brooks House, and Dismas Family Farm in Worcester and Oakham, respectively, is "to reconcile former prisoners to society and society to former prisoners through the development of a supportive community comprised of students and former prisoners who live together in a family setting." Containers marked Dismas House will be available at the church entrances during all Masses, if you would like to make a donation. For more information, please see www.dismasisfamily.org or contact Elsie at 508-612-1869.

BASH AT BLESSED SACRAMENT- A Neighborhood Bash at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 555 Pleasant Street, Worcester, will be held on Sunday, September 9th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Please join us for this free block and lawn party under the tents. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs and other light refreshments, face painting, and hot popcorn. All are cordially invited and the event is free!

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$9174.16. We have also received:

Candles- \$375.00 Stipends- \$375.00
Assumption- \$1674.00 School Rent- \$4659.75

Total- \$16,257.91 Unrestricted- \$16,257.91; Restricted-\$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$445 IMO John Gringas; \$1645 IMO Robert Moynagh; \$100 IMO Margaret Sullivan; \$65 IMO Christine Riccio; \$25 IMO John Madaio; \$50 IMO Helen Trainor; \$55 IMO Gail Gully; \$100 IMO Joe Morrissey

Expenses- \$7631.53

Schola (1149.76) Funerals (305.60) Administration (3584.90) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (590.69) House (239.80) Maintenance (635.78) Landscaping (600.00) Lithuanian Donation (530.00)

Food for the Poor- Expenses- \$61863.79

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of George Rondeau and James Shugrue who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love”

-Mother Theresa