

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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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 bap-
tized 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

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Dear Friends,

The first of July has long been the transition date for priestly assignments in the Diocese of Worcester. However, when an unexpected “vacancy” arises in the Diocese in one of its parishes, Bishop McManus looks among his present associate pastors to assign them to administrator positions, and then a bit later to the position of pastor.

A recent, unexpected “vacancy” did, indeed, occur in the Diocese. Consequently, on the one hand, I am saddened to inform the parish of St. John, Guardian of Our Lady, that Fr. Henry Ramirez will soon be moving on to an administrator position in the Diocese. On the other hand, I know that the parishioners to whom Fr. Henry will be ministering, truly will be blessed by this humble and holy priest.

The date of assignment change is imminent – this coming Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Traditionally, we would have several weeks to prepare for the departure of a priest from our parish. However, in this particular case, Fr. Henry will only be with us for another weekend of Masses, and will depart shortly thereafter. Therefore, after all Masses next weekend, February 22 & 23, we will host gatherings in the hall to express our thanks to Fr. Henry for his ministry and to bid him a heartfelt farewell.

Fr. Henry and I began working together in 2014 in our roles as Vocation Director and seminarian, and it has been my pleasure to follow his progress over the years from seminarian to deacon to priest and to associate pastor at St. John's.

His personal welcome to me here at St. John's last July was extraordinarily warm and supportive, and I will greatly miss his day-to-day presence in our rectory, church, and parish. Plainly stated, Fr. Henry is one of the most patient, kind, humble and holy priests I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. I know that he'll do very well in his new assignment and he will lead many souls to heaven.

In the coming days Fr. Henry will be able to share with you where his new assignment will be, and I'll be able to share with you who our new associate pastor will be as well. Similar to Fr. Henry's “starting date” at his new assignment, our new associate pastor is scheduled to arrive on Ash Wednesday and will be “getting to work” very quickly! I know that you'll warmly welcome him with great joy, and I know that he'll be very happy here at St. John's.

For now, let's plan on sending Fr. Henry off next weekend with hearts of gratitude and with our promises of prayers and well-wishes. This holy, humble priest who has always put himself last, shall be celebrated as first in our hearts and thoughts!

In Christ,
Fr. Jim

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20) The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

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 discernment of a vocation to the priesthood.

There is no cost for this retreat.

The Retreat Center has a beautiful chapel, 55 bedrooms, 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.

Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's 20th Anniversary 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.

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY – February 15, 2020

8:00 AM For Our Families

4:00 PM † Vernon Bianchi - 5th Anniversary Req. by his Family

6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – February 16, 2020

7:30 AM † Mario Caiazzi Req. by the Family

9:00 AM For the People

10:30 AM † Philip J. Philbin Req. by his Family

12:10 PM (Spanish) For the People

MONDAY – February 17, 2020

7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

6:00 PM † John, Josephine, Jack, Janet & Gerald Ryder Req. by the Tivnan Family

TUESDAY – February 18, 2020

7:00 AM † Special Intention Req. by Joe

6:00 PM † Martha Smith Req. by Suszek Family

WEDNESDAY – February 19, 2020

7:00 AM † Michael Shaughnessy

6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – February 20, 2020

7:00 AM † Pio Forgione

6:00 PM † Tim & Helene Guinee Req. by the Beirne Family

FRIDAY – February 21, 2020

7:00 AM † Special Intention Req. by Joe

6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – February 22, 2020

8:00 AM For Our Families

4:00 PM † Laura Starr - 1st Anniversary Req. by Pat & Bob Gorman & Family

6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – February 23, 2020

7:30 AM † Kevin Freel - 15th Anniversary Req. by his Family


9:00 AM For the People

10:30 AM † Thomas Jernberg Req. by the Jernberg Family

12:10 PM (Spanish) In thanksgiving for Yahir Hernandez on his 10th Birthday Req. by Flia Rodriguez

