

St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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



The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

— Jn 4:9a, 10

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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

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Dear Friends,

Amid the everyday challenges of life, the hope and joy of our faith continues to lift us up and carry us along. As St. Paul writes in this Letter to the Romans, "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress . . . or peril? No, in all these things, we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death . . . nor present things, nor future things . . . will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Our Lord, Himself, says in St. Matthew's Gospel, "Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?" Worry does us absolutely no good. It chokes the Word of God and distracts us. It is unbelief. Worry is the opposite of faith, and it seems to always lead to more fear and anxiety.

When we find it difficult to let go of worry, we should ask the Lord for help. Jesus' invitation is timeless and for the ages, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." In the life of St. Peter we observe this gradual transformation from fear to trust. Accordingly, after Jesus' passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, St. Peter boldly ministers to the first Christian communities, and urges them to "cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Experiencing the sacramental life of the Church is always a cause for great joy and hope. At confirmation this Saturday, 39 of our young men and women from St. John's were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit by Bishop McManus. They were joined by 53 additional young men and women from neighboring parishes. The solemn liturgies of Holy Week and Easter profoundly remind us of why we live in such great hope and trust in the Lord. A week after Easter, we are invited in a special way to both contemplate and experience the tender compassion of the Lord on Divine Mercy Sunday. We also look forward to early May when 40 boys and girls will receive their first Holy Communion. In the month of May we'll also celebrate the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Some weeks later in June, we will have a special Corpus Christi procession through the town of Clinton. I'm just fine with sounding like a broken record when by joyfully proclaiming, "How wonderful it is to be Catholic! God is so good!"

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.



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.

Vigil Lights

March 15 - March 21, 2020



*In loving memory of Bernie, Dennis & John W.
McMahon Req. by Debra McMahon-Cote*

*In memory of George "Gigi" Giansanti, Sr. - Birthday
Remembrance Req. by his Family*

*In memory of Gloria & Robert McNally, Sr.
Req. by their Family*

*In memory of Helen Notaro - Birthday Remembrance
Req. by Marie*

*In memory of B. J. Dziokonski Sullivan - Birthday
Remembrance Req. by her 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.



Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020



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.

Rice Bowls

Catholic Relief Services works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world & to end global poverty. Please be sure to take a rice bowl home & use this easy & fun resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience. Your prayers, fasting & almsgiving this Lenten season will help CRS continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries.



Next weekend, March 21 & 22, is In Pew Commitment Weekend for the 2020 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own. With your support, *faith in action* is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. Watch the Appeal Video at home this week at www.partners-charity.net. Please come to Mass next weekend prepared to make a commitment to the appeal. Thank you.

Conversation With Bishop McManus

will air in Clinton
on Comcast Channel 99



On Sunday, March 22nd at 8:30 a.m.



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

MONDAY – March 16, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 12:10 PM † Eugene Heffernan Req. by the Beirne Family
- 6:00 PM † Marianne Daly - 1st Anniversary Req. by Monica Daly

TUESDAY – March 17, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Spike & Rita Ball Req. by their Family
- 12:10 PM † Bartholomew H. Murphy Req. by his Family
- 6:00 PM † John M. & Mary H. Kilcoyne Req. by Tim

WEDNESDAY – March 18, 2020

- 7:00 AM Special Intention Req. by Joe Langley
- 12:10 PM † Andrew & Mary Robinson Family Req. by the Tivnan Family
- 6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – March 19, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Norman Bashaw Req. by Judy Moynihan
- 12:10 PM † Thomas Fallon
- 6:00 PM † Lena & Joseph O'Malley Req. by their Family

FRIDAY – March 20, 2020

- 7:00 AM Special Intention Req. by Joe Langley
- 12:10 PM † Phil & Barbara Bailey Req. by the Beirne Family
- 6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – March 21, 2020

- 8:00 AM For our Families
- 4:00 PM † Gerald, Helen & Gerald, Jr. Mayou Req. by the Mayou Family
- 6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – March 22, 2020

- 7:30 AM † Philip Weihn - 33rd Anniversary Req. by his Family
- 9:00 AM † Anna Muccini Req. by the Tostoes Family
- 10:30 AM † Robert W. Gorman - 47th Anniversary Req. by Bob & Pat Gorman
- 12:10 PM (Spanish) In thanksgiving for Jomary Camacho for her 15th Birthday Req. by Flia Camacho

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.



