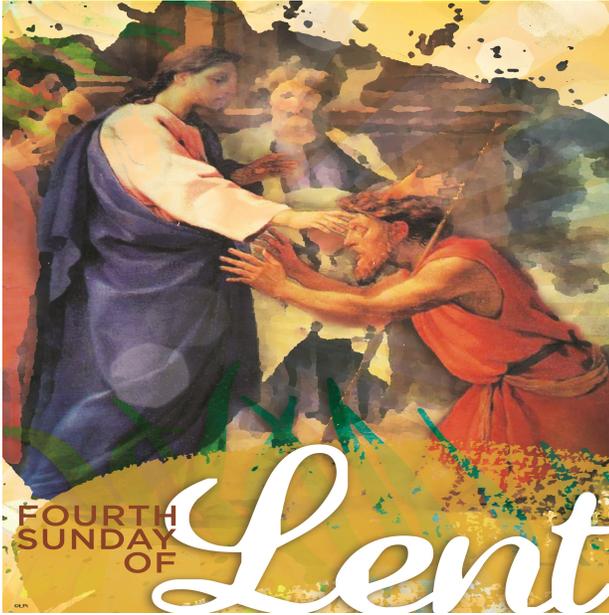


St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. — Jn 9:35-38

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Rev. Sebastian Sanchez, Associate Pastor
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Facebook: St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish
Text: stjohncanton to 84576 to join!
Web Site: www.stjohnscanton.org

Mass Schedule:

All Masses cancelled until further notice.

Confessions: Confession times are cancelled until further notice.

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: No adoration until further notice. The chapel is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotion: Novena Devotion cancelled until further notice.

St. John's Gym

149 Chestnut St, Clinton
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St. John's Cemetery

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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.

St. John the Guardian of Our Lady

Dear Friends,

I wish to allocate my usual “Dear Friends space” to words from our Chief Shepherd, Bishop McManus printed below. However, I did want to alert you that Fr. Sebastian and I will be stationed near to St. John’s Cemetery garage on Tuesday through Saturday mornings and afternoons from 8am to 9am and 4:30pm to 5:30pm to greet you with a warm smile, check up on you, and to call down God’s blessings upon you. We’ll do the same on Sunday from 8am to 9am; noon to 1pm, and 5pm to 6pm. Please enter the main entrance, and arrive with the garage to your right. As you approach us, please park your vehicle on the right. We’ll keep the appropriate social-distancing, and it will be an honor to reverently pray with you some familiar prayers, and call down God’s blessings upon you. You are also invited to visit the site usccb.org to pray with the Mass readings of the day. Other ways to view Mass on the television and on other devices is mentioned later in this bulletin. You are all deeply in my prayers. -Fr. Jim

March 15, 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

After carefully considering the best advice of medical and governmental authorities, I have decided to suspend the celebration of all public celebrations of the the Sacred Liturgy until further notice in the hope of slowing and, God willing, halting the spread of this disease. The obligation to take part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy days of obligation is thereby lifted.

I wish to emphasize how important it is that we not panic, but simply accept the present challenges as an opportunity to do God’s will in confronting the Corona virus pandemic. These challenges, like sickness itself, are an opportunity to love as Christ has taught us from the wood of the Cross. This particular Lent will be for all of us a time to reflect on his Blessed Passion and how joining our sufferings to his gives meaning and strengthens us with his grace.

Finally, the Office for Divine Worship has prepared Holy Cards which I would encourage you to distribute to your parishioners so that we might be one in prayer this Lent. Let us pray that those who are sick or fearful may be consoled by God’s infinite love and care for us.

With every best wish, I remain, Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus Bishop of Worcester

March 16, 2020

My dear friends in Christ,

As we confront almost hourly news reports about rising cases of Coronavirus, additional measures to restrict exposures to the threat of this insidious virus, and concerns about our own health and the wellbeing of our loved ones, we can become very anxious. Yet we are a people of hope, grounded in the faith that God is always with us. As your bishop, I write to you today in these troubling times to remind you of this unshakeable tenet of our Catholic faith.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, in his encyclical *Spe Salvi* (Saved by Hope) stressed how the virtue of hope is critical for anyone who encounters suffering: “[T]he present, even if it is arduous, can be lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey” (*Spe Salvi* 1). What is that goal for us today? I propose that our first goal is to maintain a courageous spirit of optimism and perseverance during this health crisis. We are responsible for being good stewards of our bodies and for following the advice of medical professionals to minimize risk. By virtue of our baptism we are also called as good citizens to care for others in need, in good times and in bad.

In *Spe Salvi*, Benedict XVI noted that “It is not science that redeems man: Man is redeemed by love. This applies even in terms of this present world. . . . The human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:38-39). (SS26)

As people of faith, let us not lose sight of the fact that our ultimate goal is life eternal, to one day enjoy God’s life and love eternally. That love is experienced even in this life when we are cared for in times of sickness with compassion, and we in turn become agents of God’s love when we help others in need.

So what can we do? I suggest we consider three things: Pray, Listen and Respond.