The Divine Mercy Cenacle meets weekly in the St. John's Parish Center on Tuesday evening at 7:00 for prayer and discussion of Scripture, the Catechism, and the Diary of St. Faustina. Our prayer group welcomes new members anytime. If you would like to know more about our Cenacle, please call Bill or Sue Belfield (508-869-0508). We also maintain a prayer line to pray for those who are seriously ill or dying. Prayer requests can be submitted by phone (978-733-0090) or by e-mail DMCPray@gmail.com. After a prayer request is submitted, it is sent immediately to members of our group. Cenacle members pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the seriously ill or dying.



 The Knights of Columbus would like to announce that they have children's winter coats available from their annual Coat Drive. If you or someone you know are in need, please contact the Rectory office at 978-368-0366 x201.

No Adoration on Monday, February 17

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





Vigil Lights

February 16 - February 22, 2020

In memory of Pio Forgione Req. by his Family

*In loving memory of Preston G. Cote -
11th Anniversary & 31st Birthday Remembrance
Req. by Mom, Dad, Tim & Brendan*

*In memory of George "Gigi" Giansanti, Jr.
Req. by Barb, Phil, Mike & Families*

*In memory of Teresa Powers
Req. by Dennis & Barbara*

*In memory of Alessio DiLorenzo
Req. by daughter, Jean*

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 February 8 & 9, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$7,390.00
Catholic Free Press	\$1,561.00

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Save the Date At. St. John's Gym

SATURDAY, MARCH 14th
Serving from 5pm to 7pm
and celebrating thereafter until we're all a wee bit tired.

Kids 12 & under \$5 Adults \$10
Tickets on sale after Masses beginning February 15
& 9am to 5pm, weekdays at the parish office.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

**Translations of Propers which are in Latin
this particular Sunday, February 16th
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

Introit: Be unto me a protecting God and a house of refuge, to save me; for you are my support and my refuge; and for the sake of your name you will lead me and nourish me. In you O Lord, do I trust; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Offertorium: Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your commandments. O Lord, you are blessed, teach me your commandments. With my lips have I declared all the judgments spoken by your mouth.

Communio: They ate and were fully satisfied; the Lord gave them all that they desired; they were not deprived of their wants.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Bereavement Support Group

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will hold its next 6-part series of "A New Day Ministry" beginning Monday, March 2, 1-2:30 pm in the Parish Hall, 111 Worcester St., West Boylston. For more information or to register (required prior to the start of the sessions) call Renate Isbell (508) 835-3286.



Liturgical Schedule

February 15 & 16	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	S. Belauskas	J. Donahue	R. Cronin	T. Duff
EM:	J. Moran	S. Flaherty	C. MacGillivray	S. Belfield
	S. Segelhorst	J. Donahue	G. Schneck	B. Belfield
AS:			V. MacGillivray	A. Petracca
				S. Smillie
				W. Smillie

February 22 & 23	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	C. Lent	P. Kerrigan	D. Dunn	D. von Linden
EM:	E. Cowles	P. Cherubini	J. Blette	W. McNally
	B. Farragher	D. DiTullio	W. Bastow	D. O'Toole
			P. Brekka	
AS:	N. Stocker	C. Lucking	M. Ward	C. Dalsass
		B. Lucking	A. Ward	N. Dalsass
				J. Dalsass

SEXTO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Apreciada comunidad hispana

En el día de hoy deseo compartirles unos cortos pensamientos de nuestro papa Francisco:

1. Tres palabras que se deben decir siempre, tres palabras que siempre nos deben acompañar: permiso, gracias, disculpa, las tres indican respeto y consideración por los demás.
2. Ser feliz es dejar vivir a la criatura libre, alegre y simple, que vive dentro de cada uno de nosotros.
3. Una oración para todos los días: Espíritu Santo que mi corazón este abierto a la palabra de Dios, que mi corazón este abierto siempre al bien, que mi corazón este abierto a la belleza de Dios, todos los días, presente en su creación.
4. Conserva la esperanza, déjate sorprender por Dios y vive con alegría.

