St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

at St. John the Evangelist Church - 80 Union St, Clinton, MA 01510

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." — Mk 1:14-15

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil	4 p.m.
Sunday	7:30, 9 & 10:30 a.m.
	Spanish Mass 12 p.m.
Monday	5:15 p.m.
Tuesday – Friday	7 a.m.
Holy Day Vigil	(see bulletin for details)
Holy Day Mass	(see bulletin for details)

Confessions: Each Saturday – 2:45 to 3:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least 1 year in advance by calling the Rectory Office.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptismal instruction for parents takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 12 p.m. in the Parish Center

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

7 a.m. to 9 p.m. M-F in the Chapel.

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotion:

Mondays following the 5:15 p.m. Mass

St. John's Gym

149 Chestnut St, Clinton
Phone: 978-365-9085
Email: stjohnsgymorg@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Parish Center
80 Union St
Tuesday's: 7 p.m.

CARE Food Pantry

St. John's Gym - 149 Chestnut St
Open Thursday's: 4-6 p.m.

St. John's Cemetery

Parker Rd, Lancaster
Phone: 978-368-8816

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Dear Fathers, Brothers, Sons & Nephews,

Looking for something different for Lent that would offer some insight on the meaning of life, add energy to your commitments and enlighten your spirit a bit? On Saturday, March 17, there will be a well thought out and prepared workshop for men. It will give you time to put on the brakes, to gather your thoughts together, and to inspire and refresh you for the year ahead.

Last year over 1200 men attended this conference. Men from all different walks of life came to hear a list of great speakers with insights on having peace of mind, staying strong amidst conflicts, and remaining focused on our values and faith.

Set aside Saturday, March 17 for this opportunity . The jobs you wanted to do that day can wait. This conference is worth it.

Bring along your brother or dad or son or a friend or a coworker. They will also enjoy it. Lunch is provided.

Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org or call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345 for information.

Hope to see you there.

Many blessings, Fr. Nally

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Our annual St. Patrick's Supper will be held Saturday March 3, starting after the 4pm Mass, in St. John's Gym. Tickets will be on sale the weekends of February 18th and 25th. Cost is $10 for adults and $5 for children. Come and enjoy a traditional Irish dinner, music and dance. It's an evening sure to please!

No Adoration on Presidents Day - Monday, February 19

Adorers are needed for: Mondays at 7 a.m., Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Wednesdays at 2 p.m., Thursdays at 5 p.m. & 8 p.m. & Fridays at 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. Please contact Sue Belfield at 508-869-0508 for more information.

Rice Bowls

Catholic Relief Services works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world & to end global poverty. Please be sure to take a rice bowl home & use this easy & fun resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience. Your prayers, fasting & almsgiving this Lenten season will help CRS continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries.

During Lent, **Confessions** will be heard in the Chapel at 7 p.m. on the following Tuesday evenings: February 20 & 27 & March 6, 13, 20 & 27 Confessions are also heard each Saturday at 2:45p.m.

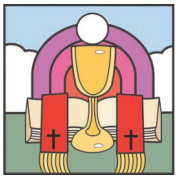
There is no better way to observe Lent than to pray the *Stations of the Cross*. Please join us for the Stations each Friday during Lent at 3:30 PM in the Upper Church.

Lenten Guidelines for Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. **Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Considered a Vocation to the Priesthood?

Have you thought of a vocation to the priesthood? Come and learn more. The Diocese of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held on **March 23 & 24**. This retreat begins 6 pm Friday and ends 6 pm Saturday. It is for men high school age, college age, and older. The retreat center is only 30 minutes from Worcester at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, Connecticut. There is no cost, and transportation is provided if needed. Visit worcestervocations.com for more information. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net or call 508-340-5788 to sign up.



Readings for February 18, 2018

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

SATURDAY – February 17, 2018
4:00 PM † Vernon Bianchi - 3rd Anniversary Req. by his Family

SUNDAY – February 18, 2018
7:30 AM For the People
9:00 AM † June Chouinard - 5th Anniversary Req. by her Family
10:30 AM † Herbert Reardon Req. by his Children
12:00 PM (Spanish) † Ana Morales - 4th Anniversary Req. by her Family

MONDAY – February 19, 2018
12:10 PM † Robert Bonci, Sr.
5:15 PM † John, Josephine, Jack, Janet & Gerald Ryder Req. by the Tivnan Family

TUESDAY – February 20, 2018
7:00 AM † Joseph M. Nally, Sr.
12:10 PM † Philip Philbin

WEDNESDAY – February 21, 2018
7:00 AM Every blessing for James W. Langley Req. by his Son
12:10 PM † Mary Mahan

THURSDAY – February 22, 2018
7:00 AM † Joel Wilder
12:10 PM † Judith D. Kalafat

FRIDAY – February 23, 2018
7:00 AM Every blessing for Amanda Wirzbicki Req. by Joseph Langley
12:10 PM † Carlo DiCenzo

