St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. John 19 26-27

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

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Mass Schedule beginning August 19, 2019:

Saturday Vigil	**4 p.m.**
	6 p.m. Portuguese Mass (Chapel)
Sunday	**7:30, 9 & 10:30 a.m.**
	12:10 p.m. Spanish Mass
Monday - Friday	**7 a.m.** (Chapel) **& 6 p.m.**
Saturday	**8 a.m.**
Holy Day Vigil	**6 p.m.**
Holy Day Mass	**7 a.m.,12:10 p.m. & 7 p.m.**

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:
7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday 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. John's Cemetery

Parker Rd, Lancaster
Phone: 978-368-8816

CARE Food Pantry

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

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Dear Friends,

I am very happy to respond to many of you who have asked for an update of the efforts that began some time ago toward an improved sound system for our church.

In May of 2018 experts in church sound systems examined our worship space and recommended a plan for new speakers, an amplifier, a processor, wireless microphones and an assisted listening system. The reputable manufacturers of this equipment are *Bose, Shure, Audio Technica* and *Listen Technologies*.

This plan recommends the installation of eight, new Bose speakers in our church. The estimate for the material and labor for this work totals $20,000. The generous donations that were made between March and June of 2019 towards this improved sound system totals $3,150.Thank you!

Although we have some more fundraising to do, I trust that over the next 70 weeks (aiming for Christmas of 2020 as a goal), that your special, earmarked donations towards a new sound system will meet this $16,850 balance. An average of $241 in special donations per week will bring us to this finish line.

Considering that these improvements would make an immediate, positive impact upon the celebration of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the proclamation of the Word of God, the glorifying of Our Lord in music, and assist the hearing impaired in fully participating in the Mass, I have decided to give this project an immediate "greenlight." If this capital improvement was only cosmetic, or deemed non-essential to our mission, perhaps we could wait another 70 weeks. However, thanks to your great, ongoing, weekly generosity, our general savings account, indeed, is healthy enough to sustain this "temporary loan" until Christmas of 2020. St. John's is, very blessed by such generous parishioners!

I will make fundraising updates in our bulletin every week until we reach our goal. Please signify in your check memo line, or on the outside of an envelope in which a donation is made, that your gift is earmarked for the "new sound system."

I express my heartfelt thanks to our generous March through June donors, and to our generous and faithful Knights of Columbus who initiated these first, important steps of research, planning and fundraising. I also thank them for their generous gift towards these efforts.

In Christ,
Fr. Jim Mazzone

Join Our Team!

We are looking for several volunteer catechists this CCD year (2019-2020). We have openings for:

Saturdays - Levels 1 & 2 - 9-10 a.m.
Sundays - Levels 3 to 7 - 8-8:45 a.m.
Mondays - Levels 3 to 5 - 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Tuesdays - Levels 7 & 8 - 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For more information, please call Ann or John at 978-368-0052 or email ccddirectorstjohnsclinton@gmail.com.

Baptism Congratulations

to the family of

Jeanlee Nieves

May God continue to bless her & her family.

CCD Registration

Hello families! If you have not registered your child (ren) for the 2019-2020 CCD year, please complete the forms and mail them to the rectory at 149 Chestnut St, Clinton 01510 Registration forms can be found on the CCD Table in the Parish Hall or online at https://www.stjohnsclinton.org/forms

Vigil Lights

August 18 - August 24, 2019

In memory of John (Jack) Gour - Wedding Anniversary Remembrance Req. by his Wife

In memory of Olga M. Caiazzi Req. by her Family

Special Intention

In memory of Madeline Ciesluk Req. by Fran Gadoua

In memory of Mel Mastrodomenico Req. by Fran Gadoua

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.

WEEKLY INFO FOR OUR ALTAR SERVERS

Incense boat & Thurible

Thurifer

The smoke of burning incense is a symbol of the prayer of the faithful rising to heaven as mentioned in Psalm 141: "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering."

