

St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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



Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." — Mt 17:4-5

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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,

On the weekend of March 21 & 22 our parish will participate in the annual fundraising efforts that fund more than 25 diocesan agencies, ministries and programs. For some years now this campaign has been called "Partners in Charity." When I was a kid growing up in Spencer, a couple of dads from the neighborhood would walk from door to door gathering donations for this same cause. Remember those days? It was called "The Bishop's Fund" back then.

Although a few things have changed over the decades regarding the name of the campaign, and how one may now give (online, by text, by phone, and in-pew), the need to fund these important agencies, ministries and programs that help thousands of souls throughout the diocese each year steadily continues.

Your generosity to this program back in the late '90s made it possible for me to earn my Theology degree from St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore to prepare for priestly ordination. The same holds true for Fr. Sebastian's studies in English and Theology from 2014 to 2018 at Clark University and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. Presently, you assist familiar names such as Zack Sullivan, Victor Henao and Rafael Longhini – our seminarians. These are just a few examples from only one of the agencies of our Diocese – the Office for Priestly Vocations.

Examples of other ministries include the Respect Life Office, Catholic Charities, Campus Ministry, Youth Ministry, and the Office of Marriage and Family.

Last year's Partners in Charity Appeal goal was 5 million dollars. Thanks to everyone's efforts, \$4,760,000 was raised. Our parish goal last year was \$92,800, and we exceeded that by an additional \$508. Thank you! Our parish goal remains the same this year at \$92,800.

Over the coming weekends you'll hear a bit more about our efforts to reach our goal. Fr. Sebastian and I thank you for your extraordinary generosity in the past that helped us reach our very happy days of ordination, and we thank you in advance, for your future generosity that will touch many lives in our Diocese.

Next Saturday, March 14, will be a special day in our parish with both Confirmations in the morning (10am), and our St. Patrick's Dinner in the evening (Serving 5pm to 7pm, with continued celebrating thereafter). I hope you can join us for one or both of these joyous occasions!

In Christ, Fr. Jim

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.



PRAY FAST GIVE

Guidelines for Fast & Abstinence

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

- Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-3

Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY – March 7, 2020

- 8:00 AM † Mary E. McIntyre
 4:00 PM † Michael M. Whitney, Jr. - 25th Anniversary
 Req. by his Parents & Family
 6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – March 8, 2020

- 7:30 AM For the People
 9:00 AM † Virginia Vandesteen Req. by her
 Daughters & Son
 10:30 AM † John Sagar Req. by his Family
 12:10 PM (Spanish) Luzarelis Mendez on her 19th
 Birthday Req. by the Mendez Family

MONDAY – March 9, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
 12:10 PM † Jack Curran Req. by the Pfeffer Family
 6:00 PM † Tommy, Pat, Katherine & Jack Grealis
 Req. by Mary & George Hauver

TUESDAY – March 10, 2020

- 7:00 AM Special Intention Req. by Joe Langley
 12:10 PM † Thomas Fallon
 6:00 PM † Elaine Rivera Req. by Rose Ricker &
 Family

WEDNESDAY – March 11, 2020

- 7:00 AM Health & Blessings for Pietrina Pasquale
 Req. by Judy
 12:10 PM † Bert Valenkamph Req. by his Wife
 6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – March 12, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Frederick, Regina & Thomas Niichter Req.
 by their Family
 12:10 PM † Joan Cowles - 1st Anniversary Req. by her
 Family
 6:00 PM † Ellie Wood Req. by the Beirne Family

FRIDAY – March 13, 2020

- 7:00 AM Special Intention Req. by Joe Langley
 12:10 PM † Lucille Lemire
 6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – March 14, 2020

- 8:00 AM For our Families
 4:00 PM † Laurie Santangelo - 5th Anniversary Req.
 by mother, Doris Santangelo
 6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – March 15, 2020

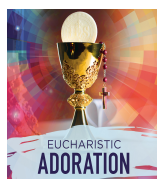
- 7:30 AM For the People
 9:00 AM † Cirilo Diaz - Birthday Remembrance Req.
 by his Family
 10:30 AM † For all deceased members of the
 Hibernians of Our Lady of Knock & the AOH
 12:10 PM (Spanish) For the Hispanic Residents at
 Riverside Hospice Req. by the Homebound
 Ministry



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



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

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.



Vigil Lights

March 8 - March 14, 2020

*In memory of Albert & Margaret Alzapiedi
 Req. by their Grandchildren*

*In loving memory of Mary A. Cote - 30th
 Anniversary Req. by the Cote Family*

In memory of Josephine Fitch Req. by Fran Gadoua

In memory of Val McNally Req. by Fran Gadoua

In memory of Albert O'Toole Req. by his Family

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 29 & March 1, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$7,000.00
Parish Development	\$2,264.00

Annual Mass for Life

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life on Tuesday, March 24 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, High and Chatham Streets, Worcester. This year marks the 25th anniversary of St. John Paul II's great encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life). Students from our Catholic Schools will be our special guests and the annual pro-life awards will be presented to individuals who have shown heroic witness to the intrinsic value of all human life. All are welcome to attend!



