

St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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



“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.”

~ Lk 1:43-44

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Pastor

Rev. J. Sebastian Sanchez
Associate Pastor

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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

80 Union St, Clinton
Phone: 978-368-0366

Mass Schedule:

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| Saturday Vigil | 4 p.m. 6 p.m. Portuguese Mass |
| Sunday | 7:30, 9 & 10:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. Spanish Mass |
| Monday - Friday | 7 a.m. & 6 p.m. |
| Saturday | 8 a.m. |
| Holy Day Vigil | 6 p.m. |
| Holy Day Mass | 7 am., 12:10 p.m. & 7 p.m. |

View daily & weekend Masses with Fr. Jim & Fr. Sebastian from our website:

Website: www.stjohnsclinton.org

Facebook: St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish

Confessions: Saturdays in the Chapel from 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: Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Friday in the Chapel from 1 to 6 p.m.

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

Prayer Line: Call: 978-733-0090 or Email: DMCPRAY@gmail.com.

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Dear Friends,

As I approach my third Christmas with you here at St. John's Church, I am once again overwhelmed by the generosity of year-end gifts to the parish of all amounts. I'm told by friends of mine infinitely smarter than me in the worlds of taxes and finances, that such gifts this time of year can be advantageous for both the donor and St. John's Church.

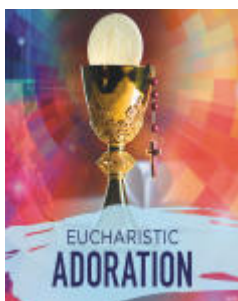
If you find yourself in this position of wishing to make a special, one-time year-end gift offered before January 1st, it certainly will be put to good use. Here are some "memo possibilities" for a check or online donation should you wish to target a gift to a particular item or ministry in 2022.

(Alphabetically)

Adult Faith Formation Programming
Altar Server Items
Cemetery Fund
CCD Needs
CYC Youth Group
Food Pantry
Church Fuel Fund (winter-heating)
Gym Fuel Fund (winter-heating)
Kolbe Family Group
Liturgical Vestments
Marriage Mentors Group
New, Larger, Outdoor Nativity Set
Parish Development Fund
Sanctuary Needs (candles, etc.)
Spring/Summer Church Plantings
St. Vincent de Paul Group
Summer Parish Picnics
Young Adult Group

Thank you!

In Christ, Fr. Jim



Adoration will end at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve (December 24) & New Year's Eve (December 31).

An adorer is needed on Mondays at 3 pm and Thursdays at 4 pm. To sign up or for more information, contact Sue Belfield at 508-869-0508.

Save the Date!

The Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for **Assumption University on Saturday, April 2, 2022**. 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: **Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle**. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. **Adult tickets are \$45 until March 18th, afterwards \$60.** Student tickets are always \$30.



The Kolbe Family Group will be open to friends and family of a loved who is struggling

with substance abuse

and mental illness. Drug addiction and mental illness are chronic illnesses and are not considered a moral failing. Our group will provide spiritual and emotional support as well as educational resources.

We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month after the 6:00 pm Mass from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm in the lower level of St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Church (Clinton, MA). For more information, please email KolbeFamilyGroup@gmail.com.



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 of the page.

On behalf of Archbishop Jose Luis Escobar-Alas, we thank you. He succeeds St. Romero not only in his responsibilities, but also in his challenges: the gang violence, murders, the crisis of children at the US-Mexican border and continued grinding poverty. One thing that he knows, as do the children and community of COAR, is that they are not alone. They know that Catholics throughout North America take their faith and Jesus' call to help the poor seriously.

Gracias, for your generosity to the Community of Oscar A. Romero,
Susan Barnish, Programs Director



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021



SATURDAY – December 18, 2021

- 8:00 AM For Our Families
- 4:00 PM † Brian Noone Req. by wife, Rosalie
- 6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – December 19, 2021

- 7:30 AM † Harvey & Leona Duhamel Req. by their Family
- 9:00 AM For the People
- 10:30 AM † Margo Hughes Req. by Pat, Marc & Pam Iacobucci
- 12:10 PM (Spanish) † Jonathan & Jason Romero & Adelino Polanco Req. by Margarita Recinos

MONDAY – December 20, 2021

- 7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 6:00 PM † James & Agnes Monaghan Req. by their Family

TUESDAY – December 21, 2021

- 7:00 AM † Damien Beirne
- 6:00 PM † Deceased members of the Clinton High School Class of 1970

WEDNESDAY – December 22, 2021

- 7:00 AM † Nicholas Freel at Christmas Req. by Mom, Dad & Zack
- 6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – December 23, 2021

- 7:00 AM † Frederick, Regina & Thomas Niichter Req. by their Family
- 6:00 PM † Carl Petricca Req. by his Family

FRIDAY – December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

- 1 PM - 3 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
- 6:00 PM Vigil Mass
- 12:00 AM Midnight Mass

SATURDAY – December 25, 2021

Christmas Day

- 7:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
- 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
- 10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
- 12:10 PM (Spanish) Christmas Day Mass
- 6:00 PM (Portuguese) Christmas Day Mass in the chapel



SUNDAY – December 26, 2021

- 7:30 AM † Mr. & Mrs. Francis Freel Req. by their Family
- 9:00 AM † Ellie Gilcrest Req. by a Friend
- 10:30 AM For the People
- 12:10 PM (Spanish) In thanksgiving for the Gaw, Roman & Wallace Families Req. by Marita Wallace

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

Saint Michael, the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Michael the archangel, Pray for us.

Baptism Congratulations

to the family of

Pedro Sales

May God continue to bless him & his family.



