Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil  
4 p.m.

Sunday  
7:30, 9 & 10:30 a.m.
Spanish Mass  12 p.m.

Monday  
5:15 p.m.

Tuesday – Friday  
7 a.m.

Holy Day Vigil  
(see bulletin for details)

Holy Day Mass  
(see bulletin for details)

Confessions:  
Each Saturday – 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:  
Baptismal instruction for parents takes place on the first Sunday of each month at 12 p.m. in the Parish Center

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:  
7 a.m. to 9 p.m. M-F in the Chapel.

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotion:  
Mondays following the 5:15 p.m. Mass

St. John’s Gym  
149 Chestnut St, Clinton  
Phone: 978-365-9085  
Email: stjohnsgymorg@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Parish Center  
80 Union St  
Tuesday’s: 7 p.m.

CARE Food Pantry  
St. John’s Gym - 149 Chestnut St  
Open Thursday’s: 4-6 p.m.

St. John’s Cemetery  
Parker Rd, Lancaster  
Phone: 978-368-8816
Dear Friends,

We all look forward to our vacation time each year. It is a longed for opportunity to step away from our work, our projects and our busy schedules. We also rely on weekends, holidays, or just a day off. All these breaks enable us to catch our breath, spend time with our families, and simply enjoy the places where we live.

Celebrating the Lord’s Day with Mass, rest and quiet also and truly lifts our hearts and souls for the week ahead inspiring us to be aware that we do not walk alone. Honoring this time strengthens our family ties, lifts our spirits and deepens God’s peace within us.

Stepping away is a normal human call. Most of all it is a spiritual drive. Our Lord did it often, even in the midst of bringing His healing touch to the hurting.

Why is this all being said? This week our parish is offering us three special and helpful opportunities of only an hour and a half each to step away and receive God’s thoughts, His presence, His forgiveness and His healing graces. This Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 7:00 in our church we will have a Lenten mission with Father Stephen Gemme. It is an opportunity to welcome and receive God’s many graces and strengths in order to stay close to Him each day and to attain His gift of eternal life which awaits us.

“Come follow me” says the Lord, and “I will give you a peace the world cannot give.”

Many Lenten Blessings, Father Nally

Hibernians of Our Lady of Knock Events
Hibernians of Our Lady of Knock Annual Irish Tea / Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. As a reminder, our St Patrick’s Mass will take place on Sunday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. All members are urged to attend.

Baptism Congratulations
to the families of

Vivienne Chouinard
Aaron McNally
Dinah McNally
Sarah McNally

May God continue to bless them & their families.

Pray for Priests
On the bulletin tables are monthly lists of priests of our diocese. Please pray not only for them but also for our seminarians.

There is no better way to observe Lent than to pray the Stations of the Cross. Please join us for the Stations each Friday during Lent at 3:30 PM in the Upper Church.

Every Second Sunday of the Month is designated as Food Pantry Sunday. It is a special Sunday when we ask families to bring non-perishable foods to church. If you cannot do it on a particular Sunday, Food Care Donation Boxes are left at entrances to the Parish. Our most needed items are: 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

Rice Bowls
Catholic Relief Services works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world & to end global poverty. Please be sure to take a rice bowl home & use this easy & fun resource to deepen your family’s Lenten experience. Your prayers, fasting & almsgiving this Lenten season will help CRS continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries.

Readings for March 4, 2018
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25.
Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

This weekend is In Pew Weekend for the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. This weekend every member of St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. Our parish goal is $92,800. Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2018 appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

Vigil Lights
March 4 – March 10, 2018

In memory of Albert & Margaret Alzapiedi
Req. by their Grandchildren

In memory of Robert & Gloria McNally
Req. by their loving Children

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Req. by their loving Grandchildren

In memory of Mary N. Burke
Req. by Sally Lefebvre

In memory of brother, Larry & wife, Jeanne Lipari
Req. by sister, Tess & Family

Eucharistic Adoration
Six Adorers are needed for: Tuesdays at 1 p.m., Thursdays at 5 p.m. & Fridays at 8 a.m., 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Please contact Sue Belfield at 508-869-0508 for more information.

Lenten Guidelines for Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Weekly Collection
February 24 – February 25, 2018

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY – March 3, 2018
8:00 AM First Saturday Mass
4:00 PM † Edward McGeehan & Mary C. O'Connell
 Req. by Rita

SUNDAY – March 4, 2018
7:30 AM † Mary Moore Creed
 Req. by Tony & Karen
9:00 AM † Virginia R. Vandesteener - 22nd Anniversary
 Req. by Patsy
10:30 AM For the People
12:00 PM (Spanish) † Nilsida Amarilis Ramirez - 1 month
 Req. by Ivette Curiel

MONDAY – March 5, 2018
12:10 PM † Rocco Ranieri - 8th Anniversary
 Req. by his Wife & Son
5:15 PM † Richard "Dicki" Cove
 Req. by Ann Marie Muckenstrom

TUESDAY – March 6, 2018
7:00 AM † Barbara Newton
12:10 PM † Luke Scheck

WEDNESDAY – March 7, 2018
7:00 AM † Nancy McElheney
 Req. by sisters, Betty & Mary Lou
12:10 PM † Philip Weihn
 Req. by his Family

THURSDAY – March 8, 2018
7:00 AM Every blessing for Amanda Wirzbicki
 Req. by Joseph Langley
12:10 PM † Ernie Mitchell

FRIDAY – March 9, 2018
7:00 AM † Kip Curtis
12:10 PM † William J. O'Malley

SATURDAY – March 10, 2018
4:00 PM † Raymond Potenti - 14th Anniversary
 Req. by wife, Millie

SUNDAY – March 11, 2018
7:30 AM For the People
9:00 AM † Robert Cronin
 Req. by the Cronin Family
10:30 AM † For all Deceased members of the Hibernians of Our Lady of Knock & the AOH
12:00 PM (Spanish) For the People
My dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

The holy season of Lent is a privileged time of grace and reconciliation in the Church. During this time we are invited to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the great Paschal Feast of Easter and the awesome hope to eternal salvation offered to us in the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead.