Pray the *Prayer In Time of Pandemic* which we are sharing through our parishes and institutions. Why? Prayer will ground us in the realization that, first of all, we are not alone. Even when seemingly no one else hears us in our pleas, God always hears us. It reminds us that the truly important things in life are bigger than us and we must set aside our pride to focus on what is truly important in life.

Listen and Respond. Our faith reminds us that

grace builds on nature. If we are attentive to the instructions of those around us we will be given the grace to respond. Hence, we must be attentive to the advice of healthcare professionals to protect ourselves but we must also be attentive to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of others. Pope Francis has observed that his greatest concern regarding how this crisis is unfolding in Italy is that of isolation. Feeling alone and feeling abandoned engender fear, not hope. Are young and elderly family members scared or at risk and need our assurances and help? Are neighbors alone and in need of wellness checks so as to not feel abandoned.

As baptized members of the Body of Christ, we also have a responsibility to the greater community of faith. In the weeks ahead, our faith life may be greatly challenged by not being able to attend Mass. We will have to fast from the very sustenance for which our souls yearn during this Lent, the Holy Eucharist. Again I stress - do not lose hope. As your parishes communicate with you, I hope they will remind you that you can at least pray together with the Catholic community in our diocese through our Sunday and Daily Masses on the internet and on Spectrum (Charter) Channel 193. You may also have access to the Mass on Catholic TV from Boston if you are on a different cable company or satellite TV. You can make a Spiritual Communion as you spiritually prepare for the day, God willing, when you can return to the Banquet of the Lord at Easter.

As members of the Diocese of Worcester, I also implore you not to lose sight of how we are serving so many people in need every day through our parish ministries and our diocesan agencies. Your call to be good stewards through the parish offertory is needed now as much as ever, as well as your continued support for the annual Partners in Charity Appeal which is a lifeline for diocesan-wide service to thousands of people who are physically and spiritually in need. However, in light of these difficult times, I have suspended the activities of our diocesan capital campaign, Legacy of Hope, until these difficult times are behind us, in order to stay focused on addressing present needs. I encourage you to take advantage of online giving portals for your parish and Partners in Charity or simply continue to support your offertory by mail.

In closing, I ask that you join me in the following *Prayer in Time of Pandemic* and that you do so every day until this health crisis has passed.

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of

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Taken from the Newsletter of the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Worcester:

Three major pastoral initiatives have been developed to continue the pastoral care of the faithful in the Diocese of Worcester.

1. In regard to pastoral care of the sick

If someone is in need of a pastoral visit, you may call the Rectory office at 978-368-0366. The visit will be referred to priests designated by the Bishop specially trained in proper precautions to safeguard the health of those with whom they come in contact.

2. In regard to Social Media

Programs will be available via cable and streaming video including daily and Sunday Mass, Eucharistic adoration and devotions at www.worcesterdiocese.org.

3. Other resources

The Office of Worship is preparing supportive prayers, Scripture readings, Liturgies of the Word and other spiritual materials at www.worcesterdiocese.org/pandemic.

Funerals

Funeral Masses may be celebrated with the immediate family only (limited to fifteen people) with the appropriate provisions for social distancing.

Weddings

Wedding Masses may be celebrated with the immediate family and witnesses only (limited to twenty people) with the appropriate provisions for social distancing.

Baptisms

Individual Baptisms may be celebrated with the immediate family and witnesses only (limited to twenty people) with the appropriate provisions for social distancing.

Sacrament of Penance

With the suspension of person-to-person contact, the Sacrament of Penance will not be available, except to the most seriously ill. Please call the Rectory at 978-368-0366. Sacrament of Penance may not be validly celebrated without the physical presence of an individual. The Sacrament may not be validly celebrated by telephone or by other forms of electronic communication.

Weekly Collection March 14 & 15, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$5,444.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,725.00



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.

your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always.

Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God protect you and your loved ones through this time of trial.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

Bishop of Worcester



Vigil Lights March 22-28, 2020

In memory of Olga Caiazzi Req. by her Family

In memory of the Durkin Family; Patrick, Nora, Helen, Anne, Agnes, Catherine, John & Patricia Req. by Bob & Mary Beth Bonci

In memory of Lorraine Notaro Req. by her Family

In memory of Esther Kilcoyne Req. by her Family

In memory of nephews, Larry & Tim Req. by Aunt Mary & Uncle Cliff



UPDATE: Since we will be missing our scheduled In Pew Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Partners in Charity Appeal, please keep watch for our letter in the mail! Each of us is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$92,800. When you receive the appeal information in the mail, please complete your pledge envelope indicating your gift or pledge. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2020 appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at www.Partners-charity.net. Thank you.

Stay connected with your parish!

Join our Flocknote system. Text: stjohncinton to 84576 or visit flocknote.com/stjohncinton

Do not have a cell phone or email? The parish office can help you sign up and receive message straight to your landline. Call the rectory at 978-368-0366 and stay connected!

