

# 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

## Rectory Office:

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## Staff:

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## Mass Schedule:

**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: stjohngymorg@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.

# St. John the Guardian of Our Lady

Dear Friends,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts regarding a schedule for Christmas eve and Christmas day Masses. Many have suggested moving the proposed 6pm Mass to 6:30pm to assist with the crisscross traffic from departing 4pm attendees. Let's plan on that. Also, the annual Christmas Pageant will occur before the 4pm Mass at 3:35pm on Christmas Eve. Overwhelmingly, a midnight Mass is desired. Accordingly, let's plan on glorious celebrations this Christmas at 4pm, 6:30pm, Midnight, 9am, 10:30am, and 12:10pm in Spanish. Please feel free to start spreading the word!

Over the past two months I have enjoyed learning about the amazing history and spirit of volunteerism at the Churches of Our Lady of Jasna Gora, Our Lady of the Rosary, and St. John the Evangelist. You have been mighty ambassadors of Christ in building the Kingdom of God.

Through my many meetings and conversations, these common thoughts have been repeatedly expressed, "Father, we love our parish, and we are ready to help you with anything you need . . . People just want to be asked . . . They just simply need to be asked, and they'll come forward." What wonderful words for a pastor to hear!

Therefore, in addition to our ongoing need for catechists and adorers, I ask you, please, to pray about the opportunities to serve at our parish as lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and as altar servers. To ensure fidelity to the Church's guidelines, some phrases below are taken directly from the General Instruction of the Roman Missal and from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

First, I would like to write about the opportunity to serve as **lectors** in our parish. The lector is instituted to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture (with the exception of the Gospel) and in the absence of a psalmist, recites the Psalm between the readings. In the absence of a Deacon, the lector may announce the intentions of the Universal Prayer. The reverence shown to proclaiming the Sacred Scriptures to the assembly is expressed through one's preparedness, delivery (especially a proper volume and pace), demeanor, and attire.

Second, in the celebration of the Eucharist, when the size of the congregation requires it, a sufficient number of **extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion** should be present to distribute Holy Communion in a reverent and orderly manner. This reverence is expressed through their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the Eucharist. Appointed Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should receive sufficient spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their role with

knowledge and reverence.

Regarding these two ministries, many of you have mentioned that you would be willing to volunteer (lectors), or be open to appointment (EMHC), if you could be seated with your families until the time in the Mass your ministry is required and thus forego donning albs, or entering in procession. You have mentioned that the homily would be received better by being seated in front of the homilist as well. Many parishes have had this tradition in our Diocese for decades. Therefore, this is under serious consideration for the sake of recruiting and appointing future ministers.

Third, new **altar servers** should have already received Holy Communion for the first time, and possess the maturity to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out with reverence. The parish should offer to its altar servers proper formation before they begin to serve; that is, instruction on the Mass, instruction on the various objects used in the liturgy, the various functions of the server during the Mass, and on maintaining proper decorum and vesture. After many years of altar server training by Paul Keane, I have asked Paul if he would be willing to pass that responsibility into my hands so that I may get to know our present and future altar servers better through continued recruitment and training. Thank you, Paul, for passing on the baton, and for your twenty years of generous, faithful service! Job well done! Fr. Ramirez and I both will share in the training of lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

Lastly, may I ask your thoughts on 1) restoring the group of prayerful volunteers "The Women of Mary" and 2) creating a counterpart group "The Men of St. Joseph" in our parish? These new, multicultural, intergenerational groups would be open to women and girls, and men and boys of all ages. With Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph as patrons, I am confident that these groups would be an amazing force for both ministry and labor for years to come in our beloved parish. Please pray about all of these opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters, and let me know your thoughts.

In Christ, Fr. Jim Mazzone



# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019



## Readings for September 8

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA classes are for those who want to become Catholic and to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. It is also for

those adults who are Catholic and are baptized, but who may not have received Holy Communion or Confirmation. This program will take place on Sunday afternoons from 3 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Rectory beginning October 13. Those adults interested in receiving the sacraments please contact Fr. Mazzone at father-jamesmazzone@gmail.com or at 508-340-5788.



### SATURDAY – September 7, 2019

- 8:00 AM For Our Families
- 4:00 PM † Joseph & Marilyn Clisham Req. by the Clisham Family
- 6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

### SUNDAY – September 8, 2019

- 7:30 AM For the People
- 9:00 AM † Robert T. Pirelli Req. by James & Jodi Pirelli
- 10:30 AM † Joseph H. Pasquale Req. by his Family
- 12:10 PM (Spanish) For the People

### MONDAY – September 9, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 6:00 PM † Joseph A. & Edith J. Pasquale Req. by their Family

### TUESDAY – September 10, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Theresa Cocchiola
- 6:00 PM Health & Blessings for Maryanne Castillo

### WEDNESDAY – September 11, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Tom Black
- 6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

### THURSDAY – September 12, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Barbara Campbell - 8th Anniversary Req. by her Family
- 6:00 PM † Dominic Angelini

### FRIDAY – September 13, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Paul Bradley
- 6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY – September 14, 2019

- 8:00 AM For Our Families
- 4:00 PM † Mary Moore Fallon - 3rd Anniversary Req. by her Husband & Family
- 6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

### SUNDAY – September 15, 2019

- 7:30 AM For the People
- 9:00 AM † John J. Gibbons, Sr. Req. by his Family
- 10:30 AM † Peter & Theresa Adrienne Staffon Req. by Gloria Goodnow
- 12:10 PM (Spanish) For the People

## CCD Registration

Hello families! CCD Classes are right around the corner! If you have not signed up your child(ren) for classes yet, we will be downstairs at the church hall to assist you in signing them up on Saturday 9/7 from 4:30-6pm and Sunday 9/8 from 9am-12pm. Please bring a check. Cost is \$35 per child, max \$100 per family.