The Church invites us all to prepare ourselves by attuning of our minds and hearts more closely to the Gospel of Christ which calls us to conversion and transformation. As always, by devoting more time to personal and communal prayer we can establish an ever deepening communion with God who calls us to become his children in name and in fact. Through the giving of alms, assistance to those in need, we detach ourselves from all in the world that can stand in our path, thus lessening our dependence on the things of this world and more intensely on the Reign of God. Fasting also assists us in emptying ourselves bodily allowing that space for Christ to fill not with the food that perishes, but rather with the food that endures unto eternal life.

In recent years I have asked each parish to embrace and celebrate the pastoral practice of offering the Sacrament of Penance each Tuesday evening during the season of Lent. This program entitled “Come Home to God’s Mercy” has borne great fruit in allowing this great Sacrament of Healing and Mercy to be celebrated conveniently in every parish during the Season of Lent.

This year in addition to the “Come Home to God’s Mercy” program, our Holy Father Pope Francis has requested that another pastoral initiative “24 Hours for the Lord” be celebrated in every diocese during the Season of Lent. This initiative will offer the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in conjunction with Eucharistic Adoration for a 24 hour period in select parishes in our diocese.

I have chosen four parishes of our Diocese to host the celebration of this initiative all on March 9-10, 2018. Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin following the morning, daily Mass on Friday, March 9 in each of these parishes. It will conclude either with the morning daily Mass or Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday, March 10. Area priests will be available during this 24 hour period to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

You are cordially invited to avail yourself of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this time.

The parishes celebrating 24 Hours for the Lord are:

- Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA
- Holy Spirit Chapel - Annunciation Parish, 50 Lovewell St., Gardner, MA
- St. Joseph Church, 10 H Putnam Road Ext., Charlton, MA
- St. Roch Church, 332 Main Street, Oxford, MA

It is my prayerful hope that these times set aside for prayerful adoration along with the opportunity for Reconciliation will be what Pope Francis has termed a “moment of grace for the entire Church community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Robert J. McManus, STD

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**Liturgy Schedule**

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**“The Life Recovery Bible”**

A biblical guide through 12 steps of recovery with Retired Judge Austin T. Philbin. Meetings will take place in the upper level conference room at St. John’s Gym on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. on February 21, 28 and March 7 & 14. You are welcome to attend one meeting or all four.

During Lent, Confessions will be heard in the Chapel at 7 p.m. on the following Tuesday evenings: February 20 & 27 & March 6, 13, 20 & 27. Confessions are also heard each Saturday at 2:45p.m.

**Word Of Life**

“O God our Creator...give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

USCCB, “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty”
TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

ADORACION AL SANTISIMO
SE NECESITAN PERSONAS PARA

Martes 1 PM,
Miercoles 2 PM,
Jueves 5 PM
Viernes 8 AM, 9 AM, and 5 PM.
Marzo 10. “V Encuentro Regional”

Querida comunidad hispana.

En este tiempo de cuaresma, seguimos ofreciendo a Dios nuestras oraciones, nuestras deseos sinceros de conversión y nos preparamos para celebrar el misterio pascual de la muerte y resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

En el campo pastoral este próximo Sabado 10 de Marzo se celebrara el “V ENCUENTRO REGIONAL” en el cual participaran los delegados hispanos de nuestra parroquia de Saint John, quienes se encontraran con los diferentes grupos hispanos de las diocesis de Massachusetts. En este encuentro se compartirán los anhelos, los planes pastorales y los proyectos para nuestra Iglesia hispana a nivel regional. Todo lo compartido sera en preparación para el gran encuentro nacional de hispanos de los Estados Unidos que se celebrara en Texas en el mes de Septiembre y que promovera la participación de muchos lideres hispanos en nuestra Iglesia.

Feliz semana para todos.
P. Henry Ramírez.

AVISOS IMPORTANTES...

- Para las charlas pre-bautismales por favor contactar a Karina Mendez.
- Para colocar las intenciones de la misa de 12 cada Domingo, Favor separar la Eucaristía con anticipación y dar la ofrenda.
- No olviden, por favor leer la cartelera cada Domingo y tomar el boletín parroquial.

“Sacramento de confesión: Sabados de 2:45 a 3:45 En la capilla. También pueden pedir cita con padre Henry al 978-3680366 extensión 202.”

Domingo 4 de Marzo de 2018
Eucaristía 12 pm
Iglesia principal

Domingo 11 de Marzo
Eucaristía 12 pm
Iglesia principal

Domingo 4 de Marzo de 2018
12 PM.

Domingo 11 de Marzo
Eucaristía 12 pm
Iglesia principal