

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

44 Temple St. Worcester, MA 01604

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Sunday, February 5, 2012

**PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor**

Fr. John Madden

**Assisting Priest**

Msgr. Edmond Tinsley

**Deacon**

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Religious Education**

Donna Mastrovito

**Music Ministry**

Sean Redrow, Director  
Lucia Clemente Falco,  
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**Rectory Office Hours:**

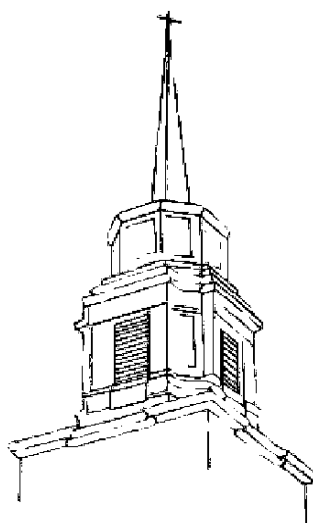
Weekdays 9 am - 4 pm  
Jimmy Archibald, Manager

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Lord's Day Masses**

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 &  
7:15 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am,  
12:15 pm & 7:15 pm

**Weekdays**

Monday-Friday 6:15 pm

**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation**

Mon.-Fri. 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 parish  
office for  
an appointment

**Sacrament of the Sick**

Please contact the parish  
office for a priest

**Miraculous Medal Novena**

Monday 7 pm

**St. John's Charismatic  
Prayer Meeting**

Tuesday 7:15 pm

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4, 2012

4:15 PM **Eleanore B. Audet**, req. by Lousie Splaine; **Dorothy G. Burke**, req. by Family; **Willie Buron (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Joseph Can Le and Maria Trang Le**, req. by Family; **Michael Looney and Jeffrey Tagman (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:00 AM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family  
10:00 AM **Anthony Miner**, req. by Julia Zemaitis  
12:15 PM **Marie Barry**, req. by Harrington House; **Mary Norton**, req. by Arlene Abraham  
7:15 PM **William Bresahan**, req. by Family

Monday, February 6, 2012

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Catherine; Deceased aunt of Mary and Maura Green**, req. by a Friend

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

6:15 PM **Catherine Doan Trung Nguyen**, req. by Family; **Intentions of the King Family**

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

6:15 PM **Teresa Doan Chinh Nguyen**, req. by Family; **Evelyn Goodwin**, req. by Family

Thursday, February 9, 2012

6:15 PM **Anthony Ly Nguyen**, req. Family; **Louis Boucher**, req. by Family

Friday, February 10, 2012

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Catherine; Anthony P. Ferraro (6th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Saturday, February 11, 2012

4:15 PM **Annelle Molis**, req. by Adele Dailida and Family; **Ernest Lamarche, Sr. and Ernest Lamarche, Jr.**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Joseph Can Le and Maria Trang Le**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 12, 2012

8:00 AM **Patrick Gannon Johnson**, req. by Family; **Judith Patnod**, req. by Family  
10:00 AM **Anthony Miner**, req. by M/M Algird Zenkys; **Rita Belsito**, req. by Family  
12:15 PM **Helen Pedone**, req. by Arlene Abraham; **Jack Ethier**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Bob Deselms**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Last Tuesday evening, a mother and her son came into the church looking for me. I was not in the church, yet. Dolores, always the evangelizer, told them that I am busy before Mass, but I would talk to them after Mass. As she had planned, they stayed for Mass! Afterward, they told me that they needed help in moving from one side of the city to another. They had gone to City Hall to find assistance and direction. The person they spoke with told them to go to St. John's – "They will help you at St. John's."

Immediately, I offered the services of the guys at Harrington House. After a note was placed on the bulletin board along with a little bit of coordination everything was set to go. On Saturday afternoon a group of the guys headed out and spent the afternoon helping the family move and get settled into their new apartment. They informed me that it was mostly small stuff. They seemed relieved that there were not too many big items to be moved!

It is said that there is one sure way to know who your true friends are – they are the ones who will help you move! The guys inspire me with their willingness to help others. They did not know this woman or her family, but they did not hesitate to give up a Saturday afternoon to help her.

The other inspiring part is experiencing that St. John's is well known as a place where people in need can find help. This is a testament to you, the people of St. John's, and all that you do for others. From its foundation until the present our parish has developed a reputation as a caring community always willing to serve anyone, friends and strangers, in need. I mentioned to the guys that they could be proud of their contribution to this reputation. Karl, whose presence in the house means that the rest of us are vying to be the second nicest guy at Harrington House, responded that it also says something about the City of Worcester. He suggested that there is no other city where someone at City Hall would be able to direct a person in need in the way Alicia was directed. We can be proud to be a part of the "biggest small town in the country," too.

We are blessed in offering service to another. I know the guys feel great to be able to help another and to be able to thank the people of St. John's for what you do in allowing them a safe, comfortable place to live. This is an important part of the Gospel passage in today's liturgy. Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law and Mark tells us that she immediately began to serve. The two realities – healing and service – are clearly intertwined. It is to our benefit – and the benefit of those we serve – to keep this critical truth in mind.

There is, of course, one more important message today, as well – Go Pats!

