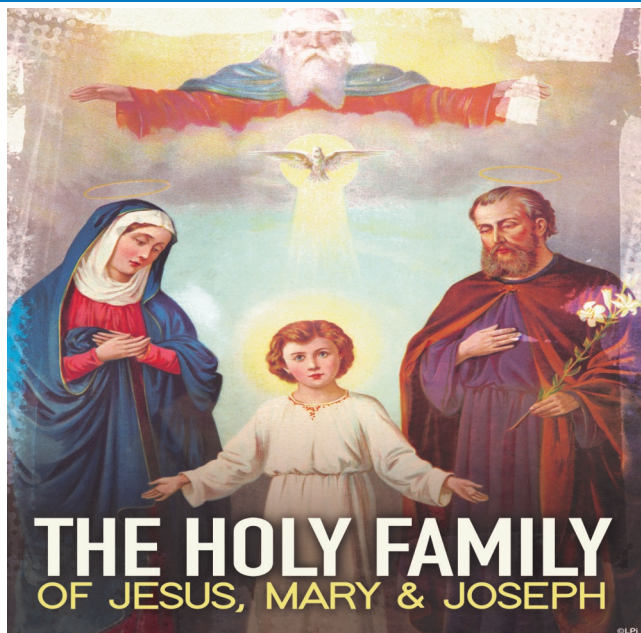


St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

— Lk 2:51-52

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Parish Center

80 Union St

Tuesday's: 7 p.m.

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

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

St. John the Guardian of Our Lady

Dear Friends,

This week make a New Year's resolution that offers Power and gives Peace.

May we keep Sunday Mass (or Saturday evening) a priority in our weekly scheduling this New Year for ourselves, our families and our employees.

Keeping 'holy the Lord's Day' is a commandment that was established by God, and made a priority by his Apostles, His Saints, and Church leaders since Jesus proclaimed His Good News.

Setting aside one hour a week brings to our homes and our hearts a peace and strength the world cannot give. It is 'the hour of power,' a phrase often used by one of our diocesan priests when speaking to his parish, that lifts our minds and hearts to God and imparts a grace to us each Sunday that makes all the difference that week in making our decisions, enduring a difficulty, and sustaining ourselves and our families in doing the good we want to accomplish each day.

One hour for God is a great way of thanking and praising God for His goodness to us, and being aware of his assistance that awaits us that week. It is an hour of grace, a most special time we as families and individuals turn our hearts, minds, decisions and the hopes of that week over to God. It is a clear way to build your family life, and to stay strong in helping each other that week.

Don't miss it. It will make a great difference for you, and surely for those around you.

Father Jim Hoey was right. It is the 'hour of power.'

Have a Blessed New Year, Father Nally

Christmas Pageant Update

We will be having our final rehearsal on January 5th at 10:30 a.m. Please bring your costumes so we can have a full practice. Thank you! The pageant will be on January 6th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Catechists & Volunteers

On behalf of Ann and myself, we would like to thank all of our catechists and helpers for all they have done for our CCD program in 2018. We sincerely appreciate all that you do and we wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Volunteers Needed

We are currently in need of a 4th level catechist for Sunday mornings between 8:00 and 8:45 a.m. and a hall monitor on Monday afternoons between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. If interested, please contact Ann or John by phone at 978-365-0052 or by email ccddirectorstjohnsclinton@gmail.com. If anyone is interested in volunteering in our CCD program, we would love to have you! Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions. Thank you!

Baptism Congratulations



to the family of
Baptism Maurice Quirke
May God continue to bless him & his family.

Our Sacred Music Series continues with a special Festival of Lessons and Carols on Saturday, January 5, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. Based on the Office of Matins for the Feast of the Epiphany, this festive ceremony will feature



Scripture readings, the singing of beloved Christmas and Epiphany carols, and sacred choral music led by the Upper School Chorus of the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Still River, under the direction of Michael Olbash. As always, admission is free and families are welcome. Freewill donations will be accepted at the door for the benefit of the First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center of Clinton.