Vigil Lights

December 19 to December 25, 2021

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Elia

Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ken Brodmerkle

In loving memory of Preston G. Cote at Christmas

Req. by his Family

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Bianchi

Req. by their Family

In memory of Ted Wolf Req. by his Family

In loving memory of the Genelli Family

Req. by Jennifer

If you wish to light a 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 December 8, 11 & 12, 2021

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Immaculate Conception | \$1,185.00 |
| Sunday Collection | \$5,594.00 |
| Retired Religious | \$2,873.00 |

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each year the celebration of Christmas resounds with the glad tidings of great joy that brought awe, wonder and peace to the shepherds at Bethlehem. Each of us has treasured family traditions that surround and support our celebration of Christ's birth - a family gathering after Mass, delivering dinners, trimming trees, displaying crèches, exchanging gifts or visiting friends.

For many months, COVID precautions have disrupted, curtailed or postponed the traditions and practices of everyday life. We long for a return to normalcy. As we edge closer to normalcy, reports of COVID variants, breakthrough infections and rising hospitalizations can give us the jitters and make us skittish.

But even as we heed prudent precautions, that skittishness and those jitters should not shake us. We should not be shaken because the essence of Christmas, the source of our joy and the cause of our awe, wonder and peace remain the same - God so loved the world that He sent His Son to take on human flesh, to become one of us so that we might become children of God and share forever in His love. Because of that, no virus, no variant, not even death itself will keep the faithful from sharing the joy of God's love both here amidst earth's uncertainties or forever in Heaven where no threat, shadow or separation will vex us.

While the essence of Christmas remains the same, its message never becomes static or grows stale. When our prayer life deepens, our sacramental life is sustained, our holiness grows and we gain an ever more profound awareness of God's closeness to us and His love for us. That realization is grace, God Himself with us, Emmanuel dwelling in our souls. That grace frees us from fear, allows us to persevere with prudence and fills us with confidence and peace to face and overcome every challenge.

In the new year may our weekly communal worship at Mass continue to inspire us with the Word of God and nourish us in the Eucharist that we may grow ever more confident in our conviction and joy that the Savior born to us at Bethlehem remains with us now and forever.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



Join us for the daily praying of the rosary following the 7 AM Mass each Monday through Friday and following the 8 AM Mass each Saturday.

Are you seeking a roommate in your apartment or home? Might you enjoy the company of another soul under your roof who loves her Catholic faith? A parishioner of St. John's is seeking to downsize. She is seeking to share expenses with another woman or family in the parish who might have an extra room or in-law apartment. Please see Fr. Jim for a confidential conversation about this possibility.



Coffee Hour

Please join us downstairs for coffee and donuts immediately following the 10:30 Mass. All are welcome!



Liturgical Schedule

| December 18 & 19 | 4 p.m. | 7:30 a.m. | 9 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| Lector: | P. Feudo | S. Soldi | B. Huff | T. Comeau |
| EM: | M. Fazio | P. Ball | K. O'Loughlin | |
| | E. Cowles | K. Mello | C. MacGillivray | |
| | | | J. Blette | |
| AS: | | | N. Dalsass | A. Petracca |
| | | | J. Dalsass | S. Smillie |
| | | | A. Dalsass | W. Smillie |

| December 24 | 4 p.m. | 6 p.m. | 12 a.m. |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Lector: | R. Cronin | B. Huff | J. Donahue |
| EM: | J. Blette | | S. Segelhorst |
| | C. MacGillivray | | J. Donahue |
| | M. Fazio | | |
| AS: | C. Fucile | N. Kottenstette | |
| | E. Fucile | | |

| December 25 | 7:30 a.m. | 9 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
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| Lector: | J. Moynihan | M. Pulnik | |
| EM: | P. Ball | J. Blette | C. Schlegel |
| | J. Moynihan | C. MacGillivray | |
| | K. Mello | | |
| AS: | J. Beirne | R. Combs | |
| | T. Beirne | | |
| | J. Beirne | | |
| | G. Beirne | | |

| December 26 | 7:30 a.m. | 9 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
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| Lector: | J. Donahue | R. Cronin | T. Duff |
| EM: | J. Donahue | G. Schneck | |
| | | J. Blette | |
| AS: | | | G. Beirne |
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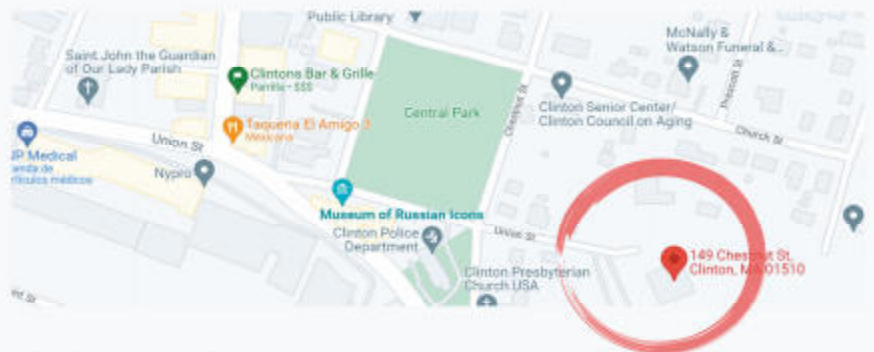
VEN SEÑOR JESÚS

Ven a nuestras almas, ven no tardes tanto



**Posadas
hasta el 23 de diciembre
7 pm
Rectoría**

149 Chestnut St Clinton MA
o en GPS "St. John´s Gym",
es la casa amarilla del frente



Dic 24
viernes
Confesiones
1-3pm

Dic 25
sábado
misa navidad
12:10 pm

Dic 26
domingo
misa familia
12:10 pm

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