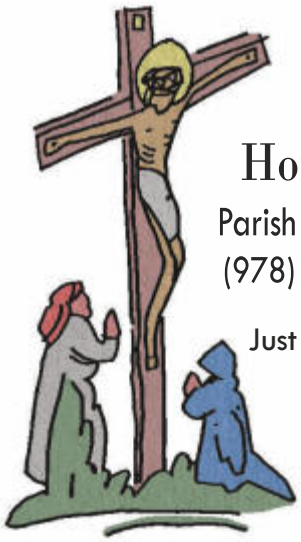

Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative

Home to St. Mary and St. John the Evangelist Parish Families

Parish Offices located at 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts, 01863
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Just as our Blessed Mother Mary and the Evangelist, called John, came together at the foot of the Cross to serve Christ crucified, so also do the parish families bearing their names come together to serve God by serving each other and all who make up the Body of The Risen Lord.

St. Mary Church • 25 North Road • Chelmsford, 01824

St. John the Evangelist Church • 115 Middlesex Street • North Chelmsford, 01863

* Parish Office Hours

The Parish Offices remain closed until further notice.
Our phones will be answered during the following hours:

Mondays and Wednesdays • 9 AM - 12 NOON
Tuesdays and Thursdays • 2 PM - 5 PM
No phone hours on Fridays. Leave messages in general voice mail.

Weekend Mass Schedule (reservations required)

St. Mary • Saturday at 4 PM/ Sunday at 7 AM and 11 AM
St. John • Saturday at 4 PM/ Sunday at 9:30 AM and 6 PM
All Masses can be livestreamed

Weekday Mass Schedule (reservations NOT required)

Monday - Friday • 7 AM at St. Mary/ 9 AM at St. John
All Masses can be livestreamed

* Sunday Curbside Communion

St. John • 3:00 - 3:30 PM / St. Mary • 4:30 - 5:00 PM

* Daily Devotions LIVESTREAM Schedule

Monday - Friday at 3 PM • Chaplet at St. John
Monday - Friday at 7 PM • Rosary at St. Mary

* Sacrament of Reconciliation (curbside confession)

Mondays • 4:00 - 5:00 PM • St. John
Wednesdays • 4:30 - 5:30 PM • St. Mary

* Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays • 4:00 - 5:00 PM • St. John Parking Lot

Prayer Line

To have prayers said for yourself or a loved one,
call the parish office and ask for ext. 223. After hours, press 4.

* please read entire bulletin for potential schedule changes

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be Alert!
You do not know when the time
will come."
-Mark 13:33

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

at St John at St. Mary [Church or Chapel] at both
RESERVATION REQUIRED for all weekend liturgies

Sunday, November 29

Weekend Liturgy • 7:00 and 11 am • St. Mary
Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am and 6 pm • St. John
Curbside Communion • 3:00 - 3:30 pm
Curbside Communion • 4:30 - 5:00 pm
Holy Hour w/Benediction • 7:00 pm • St. Mary

Monday, November 30

Daily Mass • 7 am at St. Mary/ 9 am at St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
Curbside Confessions • 4:00 - 5:00 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 6:30 pm
Fr. Brian LIVEVIEW Presentation • 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 1

Daily Mass • 7 am at St. Mary/ 9 am at St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 2

Daily Mass • 7 am at St. Mary/ 9 am at St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
Curbside Confessions • 4:30 - 5:30 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 3

Happy Thanksgiving!
Daily Mass • 7 am at St. Mary/ 9 am at St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Friday, December 4

Daily Mass • 7 am at St. Mary/ 9 am at St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
Parking Lot Adoration • 4:00 - 5:00 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 5

Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm Mass • St. Mary
Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm Mass • St. John

Sunday, December 6

Weekend Liturgy • 7:00 and 11 am • St. Mary
Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am and 6 pm • St. John
Curbside Communion • 3:00 - 3:30 pm
Curbside Communion • 4:30 - 5:00 pm
Holy Hour w/Benediction • 7:00 pm • St. Mary

Christmas Masses

Reservations Open 9 am • Monday, November 30
Close Noon • Thursday, December 17

Based on the recent Flocknote Poll, the following schedule has been set for Christmas. If need be, an additional Mass MAY be added; this decision will be made after the initial reservation period has closed. Until that time, please reserve your seat(s) according to the below schedule.

A Flocknote will go out this Sunday, November 29th with the online link. Phone reservations can be made according to the standard and schedule of the past months.