SATURDAY – February 24, 2018
4:00 PM † Flora Martin & Gary West Req. by Dorothy West

SUNDAY – February 25, 2018
7:30 AM For the People
9:00 AM † Gladys Connelly - 26th Anniversary Req. by her Family
10:30 AM † Arleen Marashio - 4th Anniversary Req. by her Family
12:00 PM (Spanish) For the People

Weekly Collection
February 10 – February 11, 2018

Sunday Collection	$6,256.00
Parish Development Fund	$2,042.00

"The Life Recovery Bible"

A biblical guide through 12 steps of recovery with Retired Judge Austin T. Philbin. Meetings will take place in the upper level conference room at St. John's Gym on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on February 21, 28 and March 7 & 14. You are welcome to attend one meeting or all four.

If you have a family member or friend who cannot make it to church and would like to have the weekly bulletin mailed to them, please call the Rectory at 978-368-0366 x201.

Vigil Lights
February 18 – February 24, 2018

In memory of Lena Furmaniuk Req. by her Family

In memory of Julius & Toni Genelli
Req. by Daughter-in-law & Granddaughter

In memory of Joseph Gorski - 25th Anniversary
Req. by his Family

Special Intentions

In memory of Cyndi Lebretore Req. by Fran Gadoua

In memory of John McAuliffe Req. by Fran Gadoua

In memory of Ed Lemanski Req. by Mary Knapic

Our Parish website has been redesigned!
Take a look!
www.stjohnsclinton.org

The Divine Mercy Cenacle meets weekly in the St. John's Parish Center on Tuesday evening at 7:00 for prayer and discussion of Scripture, the Catechism, and the Diary of St. Faustina. Our prayer group welcomes new members anytime. If you would like to know more about our Cenacle, please call Bill or Sue Belfield 508-869-0508.

We also maintain a prayer line to pray for those who are seriously ill or dying. Prayer requests can be submitted by phone 978-733-0090 or by e-mail DMCPray@gmail.com. After a prayer request is submitted, it is sent immediately to members of our group. Cenacle members pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the seriously ill or dying.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

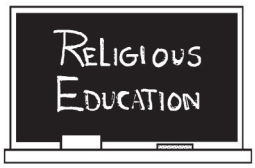
We have begun the forty day Lenten season of prayer, penance and almsgiving that precedes the re-birth of Easter. You and I need Lent because we are sinners called to repentance. However, Lent's journey is not just aimed at repentance and, through God's grace, overcoming sin. Lent and Easter lead us to accept Jesus Christ more fully that we may have the abundance of life He came to bring. Too often, we settle for less.

Saint Augustine captured well the human condition on earth when in his *Confessions* he said, "You have made us for thee, O Lord, and restless are our hearts until they rest in thee." Our restless hearts long for peace, joy and fulfillment. Too often in that pursuit, we waver in our commitment to the Lord, as compromise, weakness and rationalization lead us to pursue our peace, joy and fulfillment apart from Jesus Christ and His Gospel. In his Lenten Message, Pope Francis asks, "how many of God's children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!"

Lenten prayer as well as the desert starkness of its penance, fasting and sacrifice for others, give us the opportunity to see through the allure of sin, dispel the trance of materialism and free ourselves from the things that can attract but not satisfy our hearts. Those disciplines then incline our hearts to be more receptive to God's grace, Easter's joy and the sublime wonder of our baptismal adoption as God's children called to share in His divine life.

Reflecting on the Easter Vigil, Pope Francis speaks about the "fire of Easter" and the prayer that "the light of Christ rising in glory may dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds." It is my prayer that through a fervent Lent, we may deepen the holiness of our lives by repenting and rooting out sin from our hearts. Then, with a clarity of vision that can only come from purified hearts, may we in Holy Week, grasp anew the fire of God's love for each one of us. In the light of that deepened realization may our restless hearts discover the abundance of life for which we long.

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



No Religious Ed during February Vacation, February 17-20

Just a reminder that we will not have Religious Education Classes on Saturday, February 17, Sunday, February 18 and Monday, February 19 and Tuesday February 20 so that families and catechists can enjoy February Vacation. Have fun!

First Communion Update

All First Communion children are asked to attend their mandatory **First Communion Retreat** on Saturday, March 3 from 9-11 AM in the church hall. (Please have at least one parent attend the retreat with your child and arrive at 8:45 for sign in.*)* We will make our banners and have lots of fun!! Our m**andatory First Communion Rehearsal** is Saturday, April 28th from 9-11 AM. We will joyously celebrate **First Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 5th at 10:00AM. (Children arrive at 9AM). Please remember to keep our First Communion children and their families in your prayers.

Confirmation Rehearsal Sunday, March 4

We will have a mandatory Confirmation Rehearsal on Sunday, March 4 from 6 -8:00 PM for all Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors. Please meet in the Chapel. We would like to ask the entire parish to remember our Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors in your prayers as we prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be celebrated on Saturday, March 10th. Thank you and God bless.