We wish to assure you that Fr. Sebastian, Fr. Ray, and Fr. Jim are honoring all of your requested Mass intentions during Lent by celebrating these Masses privately each day. We are very pleased to remember your loved one's in a very special way during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Mass Intentions

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 Weihl - 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

MONDAY – March 23, 2020

7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

12:10 PM † Paul, Hoepfner Req. by the Beirne Family

6:00 PM † Daniel "Charlie" Tomacelli - 16th Anniversary Req. by wife, Valerie, Matt, Diane, Zack, Ollie, Amanda, Darren & Elly

TUESDAY – March 24, 2020

7:00 AM † Sandra L. Howe Req. by Simone Latini

12:10 PM † Lucille Lemire

6:00 PM † Joshua McGeehan Req. by Brendan Enwright

WEDNESDAY – March 25, 2020

7:00 AM † Nora Gill from Thornhill County Mayo Req. by Roberta, David & Toni Earls

12:10 PM † Henry & Lillian Tivnan Family Req. by the Tivnan Family

6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – March 26, 2020

7:00 AM Health & Blessings for Sue Nohrden & Family

12:10 PM † George Burke

6:00 PM † Mary Beth Brow Req. by the Kottenstette Family

FRIDAY – March 27, 2020

7:00 AM † Joan Monahan Req. by Fr. Mazzone

12:10 PM † Louis Walsh Req. by the Beirne Family

6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – March 28, 2020

8:00 AM For our Families

4:00 PM † George Burke Req. by Karen Kerrigan Black

6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – March 29, 2020

7:30 AM † Philip Bailey Req. by Babe

9:00 AM † Anna Lopez Req. by her Family

10:30 AM † Bishop George Rueger

12:10 PM (Spanish) In thanksgiving for Rafael Vasquez on his 80th Birthday Req. by daughter, Nardy & Family

4to Dom. de Cuaresma: Ánimo en Jesucristo

Hermanos en Cristo, en vista de la presente emergencia sanitaria de Massachusetts, la Diócesis de Worcester ha publicado los lineamientos litúrgicos y sacramentales por las semanas a venir. He traducido para ustedes el mensaje de la Diócesis. Les ruego que se protejan a sí mismos y protejan a otros. Eso se llama caridad cristiana. Quedo atento a cualquier inquietud en el correo electrónico Fr.Sebastian2019@gmail.com Pido a todos los líderes de los ministerios de la parroquia a que sean creativos y continuemos nuestro ministerios online. Quedo atento a ideas de cómo hacer nuestro ministerio hispano desde casa. No duden en contactarme. Por el momento el curso de Biblia ofrecerá un retiro espiritual online desde casa sobre la última semana de Jesús.

Las Eucaristías en Español las seguiré haciendo en privado con las intenciones que han estado mandando. Tengan la seguridad que seguimos orando por todos. Esten atentos al Facebook hispano de St. Johns, en los próximos días dispondremos de más herramientas.

-P. Sebastian Sánchez

TAREA: Leer Juan 9, 1-41



De parte del Obispo de Worcester:

1. Unción de los enfermos:

Si alguien necesita una visita por parte del sacerdote llame al 978-368-0366. La visita será asignada a un sacerdote designado por el Obispo. Éste sacerdote está entrenado para asegurar al máximo la salud de todos a quienes visita.

2. Medios de comunicación:

La diócesis está ofreciendo Misas Online todos los días y los domingos. También ofrece adoración Eucarística y devociones. Lo encuentran en ésta página: www.worcesterdiocese.org.

Funerales

Sólo puede asistir la familia inmediata (máximo 15 personas) y evitando contacto físico.

Matrimonios y Bautismos

Sólo puede asistir la familia inmediata y los testigos (máximo 20 personas) evitando contacto físico.

Reconciliación/confesión o Penitencia

Se suspende el sacramento, excepto para las personas que están gravemente enfermas. Llama al 978-368-0366. El sacramento es inválido sin la presencia física de la persona, por tanto **no** se puede hacer confesiones por teléfono u otro medio electrónicos. .

Conéctate con el ministerio Hispano para saber lo último de la parroquia!

Únete a Flocknote. En tu celular manda la palabra [stjohnclinton](https://www.flocknote.com/stjohnclinton) al número telefónico 84576. Y luego de registrarte dale click a [MinisterioEspañol](https://www.flocknote.com/stjohnclinton) y ya. También puedes hacerlo en [flocknote.com/stjohnclinton](https://www.flocknote.com/stjohnclinton) No tienes ni teléfono ni correo electrónico? No hay problema mis amigos, llama al Padre al 978-368-0366 y él te ayudará para que te lleguen los mensajes a tu teléfono de la casa sin ningún problema. Conectémonos todos también por Facebook y seamos fuertes. Ánimo.

CALENDARIO

1. Clase de Biblia, pronto por Facebook y WhatsApp. La última semana de Jesús. Un retiro espiritual desde casa. Acompáñanos.
2. La capilla está abierta de 8am a 8pm para oración personal.

AVISOS IMPORTANTES

1. Preparación pre-bautismal: contactar a Karina Mendez
2. Intenciones de la Eucaristia de cada Domingo: contactar a Marita Wallace al 978-751-5289.
Las Eucaristías en español las va a hacer el sacerdote en privado por las intenciones que se manden.
3. Sacramento de confesion: Sólo en casos de emergencia contactar nuestra parroquia.