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

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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 - For more information about Adoration call: 508-869-0508.

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotion:

Mondays following the 6 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,

Like many of you, I have happy memories of our late Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Tom Walsh. His portrait hangs in the pastor's office here in the rectory, and his presence is still warmly felt all around Clinton. I enjoy reading his many "Dear Friends" entries from over the years. Recently, when I read his words below, it struck me that these could be my own words with the single edit from "forty" to "twenty." The priesthood is such a wonderful life, and the Eucharist is the greatest gift to mankind. Peace, Fr. Jim

[May 4, 2008] "Dear Friends: After forty years of celebrating the Eucharist I am still in awe of it all. A priest is like a porter, someone who is appointed to open the door and welcome a very special guest to the assembled group. No proof is required when that guest is present. It only takes a second of recognition. It is something like when someone has come into the room you feel the presence but have not turned to greet him or her. I don't see how a priest could ever take it for granted. It is new and mysterious and special each time regardless of how I feel or mood I am in. What a privilege to celebrate the Eucharist and along with to receive that very special guest, Jesus Christ. I hope and pray all the children and adults who receive the Lord for the first time this Spring can catch hold of that and treasure this gift. Peace, Fr. Walsh."

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14) Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should overflow with gratitude.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes meet Sundays from 3-4 p.m. at the Rectory, 149 Chestnut St. There is still more room for those adults who wish to become Catholic or need to complete their sacraments including Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Call Fr. Jim at the Rectory for more information 978-368-0366 x208.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31
ALL SAINTS VIGIL MASS ~ 6PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
ALL SAINTS MASS ~ 7AM (CHAPEL)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
ALL SAINTS MASS ~ 12:10PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1
ALL SAINTS MASS ~ 7PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
ALL SOULS MASS ~ 8AM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
MASS & REMEMBRANCES ~ 4PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3
ROSARY AT CEMETERY ~ 2PM

Fill That Truck!

Level 8 Fill That Truck Campaign, partnered with our Care Food Pantry, will be taking place on Saturday, November 2nd, and Sunday, November 3rd, during all Masses. Any non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated and may be placed in the designated location. 8th level students will be loading a truck with all gifted food items in hopes of filling it and sharing it with those in our community. We thank the 8th level students and their catechists for their work in this project!

Vigil Lights

October 27 - November 2, 2019

In memory of Joseph Prendergast Req. by his Family

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

In memory of Richard & Alice (Gibbons) Hanney
Req. by Ellen & Kate

In memory of John "Red" McNally - Birthday Remembrance Req. by his Wife & Children

In memory of Barbara "BJ" Sullivan
Req. by the Jewels

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.

Join us for ***1st Friday Mass and Devotion*** to the Sacred Heart on Friday, November 1 at 7 a.m. in the Chapel and ***1st Saturday Mass, Devotion and Rosary*** on Saturday, November 2 at 8 a.m. in the Upper Church.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY – October 26, 2019
8:00 AM For Our Families
4:00 PM † Deceased members of the Murphy & Sheridan Families
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – October 27, 2019
7:30 AM For the People
9:00 AM † Francis Parker Req. by his Daughter
10:30 AM † Jill Rose Genelli Req. by sister, Jennifer
12:10 PM (Spanish) In Thanksgiving for Ralph Rodriguez on his 23rd Birthday

MONDAY – October 28, 2019
7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
6:00 PM † Jean D. McAuliffe Req. by Freddie & the McAuliffe Family

TUESDAY – October 29, 2019
7:00 AM † Alex Doucette - Birthday Remembrance Req. by his Family
6:00 PM † Peter Manning Req. by the Manning Family

WEDNESDAY – October 30, 2019
7:00 AM † Donald L. Brannelly & son, Donald M. Brannelly Req. by their Family
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – October 31, 2019
7:00 AM † Henry "Hank" Poole, recipient of the Medal of Honor & Medal of Valor Req. by his Family
6:00 PM † Ted Wolf - Birthday Remembrance Req. by wife, Tammy