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.

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 deserts 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.

Weekly Collection March 7 & 8, 2020

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| Sunday Collection | \$7,154.00 |
| Church in Latin America | \$1,840.00 |

Star of Bethlehem Olive Wood Sale

The Star of Bethlehem Group will be at our church next weekend selling hand carved olive wood religious articles after all Masses. There will be a display of these hand carved items such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and many other beautiful statues each made from the wood of the olive trees in Bethlehem. Proceeds will help support Christian families in the Holy Land.

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.



1230AM, 970AM & 101.1FM Emmanuel Radio 2020 Spring Pledge Drive

Emmanuel Catholic Radio will host a live three-day Spring Pledge Drive from 7am-6pm, March 25-27, 2020. Emmanuel Radio is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose express ministry is to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord through the New Evangelization on Catholic radio. Your tax-deductible donation will keep Catholic radio on the air serving all local diocesan parishes/Catholic schools and organizations and charities. To donate/pledge, call 508-767-1230; visit 1230radio.com; or mail your donation to Emmanuel Radio, PO Box 20027, Worcester, MA 01602. For quality Lenten/Easter programming tune into 1230AM, 970AM or 101.1FM Emmanuel Radio, Truth for Life!

Readings for Sunday, March 15, 2020

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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.

Translations of Propers which are in Latin this particular Sunday, March 15th Third Sunday of Lent:

Introit: My eyes are forever turned towards the Lord; for he shall release my feet from the snare; look upon me and have mercy on me, for I am abandoned and destitute. Unto you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul; O my God, I trust in you, let me not be put to shame.

Offertorium: The ordinances of the Lord are right, bringing joy to all hearts, sweeter than honey or the honeycomb. Therefore your servant will observe them.

Communio: "Whosoever drinks the water that I shall offer", said the Lord, "shall have within him a spring of water welling up unto eternal life."

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Hermanos en Cristo,

Hoy en día aún podemos sentarnos en las rocas del **pozo de Sicar**, y aún podemos mirar dentro de él y ver su profundidad de 30 metros. Se encuentra en la cripta de la Iglesia ortodoxa de Nablus, en el corazón de Samaría.

Contexto: El pozo de Sicar es famoso porque fue hecho sobre un terreno que compró Jacob cuando regresó de Mesopotamia. Su principal propósito fue **asegurar agua para sus descendientes y sus animales**. Fue **símbolo de unión para los judíos que regresaron de la esclavitud** de Egipto cuatrocientos años después.

Invito a todos a **escuchar** el Evangelio de hoy y **descubrir las 7 diferentes formas** con que la mujer del pozo de Sicar llama a Jesús.

Además, hay buenas noticias, este fin de semana dos miembros adultos buscan mayor cercanía a Dios y a la comunidad con los sacramentos para la pascua: en las semanas por venir ellos estarán incluidos en la liturgia recibiendo liberación, el credo, y el Padre Nuestro. Felicitémoslos.

-P. Sebastian Sánchez



La mujer dejó su cántaro, se fue al pueblo y comenzó a decir a la gente: "Vengan a ver a un hombre que me ha dicho todo lo que he hecho. ¿No será éste el Mesías?" - Jn 4, 28-29

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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 confesion:**
 - Sábados de 2:45 pm a 3:45 en capilla inferior.
 - Domingos antes de la misa hispana de 11:15 pm a 11:50 en Iglesia superior.
 - Cita: escribir al fr.sebastian2019@gmail.com