### First Day of CCD Classes

The first class for Levels K, 1, and 2 will be on 9/14  
The first classes for Levels 3 - 10 Sundays will be on 9/15  
The first classes for Levels 3 - 5 Mondays will be 9/16  
The first classes for Levels 6 - 8 Tuesdays will be 9/17

We are looking forward to beginning the year and seeing you all soon!



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



## Vigil Lights

September 8 - September 14, 2019

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

In memory of Joseph Long Req. by the Champagne's

In memory of Elmo & Carmella Garofoli - Birthday Remembrances Req. by their Family

## Weekly Collection

August 31 & September 1, 2019

Sunday Collection	\$7,602.00
Parish Development Fund	\$2,370.00

**4th Annual Chicken Shoot Meat Bingo  
to benefit the CARE Food Pantry**

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>  
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.

*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.

**Join Our Team!**

With CD starting shortly, we are still in need of a few catechists. We have openings for the following days & times:

- Saturday - Levels K & 2 - 9-10am
- Sundays - Levels 4 to 7 - 8-8:45 a.m.
- Mondays - Levels 3 - 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays - Levels 8 - 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

**Regional Eucharistic Adoration**

Adorers are needed for Mondays at 5pm, Wednesdays at 8am, Thursdays at 2pm & Fridays at 2pm. For more information, please contact Sue Belfield at 508-869-0508.

**Baptism Congratulations**

*to the family of  
James Burgwinkel  
May God continue to  
bless him & his family.*



**Safe Environment**

Creating a safe environment in the Church is not only our responsibility but also what Christ himself taught by helping those who suffer and calling us to love one another.

Office for Healing & Prevention  
508-929-4363.



We have exceeded our goal of \$92,800 by raising \$93,308. The generosity of you, the parishioners, is truly miraculous!



**Our Lady of Knock News**

Our next monthly meeting and penny sale will be held on Thursday, September 12 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Fr. Mazzone.



III Kimberly Brennan  
& John O'Loughlin

**New Parish Sound System**  
Help us reach our goal!



St. Joseph the Good Provider 66th Annual Fall Fair  
Sunday, September 8  
9:30am - 4pm  
52 West St, Berlin

"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God.

USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts"

September 7 & 8	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	C. Lent	J. Moynihan	D. Dunn	G. Grady
EM:	C. Schlegel	J. Moynihan	C. MacGillivray	W. McNally
	S. Segelhorst	A. Dziokonski	G. Schneck	D. Philbin
AS:		C. Lucking	V. MacGillivray	A. Kelly
		B. Lucking	S. Pirelli	F. Kelly
				R. Kelly

September 14 & 15	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	S. Belauskas	S. Soldi	M. Heelan	T. Comeau
EM:	E. Cowles	S. Flaherty	J. Blette	P. Shibley
	B. Farragher	K. Mello	M. Pulnik	E. Shibley
				D. O'Toole
AS:	N. Stocker		C. Fucile	L. Iacoviello
			E. Fucile	W. Ortiz
				N. Kottensteette

# DOMINGO 23 DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

APRECIADA COMUNIDAD HISPANA

En el evangelio de este Domingo 8 de Septiembre Jesus hace una revelacion, diciendo, si alguien viene a mi sin odiar incluso su propia vida no puede ser mi discipulo. Jesus quiere que nuestro amor por Dios sea lo mas importante y que sobrepase todo amor humano colocando a Dios como lo mas importante en nuestras vidas, solo asi, tendremos la certeza que estaremos a salvo en sus manos y El cuidara de todas nuestras preocupaciones y de nuestros seres queridos. El evangelio de hoy nos invita a recibir a Dios como lo mas importante y al mismo tiempo nos motiva a cargar con nuestra cruz diaria, ya que sin asumir nuestra cruz no podremos santificarnos. Es solo a traves de una vida asumida con serenidad en los buenos y en los malos momentos como nosotros podremos liberarnos de nuestros sufrimientos. Solo quien assume y acepta su vida y a partir de alli cambia, convierte y transforma su corazon a Dios es capaz de experimentar el amor sanador de Dios y compartirlo.

Dejemos que Dios sane y santifique nuestras vidas con su amor.

Una feliz y bendecida semana para todos. P. Henry Ramirez



1. Se necesitan adoradores para los Miercoles a las 8 am, Lunes a las 5 pm. y Jueves y Viernes a las 2 pm.
2. Abiertas las inscripciones para RICA, las clases inician el Martes 30 de Septiembre a las 6: 45 pm en el salón 14.



## **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 8 DE SEPTIEMBRE  
Habra Confesiones despues de la Eucaristia

Eucaristia 12 pm

Iglesia principal

DOMINGO 15 DE SEPTIEMBRE  
Habra Confesiones despues de la Eucaristia

Eucaristia 12 pm

Iglesia principal