St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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

"This is the one about whom it is written:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.
Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been
none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of
heaven is greater than he." — Mt 11:10-11

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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:

149 Chestnut St, Clinton, MA 01510
Hours: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Phone: 978-368-0366 Fax: 978-368-4359
Email: stjohnclintonma@gmail.com
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Staff:

Marc DeMille - Music Director—978-368-0366
George DiLorenzo – Superintendent, St. John's Cemetery /Facilities Manager 978-368-8816
Ann Dziokonski – Director of Religious Education - 978-368-0052 & Elder & Homebound Ministry - 978-368-0366
Matthew Kobus – Director of St. John's Gym – 978-365-9085
Rev. Jim Mazzone – Pastor - 508-340-5788 fatherjamesmazzone@gmail.com
John O'Malley - Co-Director of Religious Education- 978-368-0052
Ellen Turini – Safe Environment Coordinator – 978-368-0366
Tammy Van Buren – Office Manager – 978-368-0366

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:

To have your child baptized and/or to register for the baptismal preparation class, contact the parish secretary at 978-368-0366 x201.

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.

St. John the Guardian of Our Lady

Dear Friends,

I write to share some exciting news with you regarding our efforts to be more accessible to you in the day-to-day rhythm of parish life.

In the coming months, the offices of the priests and parish secretary will be relocated to the Church hall where much of the daily "action" of the parish takes place.

The kitchen space will be subdivided to maintain a kitchenette area. However, the majority of the present kitchen space will become the parish secretary's office.

The chapel sacristy will become Fr. Henry's office. The photocopier room that is also used once a week by the St. Vincent de Paul Society will become my office.

Both of the chapel confessionals will remain entirely functional, as is. However, one of them will also serve as a simple sacristy for daily, morning Mass in the chapel.

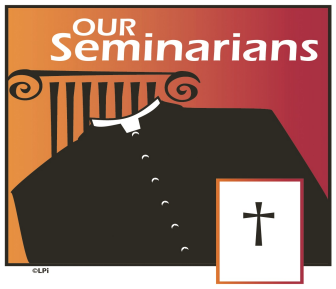
These changes will create many more opportunities for Fr. Henry and me to cross paths daily with the children and teens in our religious education programs, individuals visiting our chapel for prayer and adoration, individuals attending our many weekly meetings and devotions, and those seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation or some spiritual direction while out and about in the neighborhood of our Church.

Also, while walking through the Church hall you may conveniently visit with our parish secretary, Tammy Van Buren, between 9am and 5pm on weekdays to request Masses, obtain sacramental records, to register at the parish, to initiate baptism and wedding scheduling, or to conduct any other church business.

We are blessed to be able to execute this relocation of offices at minimal cost and with great ease. Also, these new office spaces are ideal regarding their handicap accessibility. Fr. Henry and I are looking forward to seeing much more of you in the day-to-day activities of our beloved St. John's Church!

In Christ,
Fr. Jim

We are in need of Adorers to fill the following time slots: Mondays at 3pm, Tuesdays at 4pm, Wednesdays at 3pm & 4pm and Thursdays at 2pm & 7pm. Please call Sue Belfield at 508-869-0508.



Please take a gift tag and assist our seminarians with seminary, study or ministry related items needed for their academic studies. Tags are located on the Giving Tree at the back of the church. Thank you!

In memory of Alice M. Winkler - Birthday Remembrance Req. by her Nieces

In memory of Mildred D. McNally on her 23rd Anniversary

In memory of Thomas Nüchter - Birthday Remembrance Req. by his Family

In memory of Mario Caiazzi Req. by the Family

In memory of Jack & Bernie McGrail

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 or in the **Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel** in the lower level of the church. Donation is $1, however, any donation is accepted.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

The St. Vincent de Paul Society extends its gratitude to the all who donated food to our annual Thanksgiving Basket drive, because of your generosity, we were able to distribute 50 boxes of food to individuals and families in need.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY – December 14, 2019
8:00 AM For Our Families
4:00 PM † John (Jack) Gour - 1st Anniversary Req. by his Wife
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – December 15, 2019
7:30 AM † Lorraine Notaro - Birthday Remembrance Req. by her Family
9:00 AM For the People
10:30 AM † Dolores Farragher Req. by her Family
12:10 PM (Spanish) In Thanksgiving for David & Flory Gonzalez on their 38th Anniversary Req. by Flia Gonzalez

MONDAY – December 16, 2019
7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
6:00 PM † Victor Cavaco Req. by his Wife & Children

TUESDAY – December 17, 2019
7:00 AM † Malvina Cowles - 11th Anniversary Req. by her Family
6:00 PM † Pio Forgione Req. by his Family

WEDNESDAY – December 18, 2019
7:00 AM † Eleanor Philbin
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – December 19, 2019
7:00 AM † Charles J. Moran
6:00 PM † Gloria M. Shaughnessy - 1st Anniversary Req. by her Children

FRIDAY – December 20, 2019
7:00 AM Health & Blessings for Joe Edwards, Jr. & sister, Roberta Edwards Kettlewell
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – December 21, 2019
8:00 AM For Our Families
4:00 PM † Brian Noone Req. by wife, Rosalie
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – December 22, 2019
7:30 AM † Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Duhamel Req. by their Family
9:00 AM For the People
10:30 AM † Irene Wilson - 25th Anniversary Req. by her Family
12:10 PM For the People

March for Life Registration Information now available!

Plan now to attend the 47th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020!

