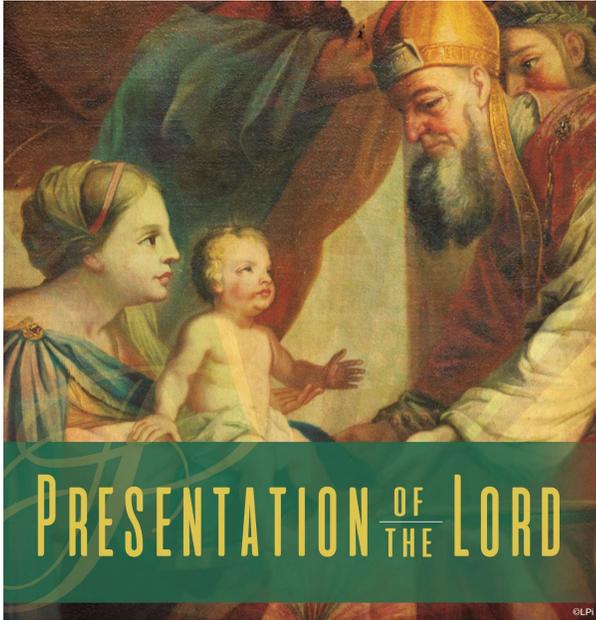


St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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



Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." — Lk 2:34-35

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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.

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 Sue Belfield: 508-869-0508.

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotion:

Mondays following the 6 p.m. Mass

St. John the Guardian of Our Lady

Dear Friends,

Many of us have plants in our homes that began as seedlings or small sprouts of leaves. Over the years we've watered, fertilized and have renewed its soil. It's beautiful to watch things grow from humble beginnings. It's good for the soul to call to mind the "early days" and to appreciate "growth in its fullness."

Twenty-five years ago the idea of starting Eucharistic Adoration at St. John's Church began with a small group of women who met weekly calling themselves the "Mother's Group."

They discussed among themselves the proposition of weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. They brought their thoughts to Fr. Walsh, and he suggested that they begin with one day of adoration per week (Fridays) in the upper Church. At that time, the Blessed Sacrament remained in the tabernacle. It was not exposed in a monstrance.

After some time, interest and participation grew to the point where more days were added to the weekly adoration schedule. However, to move toward the Blessed Sacrament being exposed in a monstrance for adoration, many people would be needed from several local parishes, and a schedule would need to be created and monitored as well.

With Fr. Walsh's blessings, this proposal was shared with the parishes in Clinton, Berlin, Bolton, Harvard, Lancaster, Sterling, and West Boylston.

The invitation was enthusiastically received, and with the cooperation from the local Catholic churches, the Bishop approved a regional Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

This is how the Our Lady of Guadalupe Regional Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at St. John the Evangelist Church bloomed into being.

By April 15, 1996 adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was scheduled Monday through Friday from 7am to 9pm. Therefore, April 15 is a very special day in the history of our region of the Diocese. Next year, in 2021, we will celebrate the chapel's 25th anniversary.

We have been entrusted with such a profoundly beautiful responsibility. As pastor, I joyfully join the dedicated group of our chapel's caretakers.

Just recently our need for adorers ticked up to seven particular hours during the course of our seventy hours per week. This is higher than usual, and so I wanted to get the word out that we have some necessary "watering, fertilizing and soil replacement" at this time in regard to our adoration scheduling.

I invite all of you to commit to an hour of weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In a special way I also invite the younger generations of parishioners in their teens, 20s, 30s & 40s to step up to assist. I know that any sacrifices made to honor this

commitment will be greatly rewarded by the spiritual growth that accompanies so great an hour spent.

As we move toward our 25th anniversary in 2021 (save the celebration-date evening of Saturday, April 17, 2021), let us redouble our efforts to ensure a strong and faithful future for our treasured Our Lady of Guadalupe Regional Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

Thank you, in advance, for praying about this invitation. In this bulletin you'll find the particular hours that required coverage, and Sue Belfield's phone number. For your prayerful reflection regarding this invitation, I have printed below four quotations from four great saints of our Church.