Christmas Eve/ Morning

St. Mary • 4 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm/ 7 am and 11 am
St. John • 3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm/ 9:30 am

A FEW THINGS THAT NEED MENTIONING...

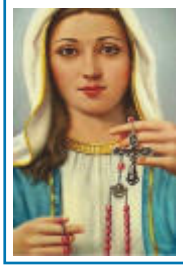
1. You will be unable to attend Mass without a reservation. All members of your reservation must be present in order to be seated. There will be no 'saving of seats' permitted.
2. You will be seated according to the mapping knowledge of our trained ushers. Please be aware that you will be unable to choose where you sit.
3. We will most likely require the use of the hall for overflow seating. There will NOT be a separate celebration, but rather an on-screen projection of the upstairs celebration. Eucharistic Ministers will distribute communion in the hall.
4. To allow for proper ventilation, windows will be open, so be sure to dress warmly.

Thanks to the talent and generosity of parishioners who knit and crochet throughout the year, we have been able to donate hats, mittens and scarves to be distributed through agencies served by St. Mary's Spirit of Christmas Program!

If you have items to contribute, please call Cathy Latina at (978) 256-0721 to arrange a safe pick up as boxes are not permitted to be placed in the church. Items need to be collected NO LATER THAN December 9th in order to sort before the Spirit of Christmas drop-off event on December 12. Thank you!

3RD ANNUAL HAIL MARY CHALLENGE

1,000,000 Hail Mary's in 6 Months • June1 - November 30



With 2 weeks left, we are ONLY 85,358 away from our goal of 1,000,000! That's only 42,679 per week... a very reachable number based on our history! Don't forget to turn your counts via email to psidari@ymail.com, call them into (978) 729-1677, or drop into the black box located at the parish offices entrance.

Celebrate Advent

What the Old Testament can teach us about a world waiting for it's Messiah

Presented by Fr. Brian

Thursday, December 3 at 7 pm
St. John LIVEVIEW

Advent of Hope

Thursday, December 10th
7:00 - 8:30 pm/ RSVP REQUIRED

Join us for this LIVE, FULLY-INTERACTIVE EVENT! Although we will connect remotely, we will be actively participating in a retreat that will prepare our hearts to encounter Jesus this Christmas!

The RSVP link can be found on our website or in the recently sent Flocknote.

COMPUTER REQUIRED

Lessons & Carols

Monday, December 14th
7:00 - 8:30 pm

This is a beautiful prayer service of Scripture and Song meant to assist us in preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. If you would like to attend in person, an RSVP is required. The link can be found on the website, or you can call into the parish offices during our 'office hours' as listed on the cover of this bulletin.

Thank you for sharing the Spirit of the Season

This year, since we cannot have Christmas Trees from which to remove tags, we will have a reservation system, just as we do for weekend Mass attendance. For those who do not have computer access, phone numbers have been given respective to the parish through which you are donating. We are extremely grateful for your past generosity, and are confident of your willingness and ability to make this Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate during these 'dark' days of isolation for so many.

Please note that although the drop off day/time for both churches is the same, your gift is to be returned to the church in which you donated through.

Saturday, December 12 • 9 am - 12 noon in both church parking lots

It is important to note that **THIS YEAR WE ARE ABSOUTELY, TOTALLY and WITHOUT A DOUBT UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANY LATE DONATIONS.** If you are unable to commit to the above noted delivery date and time, **PLEASE DO NOT** sign up to purchase a gift. Due to lack of space to store donated gifts, they will be delivered almost immediately upon receipt.

Also, please note that you will be responsible to tag your gift according to the description [charity name, gift description and ID#] given in your particular 'reservation.'

If a gift is not properly tagged, it will be unable to be delivered.

St. John Giving Tree Ministry

Visit www.signupgenius.com/go/409044FADAE22ABFE3-stjohns6 and sign up for a gift that you will commit to purchase. Once you sign up for a gift, please recognize your commitment to deliver it via the drive-thru drop off {date/time above}.

If you do not have access to a computer and/or have any questions, please contact Laura at (978) 251-0408.

St. Mary Spirit of Christmas

There are (2) options for you to donate to this annual Christmas giving...

1. Visit https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044fadae22abfe3-stmarys2 and sign up for a gift that you will commit to purchase. Once you sign up for a gift, please recognize your commitment to deliver it via the drive-thru drop off {date/time above}.
2. Make a monetary donation and our 'elves' will do the shopping for you! Visit https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=929&preview, click on Quick Give and choose 'Spirit of Christmas Elf Fund' from the dropdown menu.

