

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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Pastor*

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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,

On Tuesday, January 25th, we'll celebrate the Feast Day of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle.

In the first Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read the words, "On that journey as I drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from the sky suddenly shone around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' I replied, 'Who are you, sir?' And he said to me, 'I am Jesus the Nazorean whom you are persecuting.'"

This moment is so moving. Just as the Father has spoken from heaven in the Old and New Testaments, now Jesus, resurrected and ascended, speaks from heaven. St. Paul's conversation begins with a question, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" The verb is present-tense— "persecuting." We may ask, "How is Paul possibly persecuting the resurrected and ascended Jesus?"

Of course, this is answered in Matthew's Gospel so profoundly when Jesus says, " 'Amen, I say to you, whatever **you did** for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me," and " 'Amen, I say to you, what you **did not do** for one of these least ones, you did not do for me."

In these words from the Gospel, Jesus informs us that our kindness towards others and our neglect towards others is experienced by Jesus as well. In the same manner, we can understand how Our Lord's use of the present tense – "persecuting" – is so perfectly

communicated to St. Paul in the question, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Whenever we fall into the darkness of selfishness, apathy, or sloth, may this profound moment from St. Paul's conversion sober us quickly to the truth of our constant personal interactions, day to day with the Lord, through our brothers and sisters.

In Christ, Fr. Jim



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 82891, 1998, 1970 CCD

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SAVE THE DATE! FEB 4-6TH

Do you want to see your family, parish or diocese ignited with the Catholic faith? Do you want to be able to confidently share the good news and equip others to do the same?

Join us this February at SEEK22. Dive deep into the vision of what God has called each of us to do – to live as missionary disciples – and receive hands-on, Christ centered ways to bring this vision to life in your parish, community and diocese.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 2022

MASS+ INTENTIONS

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
her Family
10:30 AM For the People
12:10 PM (Spanish) In thanksgiving for Sonia Mendez
on her birthday Req. by her Mother &
Siblings

MONDAY – January 24, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory
6:00 PM † Jack Pulnik Req. by the Divine Mercy
Cenacle

TUESDAY – January 25, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Bill McNally Req. by Reenie McNally &
Ray Garry
6:00 PM † Kathleen Stacey Req. by Anne Marie
Catalano

WEDNESDAY – January 26, 2022

- 7:00 AM † Maria Bento Req. by sister, Aura
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY – January 27, 2022

- 7:00 AM † The Peter A. O'Toole Family Req. by the
Sanders Family
6:00 PM † Michael Liskiewicz - 19th Anniversary Req.
by the Zupicich Family

FRIDAY – January 28, 2022

- 7:00 AM † James Gibbons Req. by Mary Pat, John &
Debbie Gibbons
6:00 PM † Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – January 29, 2022

- 8:00 AM For Our Families
4:00 PM † Edward Jablonski - Birthday Remembrance
Req. by his Children
6:00 PM (Portuguese) For the People

SUNDAY – January 30, 2022

- 7:30 AM † Lauren Harrington Req. by Friends of Adie
Lang
9:00 AM For the People
10:30 AM † Paul Massalski Req. by Godmother,
Gerrie Amato-Youlden
12:10 PM (Spanish) † Giillermina Mauri Req. by her
Daughter



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.

Coffee Hour

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



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.



Vigil Lights

January 23 - January 29, 2022



Prayers & blessings for Rev. James Mazzone

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Prayers & blessings for Tammy Van Buren

In memory of James Gibbons

Req. by Mary Pat, John & Debbie Gibbons

In thanksgiving

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.





Adorers are needed on 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.

"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!

<i>Weekly Collections</i>	<i>January 15 & 16, 2022</i>	
Sunday Collection		\$5,044.00
Parish Development		\$1,910.00



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.

O 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.

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.

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PLEASE SIGN UP BY JAN. 25

January 22 & 23	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	R. Cronin	B. Kenney	M. Heelan	B. McGregor
EM:	M. Fazio	P. Ball	G. Schneck	
	J. Moran	K. Mello	J. Blette	
AS:	A. Ward		N. Dalsass	A. Kelly
			J. Dalsass	F. Kelly
			A. Dalsass	R. Kelly

January 29 & 30	4 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Lector:	J. Daley	J. Donahue	M. Pulnik	T. Comeau
EM:	C. Schlegel	J. Donahue	C. MacGillivray	
			K. O'Loughlin	
			J. Blette	
AS:		C. Lucking	C. Fucile	A. Petracca
		B. Lucking	E. Fucile	S. Smillie
				W. Smillie

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ALTAGRACIA

Madre y protectora espiritual del pueblo dominicano. ¿Cuáles son algunos de sus símbolos?



LA ESTRELLA DE BELÉN

El escenario de la virgen de la Altagracia es la navidad. La estrella de Belén tiene 8 puntas y dos de ellas bendicen al Niño; María a su vez tiene 12 estrellas que son los doce apóstoles



COLORES DE SU ROPA

María está vestida de rojo (signo de pulcritud), blanco (signo de pureza), y azul naval (como signo de la presencia del Espíritu Santo). La bandera, que es el ropaje de la nación, invita a todos a vestirse de las mismas virtudes de la Virgen.

MANOS Y RAYO BLANCO

Las manos reflejan la adoración de María por Jesús, Dios hecho hombre. En la imagen sale del cuerpo de María sale un rayo de luz blanca en forma de triángulo que se desplaza al Niño, símbolo del nacimiento virginal de Jesús.



SAN JOSÉ VIGILANTE

Detrás de María se encuentra San José. Es él quien tiene la tarea de cuidar las espaldas de María y del Niño, pero también la misión de proteger a toda la Iglesia.

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