In Christ, Fr. Jim

"When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength." - St. Teresa of Calcutta

"Do not think that Jesus Christ is forgetful of you, since he has left you Himself, as the greatest memorial and pledge of his love, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar." - St. Alphonsus Liguori

"How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him, you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment." - St. John Chrysostom

"When Our Lord sees pure souls coming to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament He smiles on them. They come with the simplicity that pleases Him so much." - St. John Vianney

20th Anniversary Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important 20th Anniversary Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 28. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Dr. Scott Hahn (two presentations), Luis Soto (in English and Spanish) and with Bishop Robert Reed of Boston speaking on the need for confession. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 11th, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY – February 1, 2020

- 8:00 AM For Our Families
4:00 PM † Edward Jablonski - Birthday Remembrance
Req. by his Children
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – February 2, 2020

- 7:30 AM For the People
9:00 AM † John Botelho Req. by his Family
10:30 AM † Frank Beirne Req. by the Beirne Family
12:10 PM (Spanish) In thanksgiving for Pamela Marie
Diaz Portorreal on her birthday Req. by her
Family

MONDAY – February 3, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
6:00 PM † Michael Michaud Req. by Mom, Dad &
Matt

TUESDAY – February 4, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Mary E. McIntyre - 1st Anniversary
6:00 PM † Eleanor Howe & son, Ron Howe Req. by
Smiley

WEDNESDAY – February 5, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Michael Shaughnessy
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – February 6, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Jack Cowles - 12th Anniversary Req. by
his Wife & Family
6:00 PM † Marguerite & Eleanor Philbin Req. by the
Beirne Family

FRIDAY – February 7, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Nancy (Nicholas) McElheney Req. by
sisters, Betty & Mary Lou
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – February 8, 2020

- 8:00 AM For Our Families
4:00 PM † Glen Dombroski - 12th Anniversary Req.
by his parents, Bo & Matthew
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – February 9, 2020

- 7:30 AM For the People
9:00 AM † Myriam Pinzon Req. by Mr. & Mrs.
Dallacasa
10:30 AM † Jose Silva Req. by his Family
12:10 PM (Spanish) For the People

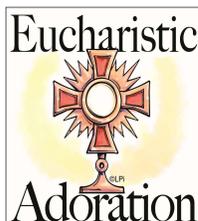
Pray for Priests

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



Eucharistic Pro-Life Adoration Prayer Cenacle

Join us in the Chapel on the **first and last Thursdays of the month from 7 to 8 p.m.** to pray to end abortion and stop the Infanticide Law pending in Massachusetts. We will hold a Prayer Cenacle including prayer petitions, Holy Rosary, Litany for Life and private prayer.
For more information email jane_jacobs1@comcast.net



We are in need of Adorers to fill the following time slots: Mondays at 3pm, Tuesdays at 10am, 1pm & 4pm, Wednesdays at 10am & 3pm and Thursdays at 2pm. Please call Sue Belfield at 508-869-0508.



Vigil Lights February 2 - February 8, 2020

*In memory of Charlene Tomolo - Birthday
Remembrance Req. by her sister, Judy*

*In memory of Stella Desautels - 12th Anniversary
Req. by daughter, Janice*

*In memory of John Child - 7th Anniversary
Req. by his Wife*

*Gods blessings & prayers for Marie
Req. by her loving brother, Ricky*

In memory of Ron Howe Req. by his sister, Smiley

If you wish to light a vigil light candle for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. Cost is \$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.



Weekly Collection January 25 & 26, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$6,853.00
Special Collection, Puerto Rico	\$1,714.00

In addition to our weekend collections, we report the following additional funds through the mail & online giving for the month of January: \$9,705.50

ANNUAL WORCESTER DIOCESE PRIESTHOOD VOCATION RETREAT

Directed by Bishop McManus

April 3 & 4, 6pm - 6pm

Immaculate Conception Retreat Center, Putnam, CT.

For men high school age, college age, and older.
For all levels of discernment — from a curious interest
in the daily life of a parish priest to the serious dis-
cernment of a vocation to the priesthood.

There is no cost for this retreat.