FRIDAY – November 1, 2019 - All Saints Day
7:00 AM For the People
12:10 PM † Anthony, Ruth & Alfred Sandini Req. by the Sandini Family
7:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – November 2, 2019
8:00 AM † Mary E. McIntyre
4:00 PM All Souls Mass
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – November 3, 2019
7:30 AM † Jack Moynihan - 1st Anniversary Req. by his Wife & Children
9:00 AM † Francis Ward - 1st Anniversary Req. by his Family
10:30 AM For the People
12:10 PM (Spanish) For the People

Food Drive

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting non-perishable food items for their annual Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive. Last year approximately 50 individuals and families were assisted because of your generosity. Collection Bins are located at all the entrances to the church. The Society's members and those we serve, appreciate your kindness.

Annual Coats for Kids Drive

Clinton Council #1701 of the Knights of Columbus will be colleting coats for our annual "Coats for Kids" program. New or gently used coats are requested. Collection will be on all Saturdays in October from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. John's Gym. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Distribution will be on Saturday, November 2.

Not willing to let go of your marriage?

Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, (NEXT WEEKEND IS NOVEMBER 8-10) contact our registration team 508-271-7155, or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

Weekly Collection
October 19 & 20, 2019

Sunday Collection	$6,189.00
World Mission Sunday	$1,677.00

November 2019 Second Collections:
November 1 - All Saints Day
November 3 - Parish Development Fund
November 10 - Fuel Offering
November 17 - Christmas Flowers
November 24 - Campaign for Human Development

New Parish Sound System

Help us reach our goal!

In the past week, we have raised another $5,700.00 towards our goal for the new sound system. Thank you!

On Sunday afternoon, November 3rd, at 2pm, we will have our annual *All Souls Rosary Procession* at our parish cemetery. We will pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary while processing through the cemetery. Families with young children certainly should feel free to bring strollers and wagons for this time of prayer in our cemetery.

Readings for October 27

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Adorers are needed for Mondays at 10am, Tuesdays at 11 am, Wednesdays at 3pm and 6pm and Thursdays at 2pm.

STOP TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTION

This summer many Pro-life organizations worked together and successfully launched a ballot initiative to stop our tax dollars from going to abortion in the Commonwealth. The Mass Attorney General's office approved the proposed ballot language and now OUR work begins.

To have the proposed amendment appear on the 2020 ballot, we must gather 80,239 signatures and submit them to local election officials by November 20, 2019. This is doable if we all work hard.

Signatures need to be gathered. Below are ways you can help:

1. Contact Robert Aufiero at robert@renewmacoalition.org for information about signing the petition.
2. Sign up to volunteer.
3. Email Tom Harvey, Chariman of MA Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortion, for participation details attom@stoptaxpayerabortion.org.

Second Collection October 26/27

Each year the generosity of the parishioners of St John's is overwhelming. The Society is asking again this year for your generous support. All funds collected are used to help those who have come upon financial difficulties due to loss of employment, lack of work, an illness or simply just trying to make ends meet. Last year we were able to assist over 100 individuals and families, and the need continues to be great. Please be as generous as you can and know that you are directly helping the Society help others. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