Questions? Email churches@chelmsfordcatholic.org
Don't have computer access? Call Diane at (617) 470-7797

The Financial Page

Fiscal Year 2021 runs from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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Due to an early submittal to the printer because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the offertory report for the weekend of November 21st/22nd and November 28th/29th will be published in the December 5th/6th bulletin.

St. Mary Weekly Offertory	Weekend of November 14th/15th	Fiscal Year-To-Date November 15th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	$15,100	$302,200	$15,100
Actual Received	$12,760	$278,638	$13,932
Shortfall/ Overage	-$2,340	-$23,362	-$1,168

St. John Weekly Offertory	Weekend of November 14th/15th	Fiscal Year-To-Date November 15th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	$10,000 *	$200,000	$10,000
Actual Received	$13,246	$163,653	$8,183
Shortfall/ Overage	$3,246	-$36,347	-$1,817

* Please see the FYE 2021 proposed budget report {see facing page} for further details on our budgeted expenses and estimated Offertory and income sources.

ST. MARY Online Giving

- Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org and click on the Online Giving in the right-hand sidebar on the homepage.
- Click on 'Set up New Account'
- Set up your payment options (using a credit card, checking or savings account) withdrawal dates, etc.
- If you prefer, there is a "Quick Give" option to make a one-time donation.

ST. JOHN WeShare

- Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org
- Click on the WeShare logo in the right-hand sidebar on the homepage.
- Choose your Giving Opportunity (Weekly Offertory)
- Set up your payment options (using a credit card, checking or savings account) withdrawal dates, etc.
- If you prefer, there is an option to make a one-time donation.

Join Deacon John, Bishop Hennessey and Fr. Corey

- First Class Hotel Accommodation
- Visit to a Market in Nazareth
- Wine Tasting at the American Colony Hotel courtyard
- Visit to the Western Wall and Jewish Quarters
- Dinners and Wine & Cheese at Satya Restaurant and Wine & Cheese
- Restaurant on rooftop of Notre Dame
- all details can be found on our website

Deluxe Pilgrimage to the Holy Land • April 3 - 13, 2022 • $5,299 pp/ double occupancy

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH #138
FYE 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET & ESTIMATED INCOME

Listed below is the Projected FYE 2021 budget. It includes the 1st Quarter Actuals (through 9/30/20) and the Proposed Budget Plan for the remaining 9 months of fiscal year ending 6/30/21:

	1st Q 7/1-9/30/20	10/1/20 - 6/30/21	FYE 6/30/21
Estimated Income	**Actuals**	**Budget Plan**	**Actuals & Budget Total**
Offertory	103,960	373,185	477,145
Grand Annual	1,340	58,660	60,000
Contributions/Gifts	7,362	4,638	12,000
Faith Formation	6,685	13,815	20,500
Catholic Appeal rebate	0	5,000	5,000
Other	11,953	114,047	126,000
Total Estimated Income	**131,300**	**569,345**	**700,645**
Budgeted Expenses			
Compensation and benefits:			
Clergy	16,485	41,335	57,820
Staff	82,021	224,059	306,080
Total	98,506	265,394	363,900
Operating expenses	51,934	248,666	300,600
Central Ministry Tithe	14,115	42,285	56,400
Total Budgeted Expenses	**164,555**	**556,345**	**720,900**
Net Income / (Shortfall)	**(33,255)**	**13,000**	**(20,255)**

SUMMARY

- As you can see, the Offertory is the primary source of our income and is needed to sustain our parish and it's ministries.
- Our actual Offertory for the 1st quarter plus the month of October was a total of $137,145, an average of $8,067 per week. Therefore, in order to reach the Offertory's estimated goal for the year, we will have to average $10,000 per week (34 weeks) beginning in November.
- Please consider using WeShare online giving to make your Offertory donations. This is a very convenient and secure option and helps our parish with cash flow. During this pandemic, over 50% of the Offertory has been received from WeShare giving.
- We have set our Grand Annual goal at $60,000. Last year we received $50,695. These donations are very helpful to our parish. A gift of any amount will make a difference and is greatly appreciated.
- We are estimating our Contribution/Gifts, which are unrestricted donations, to be $12,000. Last year we received over $16,000. These gifts greatly help with our operating expenses and we thank you for your generosity.
- We have also reduced our budgeted expenses for FYE 2021 by over $113,000 compared to last year's actuals. This is mainly due to the elimination of some staff positions, related staff benefits, office expenses, and other operating expenses. Also, with Bingo being cancelled due to the pandemic, proceeds and therefore the related expenses, have been reduced.
- This has been a challenging year for many, especially during this COVID-19 pandemic, and we thank you for your continued, consistent generosity during these unprecedented times.