The Retreat Center has a beautiful chapel, 55 bed-
rooms, conference rooms & dining room. Fr. Mazzone
will provide transportation to and from the retreat
center from St. John's Church. Departure, Friday,
April 3 at 4:30pm. Return, Saturday, April 4 at
7:30pm. Contact Fr. Mazzone to sign up:
fatherjamesmazzone@gmail.com or 508-340-5788.

Baptism Congratulations

to the family of

Dante Bonci

May God continue to bless him
& his family.



2021 Mass Book

We will begin booking Masses for 2021 on Monday,
February 3 at 9 a.m. Announced Masses include Sat-
urdays at 4 PM, Sundays at 7:30, 9 or 10:30 AM and
Monday through Friday at 7 AM and 6 PM.



St. Joseph

Join us for the
Novena to St. Joseph
held on Wednesday,
February 5th
following the 7 a.m. Mass
in the Chapel

The Presentation of the Lord

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the
Lord..." (Luke 2:22) How seriously do you take being a
Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do
when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my par-
ish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder
to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would
someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you
act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to
the Lord and to others?

Translations of Propers which are in Latin this particular Sunday, February 2nd The Presentation of the Lord:

Introit: We have received your mercy, O God, in the
midst of your temple; even as your name, so also does
your praise extend to the ends of the earth; your right
hand is filled with righteousness. Great is the Lord and
worthy of all praise, in the city of our God, on his holy
mountain.

Offertorium: Grace has been poured out on your lips;
therefore, God has blessed you forever, world without
end.

Communion: Simeon had received a revelation from the
Holy Spirit, that he would not see death before he had
seen the Lord's Messiah.

Chants sung in English or Latin each week at the
10:30am Mass, known as "Propers" are small bits of
scripture that are sung 1) at the beginning of Mass (called
the *introit*), 2) at the Offertory and 3) at Communion. If
on a particular week they are sung in Latin, the transla-
tions will be printed in the bulletin.

The Church offers the introit to direct our hearts and
minds to the worship of God.

The Responsorial Psalm (between the 1st and 2nd read-
ings) helps us to express our needs to God from the
depths of our hearts and assures us of God's presence and
help.

The Offertory Antiphon offers a scriptural theme for
our meditation to strengthen the offering of very lives to
God.

The Communion Antiphon offers a scriptural passage
for our meditation to prepare our hearts to worthily re-
ceive Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.



Every Second
Sunday of the
Month is desig-
nated 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: Pea-
nut 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

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



DOMINGO DE LA PRESENTACION



LA PRESENTACIÓN DE JESÚS EN EL TEMPLO

Simeón los bendijo, y a María, la madre de Jesús, le anunció:
"Este niño ha sido puesto para ruina y resurgimiento de
muchos en Israel". - Lc 2, 34

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Hoy Celebramos el Domingo de la presentación del Señor. Jesús es presentado en el templo en su niñez por José y María. Estando en el templo allí encuentran al anciano Simeon, quien alaba a Dios por haberle permitido conocer al Salvador antes de morir, en el relato bíblico de este Domingo también aparece la figura de la profetisa Ana, mujer dedicada a la oración y al servicio del templo. El cantico de Simeon es una de las oraciones que se hace cada noche al momento de las personas irsen a descansar, esta oracion es parte de la liturgia de las horas, y esta ubicada en la parte correspondiente a la oracion de la noche conocida como completas. Es un cantico hermoso en el cual se alaba y se reconoce la presencia del Salvador en medio de nosotros. Finalmente deseo invitar a quienes deseen parte de nuestro coro hispano a que por favor se comuniquen con Rosa Batista, al principio o final de la misa.. Feliz semana.
P. Henry Ramirez

1. Confesiones despues de la misa hispana de 12: 10 cada Domingo.
2. Rica, Rito de iniciación Cristiana adultos, los Martes a las 6:45 pm Salón 14.
3. Divina Misericordia los Jueves a las 6:40 en la capilla de abajo.
4. Clase de Biblia, Martes a las 6:45 pm, en el salón 14.



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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.



**ÉSTE ES
EL DÍA
DEL TRIUNFO
DEL SEÑOR.**

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