

# St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. — Lk 3:21-22

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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.stjohnscanton.org](http://www.stjohnscanton.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,

When a young person in their teens or early 20s receives a personal letter from the Bishop, it's a nice surprise. You don't forget that. One such teen confided in me that he kept this letter in his school backpack, and reread it nearly every day for a year. It was a personal invitation to attend an annual Vocation Discernment Retreat. At the end of that year, he was ready to attend the retreat. He did, and now years later he's on the threshold of priestly ordination.

Let's ask Bishop McManus to send personal invitation letters to a good number of our own young people at St. John's over the next few months. I need your help to make that happen. I'd like your recommendations.

Every year Bishop McManus hosts a Priesthood Discernment Retreat for young men, high school age, college age, and in the working-world. This year's retreat is scheduled on Friday, April 9 & Saturday, April 10. The retreat site is the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam Connecticut – only 30 minutes south of Worcester, just over the MA/CT border.

The retreat begins at 6pm on Friday evening, and ends at 6pm on Saturday evening. Traditionally, 30 to 40 men attend this retreat. Time for presentations, prayer, confession, Masses, devotions, and recreation are scheduled. The sooner these men receive an invitation, the more time they will have to reflect upon their God-given vocations and clear their schedules should they choose to attend. This will also provide some time to organize carpooling for our St. John's group of men to and from Putnam, CT. It would be really great to have 10 or more young men attend.


Please email, text, or hand me the names and addresses of any young men in our parish who you believe may have a possible vocation to the priesthood. I'll make sure that they receive a personal invitation from Bishop McManus to attend this retreat on April 9 & 10. Thank you for your help.

In Christ, Fr. Jim

**The Married Couples Club** will meet in January on Saturday, January 8th at 7 p.m. instead of our usual first Friday.

All married & engaged couples are welcome to attend the Sacred Music Series special festival of lessons and carols. Refreshments will be served afterwards downstairs in the Parish Hall.

FIRST LECTURE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH



## Flannery O'Connor & Grace


6:45pm-7:45pm  
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Additional Lecture Dates Coming Soon.

First 30 individuals to sign up will receive a free copy of the Complete Stories of Flannery O'Connor!

Contact Matt Traceski, Director of Faith Formation at [stjohnclintondff@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnclintondff@gmail.com) to sign up.

This series of discussions will be led by  
Professor Matthew Briel of Assumption University.

B.A. Philosophy, University of Notre Dame,  
M.T.S. History of Christianity, University of Notre Dame  
M.A. Classics, University of Minnesota  
Ph.D., Historical Theology, Fordham University



## "Behold, I stand at the door and knock..."

It's time. Time to learn more about your Faith. It's time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Two weekends are coming up for early 2022. A **Women's Weekend February 3-6**; and a **Men's Weekend March 17-20**. Visit [www.fourthday.org](http://www.fourthday.org) and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information. You will be so very glad you did!

**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.



## Pro-Life Morning of Reflection

Please join us for A Morning for Life with Msgr. James P. Moroney on **Saturday, January 15 from 10:00 am – noon** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. The mini-retreat will include a talk on "How Precious Life Is" quiet prayer time, and Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. Pre-registration is preferred (though not required). Email intent to attend to [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org). Download the flyer with more details at: [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life).



# Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

## MASST INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY – January 8, 2022

- 8:00 AM For Our Families  
4:00 PM † Pierino Marioni Req. by wife, Lina & daughters, Maria & Loretta  
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

### SUNDAY – January 9, 2022

- 7:30 AM For the People  
9:00 AM † Carol (Garrity) Belcastro Req. by her Family  
10:30 AM † Patricia Gadomski - 10th Anniversary Req. by her Family  
12:10 PM (Spanish) † Haydesita Herrera Primer - Anniversary Mass Req. by Josue & Vilma

### MONDAY – January 10, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory  
6:00 PM † Gregory, Andrew, Janet & Peter Tivnan

### TUESDAY – January 11, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Louis Rega - 20th Anniversary Req. by Susan Mathews  
6:00 PM † Anne J. O'Donnell Req. by niece, Monica Daly

### WEDNESDAY – January 12, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Michael Kane Req. by Wife & Children  
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

### THURSDAY – January 13, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Carol Belcastro  
6:00 PM † Tim Cantu Req. by the Shnaider Family

### FRIDAY – January 14, 2022

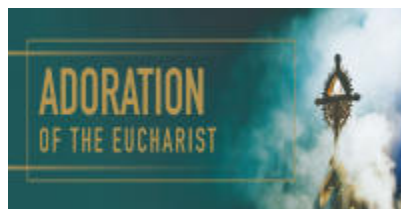
- 7:00 AM † Fr. Joseph Nally  
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY – January 15, 2022

- 8:00 AM For Our Families  
4:00 PM Spiritual healing for Catherine Pignatiello Req. by her Family  
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

### SUNDAY – January 16, 2022

- 7:30 AM † Lorraine Notaro - 16th Anniversary Req. by her Family  
9:00 AM For the People  
10:30 AM † Damien Beirne  
12:10 PM (Spanish) Noel Rodriguez on the 53rd Birthday & Mateo Hernandez on his 31st Birthday Req. by their Wife & Mother



Adorers are 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.