Respectfully submitted: Fr. Brian Mahoney, Pastor and Paul Firicano, Collaborative Business Manager
Parish Finance Council Members: Jeff Brown (chair), John Bagni, Paul Brzezenski, Celeste Dunn, Grace Ann Steed

Follow-Up to Fr. Brian's November 23rd "Eucharist as Meal Talk

In understanding the Eucharist as memorial and covenant, the question we must ask ourselves is: why do we celebrate the Eucharist? This question is simple to answer: "Then [Jesus] took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.' And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.'" (Lk. 22:19-22) Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, in fulfillment of his command, we renew within ourselves the covenant formed by the blood of Christ. This covenant was set by the sacrifice realized in Christ's death and resurrection, and now we participate in this memorial of the covenant.

What 'memorial' and 'covenant' are about in a Christian setting is also important to understand. When we speak of "doing" a memorial, it is important to understand our concept of time. As Christians we see time *not* as something cyclical, but rather, as having a true past, present, and future. Time is something created by God and is how we come to realize who we are as human beings. We learn from our past actions, which help us to hope for a future reality, but we realize that we live only in the present. The past and future are intended to give shape to the present, but not control it. We are called to live in the present, but God makes use of the whole of time. We recognize that God works throughout all of human history, to establish and make clear and present his salvific will for humanity. God acts in the past to help us learn from past events and to help us understand his will and plan for us. His past actions give us hope as they reveal his intentions for our future with Him. Both the past and the future create the context in which we are presently called to live. Our lives come to be rooted in God's saving actions, which give insight to how we are called to act here and now. God's self-revelation and acts of salvation teach us that our choices matter, and that those choices must be grounded in God's salvific will. The past also teaches us what happens when we choose to act contrary to his will. But God's revelation and saving actions also point to what is to come—the redemption of all of creation.

Our future is about establishing the relationship that God had intended to have with us from the beginning—one of complete union and harmony with God. God's actions are about establishing the conditions that will, and are, making that union and harmony possible. The ultimate purpose of the death and resurrection of Christ is to fulfill the promises of God, and also to prepare us for the consummation of those promises at the end of time. The death and resurrection becomes the fulcrum of all human history, as they are the establishment of the eternal covenant of God. Jesus' death and resurrection, then, is the prism through which all of human history is seen. It gives the ultimate context to who we are and who we are to become. We must then come to discover the true meaning of the past, present, and future through the saving actions of Christ. We memorialize and experience these saving actions in order to more fully understand them, which, in turn, creates the context of the life that we now live. In the death and resurrection of Christ, past, present, and future merge into one reality which is the basis of Christian life. Christ's saving actions create the hope for our future—complete union with God, which, in turn, gives direction to the life we are now called to live.

The reality of a memorial is therefore not simply about remembering, but rather, about creating the context for the life we now live. But we must take it one step further in understanding *the* Christian memorial. We do not simply remember what has occurred, but through the power of the Holy Spirit we come to actualize what God has done. As we gather to memorialize Christ's death and resurrection, we gather to do anamnesis. (Anamnesis is a Greek word, or better yet, a concept, that speaks to how we do a memorial.) We do not simply remember what has happened, but rather, the very process of remembering makes present the reality in order for us to be participants. In other words, we do not simply remember the death and resurrection of Christ, but in remembering what Christ has done we come to participate in his saving action. In a sense we are brought to the cross and the empty tomb. We become united with Christ in his saving actions and participate in his sacrifice of salvation. This happens for the simple reason that we act in accord with the command of Christ. We enter into the memorial at the command of Christ. This act in which we participate is ultimately initiated by God in cooperation with the action of Christ. We cannot make it happen on our own, but we join in the grace-filled event because God has chosen this as the way to renew and sustain the covenant of the cross.

The Eucharist, which is the meal that Christ has given us, is a memorial that makes present the saving reality of his death and resurrection. As we share in that meal, we do

so at his command, and by responding positively to the command, we renew the one and eternal covenant of Christ in our lives. Through the renewal of the covenant, we participate in the death and resurrection of Christ, and that participation gives context to both the meal we share with Christ and the life we are called to live. We prepare for the life to come as we come to die to ourselves and rise to new life in Christ. The covenant, which becomes part of us in our baptism, finds its fullest expression through the perfect worship of God grounded in the cross. We participate in the perfect worship of Christ expressed through his death and resurrection.

