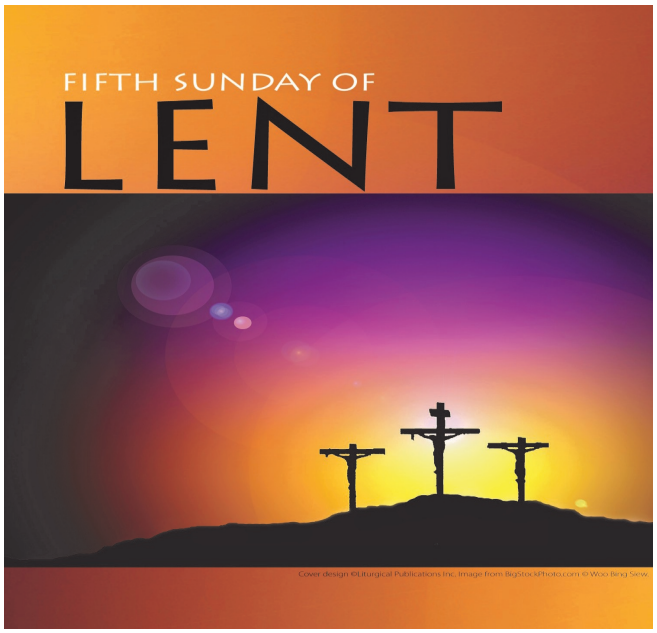
St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." — Jn 8:6b-7

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Rev. Joseph M. Nally, Pastor
Rev. Henry Ramirez, Associate Pastor
Rev. Raymond M. Goodwin, In Residence
William Griffin, OFS, Deacon
George O'Connor, Deacon

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149 Chestnut St, Clinton, MA 01510
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St. John's Gym

149 Chestnut St, Clinton
Phone: 978-365-9085
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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. in the Chapel
Tuesday – Friday	7 a.m. in the Chapel
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,

These final two weeks of Lent can mean a lot. It is a brief time, but it can also be a time to deepen our attachment on Our Lord. We may feel others are doing better than you at this, but we must not forget Our Lord is in all our lives. We have our faults, our sins, our busy schedules, our doubts, our feelings of being unworthy that distract us, but Our Lord still beckons us to hold on to Him, and to remember He is right with us.

Lent can be great time for everyone's spiritual life. Having two weeks left can be as much of an opportunity as all of Lent. Don't miss it. Our Lord awaits us. He opens the door. He is there for you and me even if we are the only ones.

There are many ways of using these upcoming days, such as:

Make a little extra time for quiet in the morning, noon or nighttime,

Talk to friend who values their faith,

Watch a portion of religious television program,

Find a painting or window in church that speaks to you,

Thumb through a spiritual book to a chapter that interests you,

Chip away at a fault, one day at a time,

Walk alone with a small crucifix in your hand,

Visit a monastery, a shrine, another church, a religious bookstore,

For an hour each of the next 14 days turn off your computer, tv, radio or silence your cell phone, or just visit and

Stay close to Our Lord in the tabernacle or monstrance in church.

Lent is all yours. Don't miss it.

Many Blessings, Father Nally

Partners in Charity

This weekend is In Pew Weekend for the *2019 Partners in Charity Appeal*. This weekend every member of St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. Our parish goal is $92,800. Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2019 appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

The Medicine, Bioethics and Spirituality Conference will take place at Holy Cross College on May 7 & 8, 2019. For information, call 1-800-462-7426.

2019 Steubenville East Youth Conference

All parishioners of high school age are invited to attend the 2019 Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference, to be held at the Tsongas Arena on the weekend of July 12-14. 2019. Our group from St. John's will be travelling by bus to the campus of UMass, Lowell, for a fun, faith-filled weekend of inspiring music, engaging liturgies, challenging speakers, and fellowship with thousands of other teens. This year's theme is "Belong". Students who have attended in the past have described it as "amazing" and "life changing". We will stay in the college dormitories and eat at the campus cafeterias. Reservations are being taken now. For questions, and to reserve a place, please contact chaperones Bill and Betty Madden at 978-368-7487. More information is also available on-line at steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/conf-east/.