Wedding Banns



III Katarzyna Kasza & Sloyan Koracher



Readings for December 30

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Hospital Visits

Fr. Nally & Fr. Ramirez are asking that you call the Rectory if you have a family member that will be spending time in the hospital. They would like to be able to visit.



SATURDAY – December 29, 2018

4:00 PM † Jose Daniel & Maria Delia Mejia Req. by the Cronin Family

SUNDAY – December 30, 2018

7:30 AM For the People

9:00 AM † Frederick, Regina & Thomas Niichter Req. by their Family

10:30 AM † Bryan Levesque - 28th Anniversary Req. by his Mother

12:00 PM (Spanish) For the People

MONDAY – December 31, 2018

New Years Eve

5:30 PM † Ellie Wood - Birthday Remembrance Req. by Kathy, Joe & Family

TUESDAY – January 1, 2019

New Years Day - Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 AM For the People

12:10 PM † Dolores Kolakowski Req. by her Family

WEDNESDAY – January 2, 2019

7:00 AM † Batista & Catherine Cherubini Req. by their Family

THURSDAY – January 3, 2019

7:00 AM † Robert Cellucci Req. by his Family

FRIDAY – January 4, 2019

7:00 AM † Kathy Lake Req. by her Friends

SATURDAY – January 5, 2019

8:00 AM Special Intention Req. by Joe Langley

4:00 PM † Brian Noone Req. by his Wife

SUNDAY – January 6, 2019

7:30 AM For the People

9:00 AM † George T. Kittredge - 1st Anniversary Req. by his Daughters

10:30 AM † Helen Notaro Req. by Mike & Cathy Thurlow

12:00 PM (Spanish) For the People



Vigil Lights

December 30, 2018 - January 5, 2019

*New Year Prayers in memory of
Joseph & Jill Genelli*

In memory of Robert Cellucci Req. by his Family

*In memory of Jack & Bernice McGrail
Req. by their Family*

*In memory of Debra Regonini - Birthday
Remembrance Req. by Shane, Robbie & Chris*

In memory of the Genelli Family Req. by Jennifer

In memory of Janice Day Req. by Joanne & Bob

*In memory of Loraine Notaro - Birthday
Remembrance Req. by her Family*

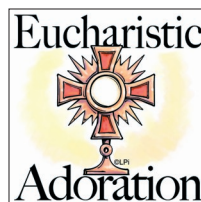
*In memory of Ann & Dick Miller
Req. by their Family*

If you wish to light a vigil light candle for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. Cost: \$10 You may also light a candle at the shrines for **Our Lady of Jasna Gora & Our Lady of the Rosary** in the upper church. Donation is \$1, however, any donation is accepted.



New Year's Eve - Adoration ends at 3 p.m.

New Year's Day: No Adoration



Our parish has Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament downstairs in the chapel, Monday through Friday, from 7 AM to 9 PM. Adoration is a small commitment to keep Our Lord company for one hour per week. Currently we need adorers for Mondays at 7 AM, Tuesdays at 1 PM & 8 PM and Wednesdays at 7 AM and 9 AM. For more information, please contact Sue Belfield at 508-869-0508. Please consider signing up for Adoration. It will be the most beautiful hour of your week!

Weekly Collection December 22 - 25, 2018

Sunday Collection	\$6,597.00
Christmas	\$13,290.00

Online Giving offers families a flexible way to contribute to annual appeals, weekly offertory, special collections, parish pledge campaigns & more. Visit www.stjohnsclinton.org for information.



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, I appeal to you to give generously next weekend to the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Established in 1887, the University has served the Church, students and the community for generations and is the only American University with ecclesiastical faculties granting canonical degrees in canon law, philosophy and theology.

Catholic University is helping to renew and strengthen the Church. The University has always been the research institution where the Church comes to think. Through hosting a national conference series focused on laity response to the sex abuse crisis, and in creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA), where lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability in the areas of education, finance, canon law, culture, and more, Catholic University will serve as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country.

Catholic University serves the Church by engaging its students to discover knowledge and truth through excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the University provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually. By way of its many programs, such as those in ethical business practices; classical architecture; intelligence studies; neuroscience; nursing; Spanish language and Hispanic ministry; social service; and Catholic bioethics the University prepares students to respond to the many issues facing the Church and society today.