Tomado de frases del Papa Francisco

Feliz y bendecida semana para todos. P. Henry

CORO HISPANO

Se invita a todas las personas que quieran ser parte de nuestro coro hispano a que por favor se comuniquen con la directora del coro, Rosa Batista, antes o después de la celebración de la Eucaristía dominical.

AVISOS IMPORTANTES

1. Preparación pre-bautismal por favor contactar a Karine Mendez. Misa de 12 pm.
2. Para colocar las intenciones de la Eucaristía cada Domingo. Contactar a: Marita Wallace. 978-751-5289
3. "Sacramento de confesión" Sábados de 2:45 a 3:45 Capilla de abajo o pedir cita durante la semana con padre Henry Ramirez al 978-368-0366 extensión 204. o dejar mensaje en la contestadora.

ESTUDIO BIBLICO MIERCOLES 6:45 PM

Queridos amigos,

El primero de julio ha sido durante mucho tiempo la fecha para los nombramientos sacerdotales en la Diócesis de Worcester. Sin embargo, cuando surge una "vacante" inesperada en una de las parroquias de la Diócesis, el Obispo McManus busca entre sus pastores asociados para asignarlos al puesto de administrador parroquial, y luego más tarde al puesto de párroco.

Una "vacante" reciente e inesperada ha ocurrido en la Diócesis. En consecuencia, por un lado, me entristece informar a la parroquia de St. John, Guardián de Nuestra Señora, que el Padre Henry Ramírez pronto pasará a un puesto de administrador en esta parroquia que ha quedado vacante. Pero por otro lado, sé que los feligreses a quienes el P. Henry servirá, serán bendecidos por este humilde y santo sacerdote.

La fecha de cambio de asignación es inminente: este próximo Miércoles de Ceniza, 26 de febrero de 2020. Tradicionalmente, tendríamos varias semanas para prepararnos para la partida de un sacerdote en nuestra parroquia. Sin embargo, en este caso, el P. Henry solo estará con nosotros durante otro fin de semana, y partirá poco después. Por lo tanto, después de todas las Misas el próximo fin de semana, 22 y 23 de febrero, tendremos recepciones en el salón para expresar nuestro agradecimiento al Padre Henry por su ministerio y para despedirlo sinceramente.

El P. Henry y yo comenzamos a trabajar juntos en 2014 cuando yo era Director de Vocaciones y él seminarista, y ha sido un placer seguir su progreso a lo largo de los años, de seminarista a diácono, a sacerdote y a ser pastor asociado en St. John's.

Cuando yo llegué a esta parroquia en Julio del año pasado, su bienvenida fue extraordinariamente cálida y solidaria, y extrañaré enormemente su presencia cotidiana en nuestra Iglesia y en la rectoría. En pocas palabras, el P. Henry es uno de los sacerdotes más pacientes, amables, humildes y santos que he tenido el placer de conocer. Sé que lo hará muy bien en su nueva asignación y conducirá muchas almas al cielo.

En los próximos días, el P. Henry podrá compartir con ustedes dónde será su nueva asignación, y yo también podré compartir con usted quién será nuestro nuevo pastor asociado. Similar a la fecha de inicio del P. Henry en su nueva asignación, nuestro nuevo pastor asociado está programado para llegar el Miércoles de Ceniza y se pondrá a trabajar muy rápidamente! Sé que lo recibirán calurosamente con gran alegría, y sé que será muy feliz aquí en St. John's.

Por ahora, planeemos despedir al Padre. Henry quien se va el próximo fin de semana con corazones llenos de gratitud y con nuestras promesas de oraciones y buenos deseos. ¡Este santo y humilde sacerdote que siempre se ha puesto como el último, será recordado como el primero en nuestros corazones y pensamientos!

En Cristo,
PadreJim