All parishioners of high school age (including those who will be entering as freshmen in September 2020) are invited to attend the 2020 Steubenville East Catholic Youth Conference, to be held at the University of Rhode Island the weekend of July 10-12, 2020. Join our group from St. John's for a fun, faith-filled weekend of inspiring speakers, engaging liturgies, adoration, wonderful music and fellowship with thousands of other Catholic teens. This year's theme is "Restored". Students who have attended in the past have described it as "amazing" and "life changing". We will stay in the college dormitories and dine in the campus cafeterias. Reservations are being taken now, and need to be received by March 31. For questions, and to reserve a place, please contact chaperones Bill and Betty Madden at 978-368-7487, or John O'Malley at 978-333-9305. More information is available on-line at steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/conf-east/, or by accessing youtube videos from past Steubenville conferences.

Hibernians of Our Lady of Knock News & Events

March 12 Hibernians of Our Lady of Knock meeting/annual Irish Tea with guest speaker Nikki Connery & the Armchair Travels of the Emerald Isle at St. John's Parish Hall 7pm.

March 14 Hibernians of Our Lady of Knock volunteers and desserts needed to run refreshment table at St John's Gym for Parish St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Contact Janice Donahue 508-648-4510.

March 15 St. Patrick's Mass 10:30 am at St. John's Church. All Hibernians of Our Lady of Knock members are urged to attend with a luncheon (to be discussed) to follow.

Conversation With Bishop McManus

will air in Clinton
on Comcast Channel 99



On Sunday, March 15th at 8:30 a.m.



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 corner of the page.

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.

During Lent, **Confessions** will be heard in the upper church on the following Tuesday evenings: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7 immediately following the 6 p.m. Mass. Confessions are also heard each Saturday at 2:45p.m.



There is no better way to observe Lent than to pray the **Stations of the Cross**. Please join us for the Stations each Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM in the Upper Church.

Liturgical Schedule



March 7 & 8	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	C. Lent	J. Donahue	M. Pulnik	T. Comeau
EM:	J. Moran	P. Ball	G. Schneck	C. Burgoyne
	J. Gaughan	J. Donahue	M. Pulnik	D. O'Toole
AS:	N. Stocker	B. Gibbons	C. Fucile	A. Kelly
			E. Fucile	F. Kelly
				R. Kelly

March 14 & 15	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	S. Belsauskas	P. Kerrigan	R. Cronin	T. Duff
EM:	C. Schlegel	P. Cherubini	J. Blette	S. Belfield
	S. Segelhorst	D. DiTullio	C. MacGillivray	B. Belfield
			P. Brekka	
AS:			V. MacGillivray	L. Iacoviello
				W. Ortiz
				N. Kottenstette

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA



Hermanos en Cristo,

Hola, soy el P. Sebastián. Tengo el gusto de haber sido enviado a su comunidad parroquial para que todos juntos sigamos nuestro camino como discípulos de Jesús. Gracias por abrirme la puerta a su comunidad. Quiero en este fin de semana manifestar lo afortunados que han sido ustedes con la vida misionera del P. Henry, un gran hombre y amigo.

Los discípulos de Jesús se han tardado mucho en entender a Jesús: estamos en el capítulo 17 del evangelio de Mateo y ellos todavía no comprenden quién es Jesús realmente. Pero Dios es paciente con todos, les da tiempo para que comprendan, y finalmente en la montaña de la oración el hijo de Dios aparece resplandeciente hablando con Moisés (representante de la Ley) y Elías (representante de los profetas). Cuaresma es el tiempo de subir a la montaña de la oración. De nuevo, agradezco a cada uno de ustedes su fraternal acogida.

-P. Sebastian Sánchez

LA TRANSFIGURACIÓN DEL SEÑOR

CALENDARIO

1. RICA, rito de iniciación cristiana de adultos, los martes a las 6:45 pm Salón 14.
2. Clase de Biblia, miércoles a las 6:45 pm, en el salón 14.
3. Divina Misericordia, los jueves a las 6:40 en la capilla de abajo y grupo de oración a las 7 pm, salón 14.

AVISOS IMPORTANTES

1. **Preparación pre-bautismal:** contactar a Karina Mendez antes o después de la Eucaristía de las 12:10 pm.
2. **Intenciones de la Eucaristía de cada Domingo:** contactar a Marita Wallace al 978-751-5289
3. **Sacramento de confesión:**
 - Sábados de 2:45 pm a 3:45 en capilla inferior.
 - Domingos antes de la misa hispana de 11:30 pm a 11:50 en Iglesia superior.
 - Cita: escribir al fr.sebastian2019@gmail.com