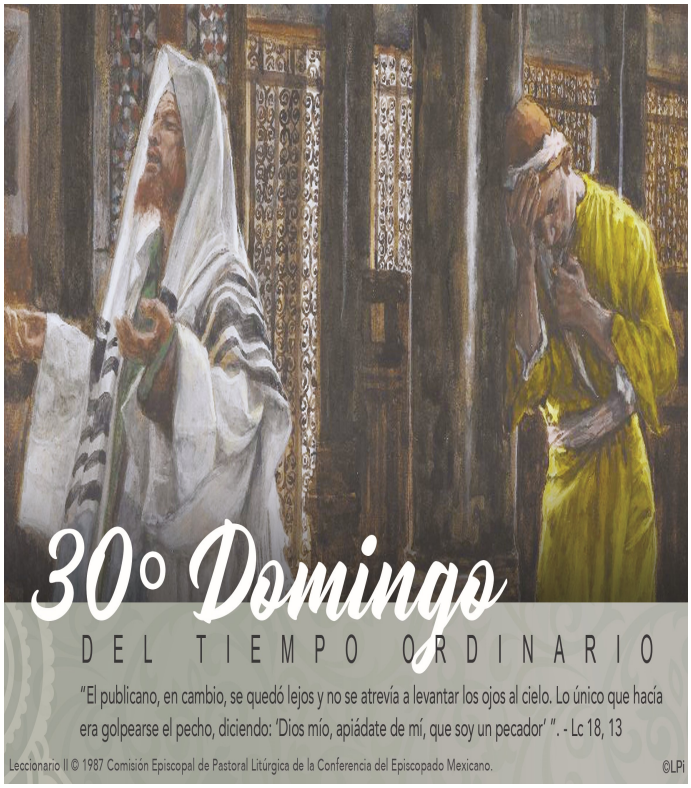
The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary are sponsoring a Day of Prayer for women at Presentation Convent, 99 Church St, Leominster on Saturday, November 2. Sr. Charlene O'Leary, PBVM and Elaine Ford will be the presenters. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. with refreshments and will end by 2:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity for quiet reflection and sharing. Lunch will be included. Free will offerings are accepted. In an effort tto assist those less fortunate, we invite each participant to donate one item of nonperishable food. To register, please contact Sr. Mary Anne Seliga at 978-537-7108.

Liturgical Schedule

October 26 & 27	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	C. Lent	P. Kerrigan	B. Huff	B. McGregor
EM:	J. Moran	P. Ball	J. Blette	C. Burgoyne
	C. Schlegel	K. Mello	D. Dunn	K. Burgwinkle
			P. Brekka	
AS:			M. Ward	L. Iacoviello
			A. Ward	W. Ortiz
				N. Kottenstette

November 2 & 3	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	S. Belauskas	S. Soldi	M. Pulnik	T. Comeau
EM:	S. Segelhorst	D. DiTullio	K. O'Loughlin	W. McNally
	J. Gaughan	P. Cherubini	C. MacGillivray	D. O'Toole
AS:	N. Stocker	C. Lucking	V. MacGillivray	O. Schmitt
		B. Lucking		L. Schmitt
				P. Schmitt

DOMINGO 30 DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO



Apreciada comunidad hispana.

Siracides nos dice que Dios es justo y no se parcializa y que escucha el llanto y las oraciones de los mas vulnerables.

En el evangelio de hoy Jesus nos cuenta la parabola del fariseo y el recaudador de impuestos quienes van al temple a orar. Jesus nota la humildad del recolector de impuestos al reconocer su pecado y su necesidad de ser perdonado, entretanto dice que la soberbia del fariseo al reconocerse perfecto no le permitio salir justificado.

Mientras que la soberbia es la raiz del pecado, la humildad es la tierra fertil en la cual una vida de virtud puede crecer. En cuanto mayor Reconozcamos nuestra necesidad de Dios y su Misericordia de igual forma nos abriremos a la gracia que Dios desea regalarnos.

Es solo cuando nos alejamos de Dios, que no permitimos que su gracia y su Misericordia nos toque. Acerquemos a El con humildad y mucha fe.

Feliz semana. P. Henry Ramirez

1. Confesiones despues de la misa hispana de 12: 10 cada Domingo.
2. Octubre 15 al 31, tendremos los Rosarios en las casas a las 6:45 pm, Ver el mural o la pagina de la comunidad hispana.
3. Rica, Rito de iniciación Cristiana adultos, los Martes a las 6:45 pm Salón 14.

AVISOS IMPORTANTES

1. Preparacion pre-bautismal por favor contactar a Karina Mendez. misa de 12pm.
2. Para colocar las intenciones de la Eucaristia cada Domingo. Contactar a: Marita Wallace. 9787515289
3. "Sacramento de confesion" Sabados de 2:45 a 3:45 Capilla de abajo o pedir cita durante la semana con padre Henry Ramirez al 978-3680366 extension 204." o dejar mensaje en la contestadora.