I encourage you to be generous in the special collection for The Catholic University of America, to be taken at the Lord's Day Masses in all the parishes throughout the Diocese of Worcester next weekend, January 5 and 6.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



New RCIA classes will begin on Sunday, January 20 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Rectory. It is a gathering for those who want to become Catholic, and for those who are Catholic but have not received the Sacraments. To register or if you have any questions, please call Fr. Nally at 978-368-0366.

Women's Group in Worcester

A new Endow group is convening in Worcester starting on January 11, 2019 at 8 pm. This is a small group for women of all ages interested in growing in faith, community, and knowledge of the Church's teachings on women. The group will meet weekly on Friday evenings at 8 pm in the home of Sarah Berry (a parishioner at St. John's, Worcester). Our first study will be Pope John Paul II's *Letter to Women*. For more information, or to sign up, visit <https://endowgroups.org/groups/worcester-group-2>. You may also contact Sarah at 214-632-3399 or sarahlizberry@gmail.com.

*Join us for the
Novena to St. Joseph
held on the first Wednesday of each month
following the 7 a.m. Mass*

Attention all Ushers at St. John's!

If you are one of our many dedicated ushers at any of our weekend Masses or would like to become one, please call or email the rectory office at 978-368-0366 x201 or stjohnclintonma@gmail.com. We are hoping to put together an updated list of our dedicated volunteers from each Mass.



Join us for *1st Friday Mass and Devotion* to the Sacred Heart on Friday, January 4 at 7 a.m. in the Chapel and *1st Saturday Mass, Devotion and Rosary* on Saturday, January 5 – at 8 a.m. in the Upper Church

Liturgical Schedule



December 29 & 30	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	C. Lent	P. Kerrigan	R. Cronin	T. Comeau
EM:	J. Moran	P. Cherubini	J. Blette	K. Burgwinkle
	C. Schlegel	K. Mello	G. Schneck	D. O'Toole
				D. Philbin
AS:		C. Lucking	V. MacGillivray	L. Iacoviello
		B. Lucking	C. Fucile	E. Stanton
			E. Fucile	

January 5 & 6	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	S. Belauskas	J. Litterio	M. Pulnik	T. Duff
EM:	J. Gaughan	J. Donahue	D. Dunn	P. Shibley
	S. Segelhorst	P. Ball	B. Guerin	E. Shibley
			P. Brekka	
AS:	N. Stocker		M. Ward	G. Beirne
			W. Ward	J. Beirne
				T. Beirne
				J. Beirne

SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESUS, JOSE Y MARIA



QUERIDA COMUNIDAD.

En estos días de fin de año quiero desearles de todo corazón un próspero año Nuevo. El 2019 nos brindara una posibilidad de tener un nuevo comienzo, corregir lo que debemos cambiar y fijarnos nuevos propositos y metas en el año venidero.

Principalmente les deseo salud, fuerza y fe para enfrentar los nuevos retos a los que tendremos que enfrentarnos y mucha esperanza y Fortaleza para confiar en que la vida y El Señor nos traerá todo lo que necesitamos y sobretodo lo que sea lo mejor para nuestras vidas.

Mil bendiciones y mucha felicidad. P. Henry Ramirez

1. DICIEMBRE 31 ADORACION CIERRA

A LAS 3 PM Y EL MARTES 1 DE ENERO
NO HAY ADORACION AL SANTISIMO.



AVISOS IMPORTANTES

- Preparacion pre-bautismal por favor contactar a Karina Mendez. 978-3330141
 - Para colocar las intenciones de la misa de 12 cada Domingo. Marita Wallace. 978-7515289
- "Sacramento de confesion" Sabados de 2:45 a 3:45 En la capilla de abajo o pedir cita durante la semana con padre Henry al 978-3680366 extension 202."

DOMINGO 30 DE DICIEMBRE
Eucaristia de fin de año.

Eucaristia 12 pm

Iglesia principal

DOMINGO 6 DE ENERO
Reyes Magos, representacion y compartir

Eucaristia 12 PM

Iglesia principal