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.

DONATE ONLINE

Online Giving offers families a flexible way to contribute to your weekly offertory, donations and special collections. Visit www.stjohnsclinton.org and choose "online giving" located on top right of the page.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY – April 6, 2019
8:00 AM † James Kerrigan
4:00 PM † Christine Flaherty - 1st Anniversary Req. by her Family

SUNDAY – April 7, 2019
7:30 AM For the People
9:00 AM † Walter & Julia Nosek Req. by Walter & Anna Nosek
10:30 AM † Ciriaco & Geraldine Colella Req. by the Zupicich Family
12:00 PM (Spanish) Thanksgiving for Ethan Hernandez for favor received Req. by the Rodriguez Family

MONDAY – April 8, 2019
12:10 PM † Bernie Gaughan
5:15 PM † Philomena & Victor Rose Req. by their Family

TUESDAY – April 9, 2019
7:00 AM † Nancy McElheney Req. by sisters, Betty & Mary Lou
12:10 PM † Rev. Thomas Walsh

WEDNESDAY – April 10, 2019
7:00 AM † Claudette Quinn
12:10 PM † Gloria Shaughnessy

THURSDAY – April 11, 2019
7:00 AM † Olga Caiazzi
12:10 PM † Carl Petricca

FRIDAY – April 12, 2019
7:00 AM † Theresa Duchnowski Req. by her Family
12:10 PM † Gabriel Liegy

SATURDAY – April 13, 2019
4:00 PM † John T. Gallagher - 4th Anniversary Req. by his Family

SUNDAY – April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday
7:30 AM For the People
9:00 AM For the People
10:30 AM For the People
12:00 PM (Spanish) For the People

Weekly Collection
March 30 & 31, 2019

Sunday Collection $6,406.00

Thank you for your generosity each week!

Baptism Congratulations

to the family of

Hazel Summers-Hodge

May God continue to bless her & her family.

Adorers are needed for Fridays at 4 p.m. 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!

During Lent, **Confessions** will be heard in the Chapel at 7 p.m. on the following Tuesday evenings: March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9, & 16. Confessions are also heard each Saturday at 2:45p.m.

Vigil Lights

April 7 - April 13, 2019

In memory of John T. Gallagher - 4th Anniversary
Req. by his Wife, Daughters, & Grandchildren

In memory of Philomena & Victor Rose

In memory of Emma Prinos - Birthday Remembrance
Req. by her Family

In memory of Walter & Julia Nosek
Req. by Walter & Anna Nosek

In memory of Albert O'Toole - Birthday Remembrance
Req. by his Family

In memory of Raymond R. Paynter, Jr. -
2nd Anniversary Req. by his Wife

In memory of Betty McNally
Req. by Judy Moynihan

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.

Wedding Banns

III Krista Cardarelli
& Michael Fantasia

50th Anniversary Mass & Celebration for Fr. Ray Goodwin

St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish
Sunday, May 5th, 2019 at 2p.m.
Celebrant: Bishop Robert McManus
Reception to follow at the Clinton Elks
All are welcome!

Any questions, please email Sheila Flaherty at sheilaflaherty@yahoo.com

The Hibernians of Our Lady of Knock News:

The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Paul DeBeasi, Chairperson for Roses for Life.

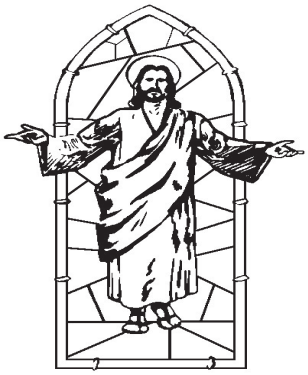
Rice Bowls

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.

