

St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish

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



When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

John 19 26-27

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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

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 8 a.m. 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,

Thank you for celebrating the Christmas Season with great joy here at St. John's. We are so blessed as a family of faith.

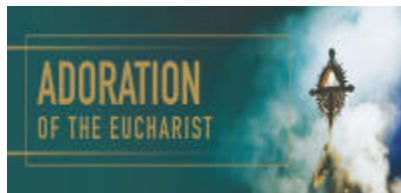
Let's now take a moment to map out the next several weeks. This past Monday we entered into the First Week of Ordinary Time. We'll enjoy a bit over seven weeks of Ordinary Time before entering the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd, and the First Sunday of Lent is March 6th.

During these weeks of Ordinary Time, we'll make our way through the Gospel of Mark during weekdays and Saturdays, and through the Gospel of Luke on Sundays. However, this particular Sunday, we are offered the great miracle at Cana from John's Gospel.

We'll also honor a great array of Saints during these weeks in Ordinary Time: St. Anthony; St. Agnes; St. Francis de Sales; St. Paul; Sts. Timothy & Titus; St. Thomas Aquinas; St. John Bosco; St. Agatha; St. Scholastica; Sts. Cyril & Methodius; and St. Polycarp. Further, on Wednesday, February 2nd, we'll celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, and on Tuesday, February 22nd, the Chair of St. Peter.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*. Far from being "ordinary," Ordinary Time is a time for growth, conversion and maturation! Let us all seek to grow in holiness and continue on our way to becoming saints in these week of Ordinary Time ahead!

In Christ, Fr. Jim



**No Adoration on
Martin Luther King Day,
Monday, January 17**

Adorers are needed on Mondays at 11 am and Thursdays at 4 pm. To sign up or for more information, contact Sue Belfield at 508-869-0508.



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.

FIRST LECTURE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH

Flannery O'Connor & Grace

6:45pm-7:45pm
Church Hall
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 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 and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information. You will be so very glad you did!

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.

Coffee Hour

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



Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY – January 17, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 6:00 PM † Kevin J. Kelley Req. by Monica Daly

TUESDAY – January 18, 2022

- 7:00 AM Blessings for Sue Nohrden & Family Req. by
a Friend
- 6:00 PM † Josephine & Paul O'Malley Req. by
daughter, Carol

WEDNESDAY – January 19, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Tyler Scheurer Req. by his Cousin
- 6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – January 20, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Red (Richard) Tolman Req. by a Friend
- 6:00 PM God's blessings for Marie Cantu & Children
Req. by the Shnaider Family

FRIDAY – January 21, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Ann & Raymond Valeri
- 6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – January 22, 2022

- 8:00 AM For Our Families
- 4:00 PM † Irene (Griffin) Moran Req. by daughter,
Renie Moran
- 6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – January 23, 2022

- 7:30 AM † Barbara & Philip Bailey Req. by their
Family
- 9:00 AM † Susan Franco - 5th Anniversary Req. by
Mary
- 10:30 AM For the People
- 12:10 PM (Spanish) In thanksgiving for Sonia Mendez
on her birthday Req. by her Mother &
Siblings



Just a friendly reminder that online-giving has been available in our parish now for 12 years. Online Giving makes it easy for you to fulfill your financial commitments to the parish even when you are unable to attend Mass. Giving electronically also helps you and the church staff plan and budget. It is simple and easy. Please visit our website and choose "Online Giving" located in the top right hand corner of the page to sign up.



Congratulations to the family of

Gianna Messina

May God continue to bless her & her family.



Vigil Lights - January 16 to January 22, 2022

*In memory of Sharon Tomolo - 7th Anniversary
Req. by sister, Judy*

*In memory of Ed Howard - 1st Anniversary
Req. by wife, Ruth*

*In memory of baby Edmund Frick
Req. by his Family*

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

*In memory of Mary & Neff Kobus & Sr. Maureen
Req. by Ann*

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.