Online Giving offers families a flexible way to contribute to your weekly offertory, donations and special collections. Visit [www.stjohnsclinton.org](http://www.stjohnsclinton.org) and choose "online giving" located on top right of the page.



### Vianney Dinner to learn more about the Priesthood

The next Vianney dinner is **Wednesday January 12, 2022** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies. Please note the change of date. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. They are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as their schedule allows. 6:05 PM Mass, 6:30 dinner, and 7 PM social. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for good. [director@worcestervocations.com](mailto:director@worcestervocations.com).

### Vigil Lights January 9 to January 15, 2022

*In memory of Richard Sheridan Req. by his Family*

*In memory of Paul Lovett Req. by his Family*

*In memory of Bernice Flannagan - 1st Anniversary Req. by her Family*

*In memory of Theresa Barden Req. by Joe Yencsko*

*In memory of Marie Spinney - Birthday Remembrance Req. by Kathryn Lovett*

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.



**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.

**Weekly Collections January 1 & 2, 2022**  
Sunday Collection \$5,251.00  
Catholic University \$967.00

## 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.

## No 6pm Sung Mass on Sunday, January 9

Due to various scheduling conflicts, we will not be having our normal 6pm sung Mass at St. John's during the month of January. But we will resume our regular schedule – having these Masses on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month – on *February 13<sup>th</sup>*. We look forward to seeing many of you then!



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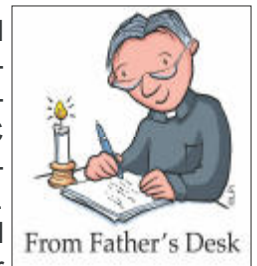
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- Homemade meatballs with marinara sauce over spaghetti or penne.
- Sweet or Hot Italian sausages with caramelized onions and peppers over rice or penne and sauce.
- Chicken Pot Pie with chicken in a homemade sauce with potatoes, vegetables and a flaky pie crust.

All orders must be in by January 10th. The meals will be ready for pick up on January 15th. Pick up is at Holy Trinity Parish, 15 Still River Rd, Harvard, MA. Please email: [kofc13764@gmail.com](mailto:kofc13764@gmail.com) for more information.

Special thanks for an additional anonymous gift to add to our existing 2023 World Youth Day Scholarship Fund. This trip is for our CYC Group is scheduled over the Summer of 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. This new \$4500 donation is added to our recent \$5000 donation. Our Scholarship Fund now totals \$9500. Thank you!



Yes! We are still open for those in need. All donations may be left at each entrance to St. John's Church. The church doors remain open from 10am to 8pm each day for drop off.

Our most needed items are:

Toilet Paper, Mac & Cheese, 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

## Coffee Hour

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



## Pro-Life Mass with Bishop McManus

All are invited to attend the annual Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop McManus on **Thursday, January 20 at 7:00 pm.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Please join us on the eve of the March for Life as we remember the 49th tragic anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!



## FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS JANUARY 8TH

Our Sacred Music Series returns with a special Festival of Lessons and Carols on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Based on the Office of Matins for the Feast of the Epiphany, this festive ceremony will feature Scripture readings, the singing of beloved Christmas and Epiphany carols, and sacred choral music led by the Upper School Chorus of the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Still River, under the direction of Michael Olbash. Freewill donations will be accepted at the door for the benefit of First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center of Clinton. Please do not miss this opportunity to celebrate the season with beautiful music in our glorious



# El Bautismo del Señor

*"Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto; en ti me complazco"*

*Lc 3, 22*

"Jesús es Dios ¿Pero por qué se hace bautizar? El bautismo de Juan consistía en un rito penitencial, era un signo de la voluntad de convertirse, de ser mejores, pidiendo perdón por los propios pecados. Realmente Jesús no lo necesitaba. Pero Jesús insiste. ¿Por qué? Porque quiere estar con los pecadores: por eso se pone en la fila con ellos y cumple su mismo gesto".

Bautismo, de hecho, significa precisamente 'inmersión'. Jesús nos dice que no nos salva desde lo alto, sino viniendo a nuestro encuentro y tomando consigo nuestros pecados"

- Papa Francisco, 2020

El grupo bíblico reiniciará el 8 de febrero con el estudio del libro de los salmos



El grupo R.I.C.A. continúa teniendo reuniones los lunes a las 7 pm



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