Heaven's Door

Someday when we meet Jesus
Up at Heaven's Door
We'll tell Him how much we love Him.
We know He loves us even more.
His arms will be wide open
As we enter through the door
And the joy we'll feel at that moment
Will be ours forever more.

~ T. B.



Every Second Sunday of the Month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. It is a special Sunday when we ask families to bring non-perishable foods to church. If you cannot do it on a particular Sunday, Food Care Donation Boxes are left at entrances to the Parish. Our most needed items are: Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce. Thank you for your help, your donations make it possible for us to serve the less fortunate in our community.

St. John's Gym – 149 Chestnut St - Thursdays: 4 – 6PM

Liturgical Schedule

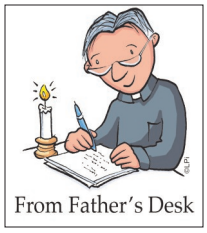
April 6 & 7	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	J. Daley	J. Moynihan	M. Heelan	J. Petracca
EM:	J. Gaughan	J. Moynihan	D. Dunn	W. McNally
	B. Farragher	S. Flaherty	B. Guerin	D. O'Toole
AS:		C. Lucking	V. MacGillivray	A. Petracca
		B. Lucking	C. Fucile	S. Smillie
			E. Fucile	W. Smillie

Pray for Priests

On the bulletin tables are monthly lists of priests of our diocese. Please pray not only for them but also for our seminarians.

Readings for April 7

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



We are in need of a better sound system in our church. The Knights of Columbus are willing to help finance it, but we need donations from parishioners. Checks may be made out to St. John's Church (memo: sound system).

A better sound system will be a great help to the hearing impaired and in fact all of us. It will enable us to be more attentive and more a part of the Mass no matter where we are seated in church.

A one time donation from everyone will be a great help.

April 13 & 14	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	C. Lent	J. Donahue	B. Huff	B. McGregor
EM:	B. Keane	K. Mello	G. Schneck	P. Shibley
	M. Fazio	P. Ball	J. Blette	E. Shibley
			P. Brekka	
AS:	J. Rivera		M. Ward	A. Kelly
			A. Ward	F. Kelly
				R. Kelly

QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

QUERIDA COMUNIDAD HISPANA

En el Evangelio hoy vemos la compasión de Jesús en plena exhibición pública en el templo. Esta historia es igualada solamente por la parábola de Jesús del hijo Pródigo al mostrar el amor y la misericordia de Dios. Si Jesús hubiera consentido en apedrear a la mujer, estaría quebrantando la ley romana y haciendo que la gente desconfiara de él. Sin embargo, negarse a apedrearla podría interpretarse como tratar la Ley de Moisés con demasiada ligereza. Sabiendo que estaban tratando de atraparlo en una trampa, Jesús se agachó y comenzó a escribir en el suelo con el dedo. Persistieron en interrogarlo hasta que Jesús se levantó y dijo: "Cualquiera de vosotros que esté libre de pecado que lance la primera piedra". Esta es la declaración de Jesus acerca de ser juzgados, no sólo hacia la mujer adúltera sino hacia todos los pecadores. Jesús dijo que sólo los que estaban sin pecado eran dignos de tirar la primera piedra, invitándonos a no juzgar a nuestros hermanos. Feliz Semana.

1. Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Abril 28 de 2 a 5 pm. Iglesia Principal.
2. Se invita a los jóvenes y adultos de nuestra comunidad hispana a participar en nuestro viacrucis hispano, el Viernes santo. Encargada: Gloria Robles.
3. Grupo de oracion los viernes a las 6:30 pm

AVISOS IMPORTANTES

- Preparacion pre-bautismal por favor contactar a Karina Mendez, despues de la misa hispana
- Para colocar las intenciones de la misa de 12 cada Domingo. Contactar a Marita Wallace.

"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 7 DE ABRIL	Eucaristia 12 pm	Iglesia principal
DOMINGO 14 DE ABRIL	Eucaristia 12 PM	Iglesia principal