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

## ***THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

### **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

**Parish Council**– Tuesday, March 13, 7 PM in the Rectory.

#### **THE CATHOLISM SERIES BY FR. ROBERT BARRON ON FRIDAY NIGHTS AT ST. JOHN'S AT 7 PM**

**February 10:** Happy Are WE: The Teachings of Jesus

**February 17:** The Ineffable Mystery of God: "That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought."

**February 24:** Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God

**March 2:** The Indispensable Men – Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure

**March 16:** A Body Both Suffering & Glorious – The Mystical Union of Christ & the Church

**March 23:** Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven – The Mystery of the Liturgy & the Eucharist

The series will run on every Friday night except for March 9 and April 6. All are welcome.

**THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE** was Friday, February 3rd. The Blessing of Throats will be done after all the weekend Masses.

**THE SOUPER BOWL** will be celebrated this weekend to support our Free Meal and Food Pantry. As we prepare for the Pats' 7th Super Bowl appearance, our Confirmation candidates will be at the doors of the church collecting donations. The "Souper" Bowl is a national collection, but all the gifts remain with our Food for the Poor Program.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** has someone who has come forward to chair the committee, however we are still seeking volunteers to help her on the committee. Please call the rectory if you're interested.

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** are held on Sunday's at 9:00 AM and continue through Sunday, April 29 and the celebration of the First Eucharist at the 10:00AM Mass.

**GRADES K—8** will meet on next Sunday, February 12 at 9 AM in the church hall. The 10 AM Children's Mass follows each class.

**CONFIRMATION I** will meet Sunday, February 19 at 11 AM in the rectory

**CONFIRMATION II** will have their retreat day on this Sunday, February 5. The candidates will attend the 10 am Mass and go to Assumption College from 11:30-4.

**THE FILIPINO CHOIR** will be singing at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, February 25. A reception will follow the Mass. All are welcome.

**THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will be meeting on this Wednesday February 8 at 9:30am in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to come. If anyone needs a prayer shawl for someone for any reason please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

**THE MSGR. GRIFFIN SCHOLARSHIP** is available to a St. John's parishioner attending the College of the Holy Cross. For more information, please contact the rectory.

#### **THE 89TH ANNUAL NOVENA OF GRACE IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN'S FROM MARCH 4-12.**

##### **MASS AND NOVENA PRAYERS:**

Weekdays: 9:15 AM, 12:15 and 6:15 PM

Saturday: 2:00, 4:15 and 7:15 PM

Sunday: 8 and 10:00 AM and 12:15 PM

All are welcome to join us for this historic event.

"O Christ Jesus, may your death be my life, your labor my repose, your human weakness my strength."

- Blessed Peter Faber, SJ

## In Our Catholic Community...

**THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB's** next meeting will be on Monday, February 27 at 7 PM in the rectory. The selection for February is "The Spirituality of Fasting: Rediscovering a Christian Practice." by Msgr. Charles Murphy

**A HEALING MASS** will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:15 PM. After the Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. Anyone undergoing medical treatment, facing upcoming surgery, living with a chronic illness or seeking the healing touch of God's love and mercy is welcome.

**EMMANUEL RADIO, 1230 AM**, Worcester's new Catholic radio station, will be coming to speak after all of the masses next weekend. A brief, 3 minute presentation will be given about the station, and ways parishioners can get involved!

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICK OFF EVENT** - 40 Days for Life will host a potluck dinner to kick off the spring campaign on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 5 -8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Parish, 17 Waterville St., No. Grafton. The speaker will be Catherine Adair, former Planned Parenthood clinic worker, now pro-life advocate. All are invited to enjoy this evening of food and fellowship.

**EILEEN GEORGE** will host a teaching and healing service on Sunday, February 26 at 3 PM in the lower chapel.

**NATIVITY SCHOOL OF WOCESTER** is an accredited, independent, Jesuit middle school that provides a quality, all-scholarship education to underserved boys of all faith. For more information please call Fr. Jack Fagan, SJ, at 508-799-0100

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7028.50. We have also received:

Restoration-	\$178.00	Monthly-	\$70.00
Stipends-	\$645.00	Parking-	\$175.00
Candles-	\$290.00	Food for Poor-	\$607.32
School Rent-	\$4233.34	Coffee Shoppe-	\$36.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$227.32 Sacred Heart School, Gardner; \$200 from employees of SBSB, Inc.; \$100 from a friend; \$40 in Memory of Richard Dion; \$25 from a friend

**Total-** \$13,855.48; **Unrestricted-** \$13,677.48; **Restricted** \$178.00

**Expenses-** \$12,772.76

Food for the Poor (2975.18) Office (395.31) Household (132.90) January Mass Stipends (660.00) Maintenance Supplies (317.61) Altar Supplies (388.60) Ascension Fire Alarm (68.91) Rectory Fire Alarm (34.73) Phones (96.65) Heating Oil (3043.16) Plowing and Sanding (2000.00) Copier Lease (136.00) Trash Removal (243.49) Funerals (470.40) Schola (580.12) Administration (1229.70)

This weekend's Second Collection is the Monthly Special Needs offering.

## Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Edward Hanlon and Robert Sheeran who have been born into eternal life.

Welcomes William Jude Cusson who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

## Word of Life

**"Religious freedom expresses what is unique about the human person, for it allows us to direct our personal and social life to God, in whose light the identity, meaning and purpose of the person are fully understood. To deny or arbitrarily restrict this freedom is to foster a reductive vision of the human person; to eclipse the public role of religion is to create a society which is unjust, inasmuch as it fails to take account of the true nature of the human person; it is to stifle the growth of the authentic and lasting peace of the whole human family."**

~ Pope Benedict XVI