<i>Weekly Collections</i>		<i>January 8 & 9, 2022</i>	
Sunday Collection		\$4,766.00	
CARE Food Pantry		\$2,537.00	

My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

January 22, 2022 marks the 49th anniversary of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision which, with its companion case *Doe v. Bolton*, legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy in every state in the nation. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (n. 373), designates **Saturday, January 22** as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". All the faithful in dioceses throughout the United States of America are called to observe this day in a spirit of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

Forty-nine years of legalized abortion in this country has left an incomprehensible aftermath. With over 63 million lives lost, and countless women and men, mothers and fathers, grandparents, siblings, and friends who have been deeply wounded physically, emotionally, and spiritually by this tragedy, we need now more than ever to re-commit ourselves to defending life. I encourage our diocesan parishes and institutions, and all the faithful, to observe reverently the **Day of Prayer and Penance on January 22nd** both personally and within your communities. Fervent prayer is especially needed in light of the possible overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* case currently before the U.S. Supreme Court. At stake is a Mississippi law banning abortions after 15 weeks. The Supreme Court is expected to issue its ruling in June. (More information about this landmark case can be found at prayfordobbs.com.) Let us unite our hearts and minds through special acts of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice on this day and in the months to come, to uphold the inherent dignity of all human life from conception to natural death.

As we reflect on this unspeakable tragedy, we also recall how the Church for many years has continued to reach out to those who have been so sadly affected by the culture of death, particularly through ministries providing aid to women and families in crisis pregnancies, offering the healing love and mercy of Christ to those wounded by abortion through the ministry of Project Rachel, and by continuing to teach and preach the truth and beauty about love and life that bring authentic freedom and happiness. It is through our prayers, charitable works, and loving sacrifices that the culture can be transformed.

Let us take this opportunity of the January 22nd Day of Prayer and Penance to renew our resolve to live and proclaim the Gospel of Life. May we respond generously to the challenge Saint Pope John Paul II put forth in *Evangelium vitae*: "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. May an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from the heart of every believer." Our active participation in the shared commitment to the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person will, with God's grace, truly work toward the building up of a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.

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

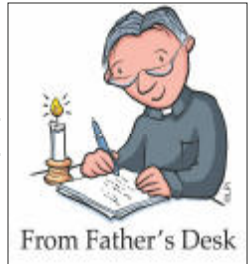


St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

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.

Special thanks for an additional anonymous gift to add to our existing 2023 World Youth Day Scholarship Fund. This trip is four 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!



Thank you to all who contributed to the service of Lessons and Carols on January 8th, and the reception that followed. Special thanks to the Immaculate Heart of Mary School community who provided the music, and liturgical coordination as well. Well done! A free-will offering on this special evening of Sacred Scripture and beautiful music raised over \$1100 for the First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center here in Clinton.

Thank You.

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!

OPEN HOUSE

Regina Caeli Academy, a private, independent, school for preschoolers through 12th graders will have an open-house at 1pm on January 24th at All Saints Catholic Parish in Haverhill, MA. This Academy combines on-site classes with planned home-schooling the remainder of the week. Applications are being accepted for Fall 2022. To learn more, contact Mrs. Rebecca Casey at (978) 228-3244 or rcasey.nma@rcahybrid.org.

LAS BODAS DE CANÁ

El primer milagro de Jesús fue ayudar a una
pareja de casados



“Las palabras que María dirige a los sirvientes coronan el cuadro nupcial de Caná: «Hagan todo lo que él les diga» (v. 5). Es curioso: son sus últimas palabras reportadas en los Evangelio; son la herencia que nos entrega a todos nosotros. También hoy la Virgen nos dice a todos nosotros: «Hagan todo lo que él les diga». Es la herencia que nos ha dejado: ¡es bello! Se trata de una expresión que evoca la fórmula de fe utilizada por el pueblo de Israel en el Sinaí como respuesta a las promesas de la alianza: «Estamos decididos a poner en práctica todo lo que ha dicho el Señor» (Ex 19,8). Y en efecto en Caná los sirvientes obedecen. «Jesús dijo a los sirvientes: Llenen de agua estas tinajas. Y las llenaron hasta el borde. Saquen ahora, agregó Jesús, y lleven al encargado del banquete. Así lo hicieron» (vv. 7-8). En estas bodas, de verdad viene estipulada una Nueva Alianza y a los servidores del Señor, es decir a toda la Iglesia, le es confiada la nueva misión: «Hagan todo lo que él les diga». Servir al Señor significa escuchar y poner en práctica su Palabra. Es la recomendación simple pero esencial de la Madre de Jesús y es el programa de vida del cristiano. Para cada uno de nosotros, sacar de las tinajas equivale a confiar en la Palabra de Dios para experimentar su eficacia en la vida. Entonces, junto al encargado del banquete que ha probado el agua convertida en vino, también nosotros podemos exclamar: «Tú, en cambio, has guardado el buen vino hasta este momento» (v. 10). Si, el Señor continúa reservando aquel vino bueno para nuestra salvación, así como continua brotando del costado atravesado del Señor.” - Papa Francisco

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