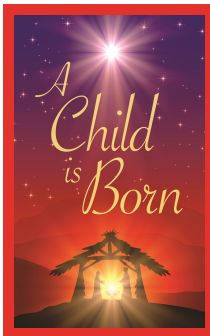
Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, January 23 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 25. Cost is $80 per seat for registrations postmarked by December 31, and $95 thereafter. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until all seats are full, or until Jan. 13, whichever comes first. For more details and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org. Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank you!

Confessions

Just a reminder that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday afternoon from 2:45pm to 3:45pm in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel. This Sacrament is offered after all 7am weekday Masses in this same chapel. Further, we are pleased to hear your confession by request before or after any weekday evening Mass or any weekend Mass as well. Simply approach Fr. Goodwin, Fr. Ramirez, or myself anytime. -Fr. Mazzone

Weekly Collection
December 7 & 8, 2019

Sunday Collection	$6,116.00
Parish Development Fund	$2,361.00



TUESDAY – December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve
1 PM - 3 PM Confessions
3:30 PM Christmas Pageant
4:00 PM Vigil Mass
6:30 PM Vigil Mass
12 AM Midnight Mass

WEDNESDAY – December 25, 2019
Christmas Day
9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
12:00 PM(Spanish) Christmas Day Mass

Third Sunday of Advent

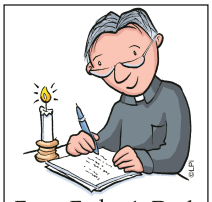
"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." (James 5:8)

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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.

The Guild of St. Agnes is sponsoring our annual Giving Tree at St. John's Church. Your gifts will help many families in our area who are struggling financially. All *unwrapped* gifts should be returned to the church by Monday, December 23.



Fr. Mazzone is seeking the help of anyone who might have the skills to reupholster 5 kneelers and 5 chairs which will be used in the new Sts. Flavia & Faustina Chapel. Contact Fr. Mazzone at fatherjamesmazzone@gmail.com or at 508-340-5788 if you can assist. Thank you.

Graduate theology courses at Anna Maria College

Anna Maria College is offering three graduate theology courses in the spring and early summer of 2020. Fr. David Cotter is teaching a 3-credit course on Old Testament Pentateuch and Historical Books on Thursday evenings from January 9 to March 26. Fr. Cotter is also teaching a 3-credit course on Old Testament Prophets, again on Thursday evenings, from April 16 to June 25. Dr. Lisa Gulino is teaching a 3-credit course on Theology of Pastoral Ministry on Tuesday evenings from April 14 to June 23. Tuition (with diocesan discount) is $1170 per course (diocesan school employees are eligible for an additional discount). Audit fees are $345 per course. For more information, please email mtumeinski@annamaria.edu.

Liturgical Schedule

December 14 & 15	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	J. Daley	J. Donahue	R. Cronin	T. Comeau
EM:	B. Keane	J. Donahue	J. Blette	S. Belfield
	J. Moran	K. Mello	B. Guerin	B. Belfield
			P. Brekka	
AS:	N. Stocker	B. Gibbons	C. Fucile	L. Iacoviello
			E. Fucile	W. Ortiz
				N. Kottenstette

December 21 & 22	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	S. Belauskas	J. Moynihan	D. Dunn	T. Duff
EM:	C. Schlegel	J. Moynihan	K. O'Loughlin	C. Burgoyne
	S. Segelhorst	P. Cherubini	M. Pulnik	K. Burgwinkle
AS:			M. Ward	O. Schmitt
			A. Ward	L. Schmitt
				P. Schmitt

Readings for the week of December 15 to 21

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/ Lk 1:39-45

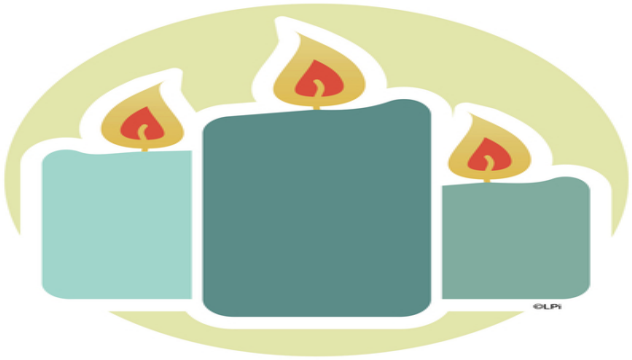
TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

QUERIDA COMUNIDAD DE FE

Las posadas son un medio para preparar con alegría y oración nuestro corazón para la venida de Jesucristo, y para recordar y vivir los momentos que pasaron José y María antes del Nacimiento de Jesús.
Debemos vivir las tradiciones y costumbres navideñas con el significado interior y no sólo el exterior para preparar nuestro corazón para el nacimiento de Jesús.
En nuestra comunidad hispana como es tradi-cion Celebramos las posadas cada año en los diferentes hogares que se inscriben en la lista abierta que colocamos en el mural.
Espero que esta experiencia de nacimiento de Jesus nos sirva para mirar con mucha fe la vida a pesar de las dificultades que encontramos en el camino. Con Fe. P. Henry Ramirez

1. Se necesitan adoradores para los Lunes a las 3 pm, Martes 4 pm, Miercoles 3, 4, 6 pm y Jueves a las 2 pm.

2. POSADAS NAVIDEÑAS, desde el 15 al 23 de Diciembre, puede inscribir su hogar para orar.



FELIZ NAVIDAD

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.