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY – August 17, 2019
4:00 PM † Viola Garofoli Cooney - 10th Anniversary Req. by her Family
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – August 18, 2019
7:30 AM For the People
9:00 AM † Frederick, Regina & Thomas Niichter Req. by their Family
10:30 AM 53rd Anniversary of Our Lady of Knock Shrine
12:10 PM (Spanish) For the People

MONDAY – August 19, 2019
7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
6:00 PM † Nora Sheridan Req. by her Family

TUESDAY – August 20, 2019
7:00 AM † Joseph Turini
6:00 PM † Michael W. Bodge

WEDNESDAY – August 21, 2019
7:00 AM † Theresa, Frank & Valerio Spinelli Req. by Freddie
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – August 22, 2019
7:00 AM † Michael Freel
6:00 PM Health & Blessings for Millie Potenti

FRIDAY – August 23, 2019
7:00 AM † Jack Anastas
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – August 24, 2019
8:00 AM For Our Families
4:00 PM † Rita Bianchi - 3rd Anniversary Req. by her Family
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – August 25, 2019
7:30 AM For the People
9:00 AM † Shirley Kowalke Req. by her Family
10:30 AM † Thomas F. McQuoid - 10th Anniversary Req. by his Family
12:10 PM (Spanish) For the People

Weekly Collection
August 10 & 11, 2019

Sunday Collection	$6,733.00
Church in Central Europe	$1,583.00

Our Lady of Knock News

Hibernians of Our Lady of Knock volunteers & baked goods needed for our table at the Clinton Olde Home Day on Saturday, September 7 at 9 a.m. Contact Janice at 508-648-4510 for more information.

Catechist Appreciation

Our Catechist Appreciation Event will be taking place on Saturday, August 31st from 5:30p - 7:30p at St. John's Rectory,149 Chestnut St. It will be an open house setting so you may come any time and leave any time.

The menu will include: cheese, crackers, dips, fruit, finger sandwiches, and pastries along with beverages.

Thank you so much to our catechists from the 2018 - 2019 CCD year. We could not have done it without you! We hope to see you there!

Clinton Senior Center News

Meals on Wheels & Lunch at the Center

Meals on Wheels - The Montachusett Opportunity Council offers meals delivered by volunteers each day to homebound persons. To enroll, call 978-345-8501 Ext. 1

Lunch at the Senior Center
Lunch is served daily at the Center, Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. A donation of $3 is suggested. Sign up is required! 978-733-4747

Chicken Shoot Meat Bingo

Saturday, September 28th
St. John's Gym
149 Chestnut Street, Clinton

Doors open at 5:30, serving pizza. Games start at 6:00. Come for a fun family evening and support the St John's CARE Food Pantry. Tickets are $10 to play. There will be a Chinese auction to win many gift certificates and prizes and a raffle to win theme baskets.

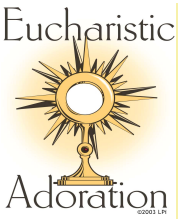
Save the Date! Women's Mini-Retreat - October 19

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester will be having a Mini-Retreat for Women entitled "A Spiritual Path for Healing our Woundedness" on Saturday, October 19 at St. Mary Parish Hall, Main Street, Shrewsbury. Our speaker will be Sr. Kathryn Hermes, FSP, MTS. She is a Daughter of St. Paul and currently directs the Acquisitions Office for Pauline Book and Media Centers.

St. John's Gym Renovation Fundraiser
Saturday, September 14 at 7 p.m.
Turner Hall, 60 Branch St, Clinton

Come out and dance to Joe Pupecki and the Rusty Buckets Band. Reminisce with former director Dan Young and his staff. Tickets are $20 and will be available after all Masses beginning August 31 and also at the Rectory Office. For more information or to donate basket items, contact Marie Sullivan at 978-733-1969 or st.johnspickleball@gmail.com.

Church Calendars... We are seeking a business to act as a third sponsor for our annual "Feasts & Saints" color calendar printed each year for our parish by Catholic Extension. Each year 800 of these beautiful and informative calendars are printed and made available for free to our parishioners in November. 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to impoverished Catholic communities across the United States. As a sponsor, your advertisement will appear prominently on the bottom of this calendar year round. Contact Tammy at 978-368-0366 for more information.



We have an urgent need for two Adorers on Mondays at 5pm. Adorers are also needed for Mondays at 1pm, Tuesdays at 4pm, Wednesdays at 8am & 10am & Thursdays at 2pm For more information, please contact Sue Belfield at 508-869-0508.

