

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Fr. Juan Sebastian Sanchez

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**Coordinators of
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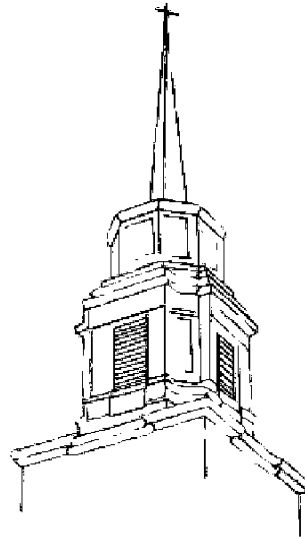
Donna Mastrovito
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**Director, After-School Program
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
Lucia Clemente Falco, Asst. Dir.



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

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Cor 15:1-11

Lk 5:1-11

#1124 in Worship Hymnal

Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
stjohnsworc@gmail.com

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 the rectory for
an appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office

**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, February 9, 2019

4:15 PM **Jane Brick (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family;
Patricia Brunelle, req. by Phil Brunelle and
Family

7:15 PM **Pat Casey, James Hearn, Jr. and Paul
Hearn**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 10, 2019

8:00 AM **Patrick Johnson**, req. by Family; **Robert
Esposito, Jr.**, req. by The Jalbert and Walinsky
Families

10:15 AM **Patricia Gaudette**, req. by a Friend;
Frank Riccardi (7th Anniv.), req. by Family;
Peter Manning, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Paul (7th Anniv.) and Winifred (4th
Anniv.) Gingras**, req. by Family

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

Monday, February 11, 2018

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

Tuesday, February 12, 2019

6:15 PM **Delia Rueda and Jose Almeida** req. by
Family; **Dan Martel**, req. by Family

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

6:15 PM **Louis A. Boucher (11th Anniv.)**, req. by
Family

Thursday, February 14, 2019

6:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

Friday, February 15, 2019

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

Saturday, February 16, 2019

4:15 PM **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Ann Dumas**, req. by Family; **Edward
Diman (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 17, 2019

8:00 AM **Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Jack
Little**, req. by Phil and Hyla Hunt

10:15 AM **Donald Walczak (7th Anniv.)**, req. by
Family; **John Osodo (18th Anniv.) and Birthday
Blessings for Joyce Osodo**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Carmela Luca**, req. by Family;
Birthday Blessings for Lorenzo Pasquale, req. by
Family

7:15 PM **Dan Best**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Reinforcements have arrived! They come in the form of a young priest and an experienced deacon. Bishop McManus has assigned Fr. Juan Sebastian Sanchez and Deacon Michael Chase to St. John's.

Fr. Sanchez, who prefers "Fr. Sebastian," was ordained on December 15, 2018 at St. Paul's Cathedral. Fr. Sebastian was born in Colombia and studied with the Yarumal Missionaries before coming to the United States in 2014 to study for our Diocese. He brought his missionary spirit with him and is excited to be a part of St. John's.

Deacon Mike was ordained in 2009 and has been serving in his home parish of Christ the King, Worcester. He was a friend of our Deacon Paul. His desire to have a change in his ministerial experience coincided with his attendance at Deacon Paul's wake and funeral. St. John's is the different experience that he was looking for!

As you can imagine, nobody is happier than I am to have Fr. Sebastian and Deacon Mike join our community. Indeed, we are a different experience. An experience that any minister would be blessed to have. We welcome Fr. Sebastian and Deacon Mike and can assure them that many blessings are coming their way.

Providentially, all three of today's Scripture readings address the call of God: in the first reading we hear of Isaiah's visionary experience which concludes with "Here I am, Lord, send me!"; in the passage from 1 Corinthians, Paul reminds the community that they – and he – have received the Gospel from Christ himself through a tradition of believers moving forward by the grace of God; in the Gospel, Luke recounts the call of Peter then James and, our patron, John. In the grace of everyday, *they left everything and followed him.*

We thank both Fr. Sebastian and Deacon Mike for responding to God's call in their lives. Their arrival reminds us of our own call and the need to deepen our response to God. Let us go forth together growing in wisdom and grace and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS: The preparations for Legacy of Hope, the diocesan capital campaign, are continuing. We are in the process of forming a Parish Campaign Committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Fr Madden. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Venite adoremus*, Ps. 95 (94): 6, 7
Op.: # 553 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Ps. 138, "In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord."
Prep.: # 758 From Shallow Waters Call Us, Lord
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311
Comm.: *Introit ad altare Dei*, Ps. 43 (42): 4
774 Two Fishermen
Cl.: # 610 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

February 12— Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.
February 15— Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.
March 25— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "Catholics in America" by Russell Shaw.

THE 96th ANNUAL NOVENA OF GRACE IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER will begin Monday, March 4 and run through Tuesday, March 12. Mass and Novena prayers will be held on the weekdays at 9:15 AM, 12:15 and 6:15 PM and on the regular weekend schedule. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in this great Lenten tradition.

ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL will begin this weekend, February 9th and 10th with the In-Pew Collection. The theme for this year's appeal is "Generate Joy". The goal for this year is \$76,600 which is the same as it has been for the past couple of years. The reason for the early start to this year's appeal is that we are in the first flight of the upcoming Diocesan Capital Campaign. The theme for the campaign is Legacy of Hope. There will be more information coming in the weeks ahead.

FOOD FOR THE POOR FUNDRAISER— For the three weekends from February 23/24 to March 9/10 a representative from BJ's (and a St. John's parishioner) will be offering new and renewed memberships at a discounted rate. For every membership BJ's will donate \$5 to our Food for the Poor Program.

SOUPER BOWL— Along with the Patriots win, last weekend's "Souper Bowl" collected \$2,254.00 for the Food for the Poor program. Thanks to Dan and Deb, the religious ed teachers and students and all who donated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist— This Sunday, February 10, 9-10 AM in the Xavier Center.
Grades 1-6— This Sunday, February 10, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall.
Grades 7-9— This Sunday, February 10, 11:15AM - 12:15 PM in the church hall.
Confirmation (grade 10)— This Sunday, February 10, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday, February 13 in the lower chapel at 9:30–11:00 am. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. If anyone needs a prayer shawl for anyone for any reason, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

ST. JOHN'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S 2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, March 16th - Talent Show
- Saturday, May 11th- Dinner Show
- Sunday, July 14th- Parish Picnic
- Saturday, September 21- Dinner Show
- Saturday, October 16- Costume/Halloween Party
- December- LaSalette Shrine Bus Trip (date to be announced)

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT A VOCATION TO THE PREISTHOOD?— The annual Vocation Discernment Retreat for men high school age and older will be directed by Bishop McManus on Friday and Saturday, April 12 & 13, 6 pm to 6 pm at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. There is no cost for this retreat, and transportation is provided from Worcester. Go to www.worcestervocations.com for more information. Sign up by contacting Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net or 508-340-5788.

CAR DONATION PROGRAM— Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities and help us help your Worcester County neighbors? Just visit our website to donate your vehicle online at www.ccworc.org or call 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program. The car in your driveway can help people in our community so that they may regain hope for a brighter future. Thank you!

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, February 26 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.

19TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE AT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE-

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, April 6. Visit the website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin Dunn, Francesco Cesareo, Trent Horn, Father Warren Savage, Mike Aquilina and Eric Mahl. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 25, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

CALIX SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP- The first Calix Society in the Worcester Diocese (A New Hope) will meet Saturday, February 16 from 1:30 to 2:45 PM (Third Saturday of each month) downstairs in the Emmaus Center across from Sacred Heart Parish, 18 E Main St, Webster. The Calix Society is a Catholic support group (supplement to AA) for those directly affected by alcohol abuse, and for family and friends who also suffer from its effects. It is open to all. Call/Text Kyle at 508-887-2225 or email at krichardmcd@gmail.com for more information.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP- Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will hold its next 6-part series of "A New Day Ministry" beginning Monday, March 4, 1-2:30 PM in the Parish Hall. For more information or to register (required prior to the start of the sessions) call Renate Isbell (508) 835-3286.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8381.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$2290.00	Restoration- \$369.00
Stipends- \$500.00	Candles- \$228.00
Parking- \$145.00	Souper Bowl- \$2254.00
Lith. Donation from Knights of Lithuania- \$530.00	

Total- \$14,132.80 Unrestricted- \$13,233.50 Restricted- \$899.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 IMO Andy Shea; \$365 IMO Duddie Massad; \$225 IMO Earl Joslyn; \$100 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$30 from a friend; \$25 IMO Maille Salmon; \$500 IMO John P. Walsh, Rosemary T. Walsh, Justine Brennan, Joseph M. Brennan and Suellen LaMothe; \$250 from St. Rose of Lima, Northboro; \$50 IMO George Coleman

Expenses- \$11,230.19

Lithuanian donation on behalf of Knights of Lithuania (530.00) Schola (649.40) Fire Extinguisher Inspection (839.00) Altar (718.52) Administration (2180.14) House (1635.76) Church Smoke Detector Repair (722.00) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) Church Sanding (275.00) Ascension Sanding (445.00) Church Security Cameras (1740.00) Copier (630.53) Advertising (220.00) Ascension Fire Alarm (112.84)

Food for the Poor: Expenses- \$13,113.77

This weekend's second collection is to support the Home Missions.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Cornelia Foley, Frank Robinson, Fr. Cornelius O'Leary and Wade Wilson who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“Neither Simon nor his companions could draw the net to land... And the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea, that is to say, those who live in the surge and wave of worldly things.”

—Cyril of Alexandria