

# St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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



After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.

~ Lk 2:46-47

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## *Mass Schedule:*

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](http://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](mailto:DMCPRAY@gmail.com).

# St. John, Guardian of Our Lady

Dear Friends,

6-5-6-11.

These four numbers are a pattern.

They are the repeating pattern of years in between which Christmas falls on a Saturday.

Where just finishing up that last, long 11 year stretch since 2010.

This makes for quite a liturgical weekend!

Christmas Eve on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Christmas Day on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

That's a lot of celebrating!

Furthermore, the Feast Day of our church's patron — St. John the Evangelist — falls on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

St. John was the son of Zebedee. He and his brother, St. James, were also known as "sons of thunder." The trio of St. Peter, St. James and St. John are often singled out in Sacred Scripture. They were the only witnesses to Jesus raising Jairus' daughter. They were with Jesus at the Transfiguration. They were close to Jesus at the Agony in the Garden. Jesus sent only St. John and St. Peter into the city for the preparation of the final Passover meal. St. John is also the "beloved disciple" who sat near to Jesus at the Last Supper.

St. John is the only apostle who did not flee during the death of Jesus. He stood courageously at the foot of the cross with Mary and the other women. It is during the crucifixion that Jesus says, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple. "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home." This "home" is believed to be in Ephesus. Lastly, it is our tradition that he is the only apostle to be spared from a martyr's death.

On Monday, December 27, we'll move our St. John Statue from the lower hall to the upper Church to honor this great saint. Stop in anytime during the day to say a prayer. Ask the "beloved disciple" to bring your petitions to the Lord.

In Christ,

Fr. Jim

## 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](http://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.

### Blessing of the Home on Epiphany

Next Sunday is the Epiphany of the Lord. There is a tradition that on the feast of Epiphany we pray for God's blessing on our homes, marking the entrance with chalk. We mark the main door of our home with the initials of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar - and the numerals of the new year connected with crosses:

20+C+M+B+22

Lord bless our homes & all who will visit us this year.

Blessed chalk & instructions may be found at the shrines for Our Lady of Jasna Gora & Our Lady of the Rosary in the front of the church.



### 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.

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



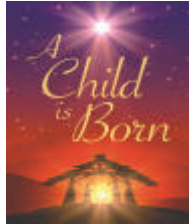
# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 26, 2021



## 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



## 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.



**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.

Please be sure to reach out to the parish secretary to schedule a home visit from Fr. Sebastian or Fr. Jim for home Anointings, Holy Communion, House Blessings, or Confession. If you know someone who would benefit from such a pastoral visit, please strongly encourage them to call – or ask if it is okay to call for them. Thank you! 978-368-0366.

## SUNDAY – December 26, 2021

- 7:30 AM † Mr. & Mrs. Francis Freeland 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

## MONDAY – December 27, 2021

- 7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 6:00 PM 20th Wedding Anniversary blessings for Gerard & Sheila Beirne

## TUESDAY – December 28, 2021

- 7:00 AM † Robert Cellucci - Birthday Remembrance Req. by his Family
- 6:00 PM † Madeline O'Malley Req. by her Daughter & Grandchildren

## WEDNESDAY – December 29, 2021

- 7:00 AM † John Peter Manning Req. by his Family
- 6:00 PM † Emma Merriman

## THURSDAY – December 30, 2021

- 7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 6:00 PM † Damien Beirne

## FRIDAY – December 31, 2021 - New Year's Eve

- 7:00 AM † Bryan Levesque - 32nd Anniversary Req. by Dottie Sears
- 6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

## SATURDAY – January 1, 2022 - New Year's Day

- 8:00 AM For Our Families
- 4:00 PM For the People
- 6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

## SUNDAY – January 2, 2022

- 7:30 AM † Batista & Catherine Cherubini Req. by their Family
- 9:00 AM † Robert Cellucci - 11th Anniversary Req. by his Family
- 10:30 AM † Tara Puccio Hale Req. by her Friends
- 12:10 PM (Spanish) In thanksgiving for Maricela Portorreal, Kathy Portorreal & Pamela Marie Diaz Portorreal on their birthday Req. by Kathy Portorreal



## Vigil Lights December 26 to January 1, 2021

*In memory of Lucille Cunic & Edward Jablonski  
Req. by their Children*

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. James & Helen Kerrigan  
Req. by their Family*

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. James & Sarah Guidi  
Req. by their Family*

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Janice Kerrigan  
Req. by their Family*

*In memory John & Lena Freeland  
Req. by Walter & Anna Nosek*

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.



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, the parishes in our diocese will participate in the national collection for **The Catholic University of America** in Washington, D.C. Established in 1887, the university is the only American university with ecclesiastical faculties granting canonical degrees in canon law, philosophy and theology.

Catholic University is helping to renew and strengthen the Church. The university has always been the research institution where the Church comes to think. For example, by creating an Institute for Diocesan Excellence in Administration (IDEA), where lay scholars and professionals can support clergy by providing expertise and accountability in the areas of education, finance, canon law and culture, Catholic University serves as a springboard in renewing and strengthening Catholicism in our country.

Catholic University is committed to excellence in teaching and research. With its 12 schools and 23 research centers, the university provides an exceptional Catholic education to almost 7,000 students annually. The university prepares students to respond to the many issues facing the Church and society today by way of its many programs, such as those in ethical business practices; classical architecture; intelligence studies; neuroscience; nursing; Hispanic ministry; social service; and Catholic bioethics.

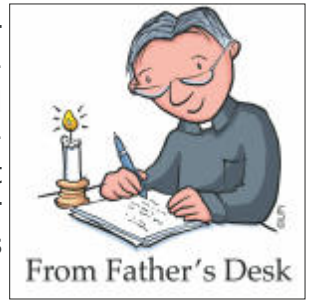
I encourage you to be generous in the special collection for The Catholic University of America to be taken up on the weekend of January 2, 2022.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed New Year, I remain

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




Special thanks to a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous for adding an additional gift to our recent second collection for the good folks at COAR. Some weeks ago your generous donations for this Community of Oscar Romero, which has been sheltering, educating, and healing children in El Salvador since 1980 raised a total of \$4,151. Last week, we received an additional \$5,000 check. Therefore, our total gift to COAR is now \$9,151. Thank you!



**Coffee Hour**

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




Liturgical Schedule

*Weekly Collection December 18 & 19, 2021*

Collection totals unavailable due to the early publication of the bulletin.

**January 2022 Second Collections:**  
**January 2** - Catholic University  
**January 9** - CARE Food Pantry  
**January 16** - Parish Development Fund



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December 25	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
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.
Lector:	J. Donahue	R. Cronin	T. Duff
EM:	J. Donahue	G. Schneck	
		J. Blette	
AS:			G. Beirne
			J. Beirne
			T. Beirne
			J. Beirne

January 1 & 2	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	S. Belauskas	J. Moynihan	E. Shibley	P. Feudo
EM:	J. Gaughan	P. Ball	C. MacGillivray	
	J. Moran	J. Moynihan	K. O'Loughlin	
			J. Blette	
AS:		C. Lucking	C. Fucile	L. Iacoviello
		B. Lucking	E. Fucile	N. Kottenstette
				W. Ortiz



# ¡Feliz navidad!

*Que el Señor te bendiga  
y te guarde;  
que el Señor te mire con  
agrado  
y te extienda su amor;  
que el Señor te muestre su  
favor  
y te conceda la paz;  
que su luz ilumine siempre  
el rostro de tus ancestros,  
de tus padres y hermanos,  
que ilumine siempre el  
rostro de tus hijos y los  
hijos de tus hijos,  
+ AMÉN +*



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