Aides are needed to help the Good Shepherd Program each Wednesday morning or afternoon.
For more information, please call Sue at 978-365-2359 or smnohrden@hotmail.com

Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program for PRE-SCHOOL Children Accepting Registrations

St. John's will again be offering a pre-school religious education program called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3, 4, 5 on Sunday mornings from 10-11 AM. If you are interested in helping your child develop a deep, personal relationship with Jesus, and giving them a true desire for Scripture and the Sacraments, please consider registering your child. This class will be led by Mary Pat Heelan. If you have any questions, please contact her at mheelan@worcesterdiocese.org or call 978-582-9243. Registration forms can be found on the CCD table in the Parish Hall or online at https://www.stjohnsclinton.org/forms

Readings for August 18

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Caretaker for Cemetery & Church Wanted:

Full-time cemetery and church caretaker sought for St. John's Parish in Clinton, MA. Apprentice to the present superintendent. 40 hour work-week plus benefits.
Qualifications: Strong work ethic, valid driver's license, 6+ months of general labor or grounds keeping experience. Contact the parish secretary, Mrs. Tammy Van Buren, to schedule an interview: 978-368-0366.

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life

Fr. Mazzone invites parishioners to attend the following prayer sessions:

A 30 week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer. Starting on October 1, 2019. Each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include reflection, direction and presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester adjacent to Clark University.

An information night will be held at Our Lady of the Lake in Leominster, MA on Sunday, August 25th at 6:30pm. Information and an application form is available on the web site: IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com. You can contact the team by e-mail at worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

Liturgical Schedule

August 17 & 18	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	C. Lent	J. Moynihan	B. Huff	D. von Linden
EM:	E. Cowles	J. Moynihan	G. Schneck	W. McNally
	J. Moran	S. Flaherty	W. Bastow	D. Philbin
AS:	N. Stocker		C. Fucile	C. Dalsass
			E. Fucile	N. Dalsass
				J. Dalsass

August 24 & 25	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	S. Belauskas	J. Donahue	M. Pulnik	B. McGregor
EM:	B. Farragher	K. Mello	J. Blette	P. Shibley
	M. Fazio	J. Donahue	D. Dunn	E. Shibley
AS:		C. Lucking	M. Ward	C. Hughes
		B. Lucking	A. Ward	E. Hughes
				E. Hughes

DOMINGO 20 DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

HERMANOS Y HERMANAS:

Nuestra comunidad hispana guiada por Dios a quien nosotros alabamos y pedimos nos guie para seguir caminando se su mano, necesita cada dia de nuestra participacion y compromiso.

El ministerio hispano pertenece a ustedes como comunidad, es por ello que sus ideas y su participacion es fundamental para que nuestro ministerio se fortalezca y crezca.

Los invito a seguir participando de nuestras clases bíblicas los martes y los miércoles a las 6:30 pm, despues de la misa de 6 pm, los Jueves tambien tenemos oracion a la Divina Misericordia y el Viernes tenemos grupo de oracion a las 6:30 pm despues de la misa de 6 pm.

Les deseo informar que a partir de ahora en nuestra parroquia de St John's tendremos Eucaristia todos los dias a las 7 am en la capilla de abajo y a las 6 de la tarde en la Iglesia principal, e igualmente todos los Sabados tendremos Eucaristia a las 8 de la mañana en la Iglesia principal.

Dios les bendiga siempre. Padre Henry Ramirez

1. *"Retiro familiar la paz y el perdón en la familia" Sabado 7 de Septiembre , de 8 am a 3pm. Inscripciones con Nardy y Noel.*
2. *Abiertas las inscripciones para RICA, las clases inician el Martes 30 de Septiembre.*

AVISOS IMPORTANTES

- Preparacion pre-bautismal por favor contactar a Karina Mendez. Despues de misa de 12pm.
- Para colocar las intenciones de la misa de 12 cada Domingo. 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 204." o dejar mensaje en la contestadora.

DOMINGO 18 DE AGOSTO	Eucaristia 12 pm	Iglesia principal
DOMINGO 25 DE AGOSTO	Eucaristia 12 pm	Iglesia principal