Attention Level K, 1, and 2 Parents: No CCD on Saturday, March 10th

There will be NO CCD classes held for students in levels K - 2 on Saturday, March 10th. This is a change to our Religious Education Calendar that you received in September. (Kindergarten will meet on the 17th instead of the 10th. This also is a change from our calendar.) Thank you.

Liturgical Schedule

February 17 & 18	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	C. Lent	J. Donahue	B. Huff	K. Tamburri
EM:	M. Fazio	P. Cherubini	B. Guerin	S. Belfield
	B. Farragher	S. Flaherty	M. Pulnik	B. Belfield
AS:			M. Ward	S. Dillon
			A. Ward	O. Schmitt
				L. Schmitt

February 24 & 25	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	S. Belauskas	J. Litterio	C. O'Malley	T. Comeau
EM:	B. Keane	D. DiTullio	C. MacGillivray	C. Burgoyne
	J. Moran	A. Dziokonski	K. O'Loughlin	K. Burgwinkle
AS:	N. Stocker	B. Gibbons	V. MacGillivray	G. Beirne
			C. Fucile	J. Beirne
				J. Beirne
				T. Beirne

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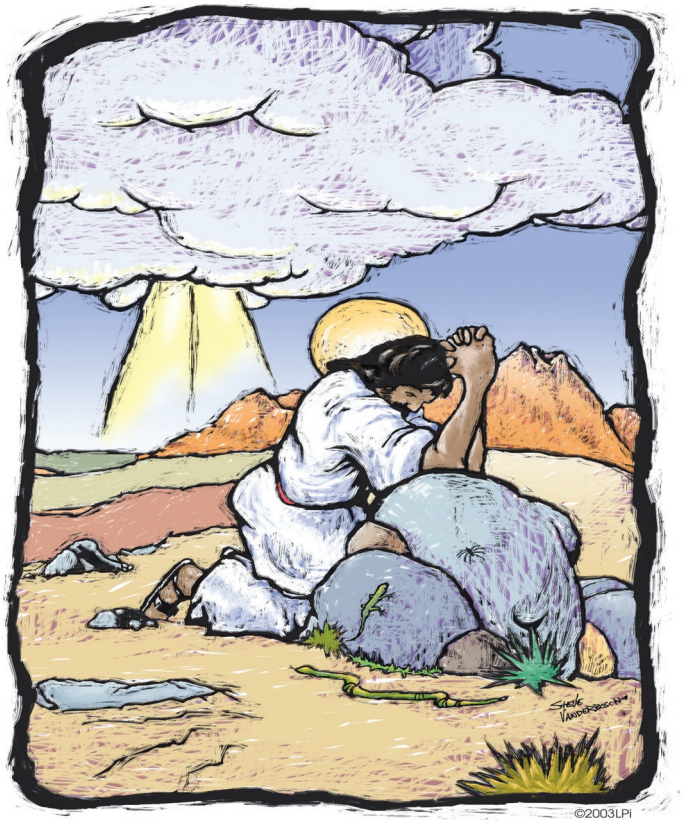

"JESUS EN EL DESIERTO"

Querida comunidad hispana.

Desde el pasado Miercoles de Ceniza hemos empezado el tiempo de cuaresma y hoy llegamos al primer Domingo de cuaresma, tiempo en el cual meditaremos y agradeceremos a Dios por regalarnos el milagro de la redencion a traves de su hijo Jesus.
Jesus estuvó 40 dias en el desierto, orando y ayunando de esta forma el se preparó para su mission de anunciar el Reino de Dios.
El desierto es el simbolo de la aridez, donde no existe mas que nuestra soledad y es el lugar ideal para meditar en la presencia de Dios. En el desierto no hay distracciones, solo existe el encuentro personal con el Padre celestial.
Vivamos este tiempo en oración y meditación con mucha fe y alegria e igualmente oremos por el V encuentro regional el proximó de 10 de Marzo.
Feliz semana para todos.
P. Henry Ramírez.

ADORACION AL SANTISIMO

SE NECESITAN PERSONAS PARA
Lunes 7 AM,
Martes 1 PM,
Miercoles . 2 PM,
Jueves 5 PM y 8 pm
Viernes 8 AM and 5 PM.

Lunes 19. No hay adoracion

AVISOS IMPORTANTES…

- Para las charlas pre-bautismales por favor contactar a Karina Mendez.
- Para colocar las intenciones de la misa de 12 cada Domingo, Favor separar la Eucaristia con anticipation y dar la ofrenda.
- No olviden, por favor leer la cartelera cada Domingo y tomar el boletin parroquial.

"Sacramento de confesion: Sabados de 2:45 a 3:45 En la capilla. Tambien pueden pedir cita con padre Henry al 978-3680366 extension 202."

Domingo 18 de Febrero de 2018 12 PM.	Eucaristia 12 pm	Iglesia principal
Domingo 25 de Febrero	Eucaristia 12 pm	Iglesia principal