The purpose of the covenant then is realized through this action of a memorial. The covenant is not something we created; rather, it was established by God for our good. We need help in living out God's saving plan, and so, in his love and mercy—the heart of the covenant—God has chosen to reach out to us. He created the covenant through the reality of the incarnation (Jesus being fully human and fully divine; two natures in Christ but one person). In and through his ministry, Christ proclaimed the kingdom of God and prepared the way for his saving actions. In the agony of the garden He showed us the way to live out the covenant He was about to create with the Father. Just as He said, "Not my will but your will be done," his words must become our words. Our side of the covenant is to live out the ministry of Christ, in and through the action of the covenant realized. It was established through Christ's free acceptance of the cross. The answer to his dying to self was his rising to new life.

We come to recognize, then, that this covenant is not one of equal partnership. Rather, we are dependent upon God, not only to create the covenant but also to sustain and renew the covenant. He does this first through our baptism and then through our actual participation in the saving actions of Christ, in and through the memorial that is the Eucharist. The purpose of this renewal of covenant is to deepen our conversion to Christ and lead us to live out the truth of the covenant in our lives. Our participation, therefore, becomes a participation in God's plan for our salvation. The reality of this covenant is not *simply* about making us "good" people. It is about rooting our lives in Christ, in order to be saved by his death and resurrection. It is about saving us from ourselves, in order to be strengthened in accepting the victory that Christ, and Christ alone, has won for us. The covenant is not simply about what is to come in the future: it is about living out here and now the salvation that must become the context of our lives.

From our Deacon
Deacon John C. Hunt, Jr.

It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins. -2 Maccabees 12:46

November is the month we pray for the Holy Souls who have gone before us, especially those souls who are in Purgatory. A few years ago when I was in Rome I had the opportunity of visiting the Chapel where the Museum of the Holy Souls in Purgatory is located. The "Museum of the Holy Souls in Purgatory" holds a collection of bibles, prayer books, tabletops, and articles of clothing said to have been singed by the hands of souls in Purgatory.

According to Catholic belief, the soul is stranded in Purgatory until it atones for its sins, but can hasten its ascent to Heaven through the prayers of loved ones still on earth. The scorched handprints and other burn-marks collected in this museum are believed to be the product of souls begging their earth-bound loved ones to pray harder.

Though not mentioned in the Bible, the idea of Purgatory is a very old part of the Catholic faith, dating back to at least the 11th century. The notion that trapped souls might need to be freed comes from a story allegedly told to the Abbott Odilo of Cluny by a monk returning from the Holy Land. He told the Abbott how his ship had been wrecked, and he had been cast ashore on a mysterious island. A hermit who lived on the island related his own story of a mysterious chasm, from which burst forth demonic flames and the agonized screams of trapped souls. He pointed out that the demons were always complaining about losing souls when the living prayed or gave alms to the poor on their behalf.

The freeing of these trapped souls became a priority for the Church, and for family members grieving dead loved ones. November 2 was established as All Souls' Day, whereon it was believed that prayers by the living could intercede on behalf of the faithful dead who had died without absolution, or babies who had died before baptism, thus freeing them for Heaven. (According to Catholic doctrine, one cannot go to hell from Purgatory.)

Visit a cemetery this month and pray for all the souls. Pray the Rosary, or pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the suffering souls. The souls can't pray for themselves and depend on our prayers. Someday we will probably be there, depending on the prayers of those on earth. They will be forever grateful.

Please know you are all in my prayers.

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P.L.A.N.S. FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 29th-DEC 5th

PREPARE TO LEARN AWESOME! NEW STUFF

All Families

- Refer to the "Our Prayer Journal - Praying with Sacred Scripture" booklet
- Focus on Week Five: The Advent Wreath (pages 27-28)
- Pray the Week One Advent Prayer as a family 15 minutes each day this week
- Track your progress each day

Grade One and Two Families

- Continue to say Basic Catholic Prayers out loud together

Grade Two Families

- Complete Session 3: God Sent Jesus to Save Us: Sessions 3.1-3.6
- Complete Session 3: Worksheets "Show What You Know/ Journaling with Jesus"
- Complete a "My Holy Mass" worksheet after attending or watching Mass this week

Grade Seven and Eight Families

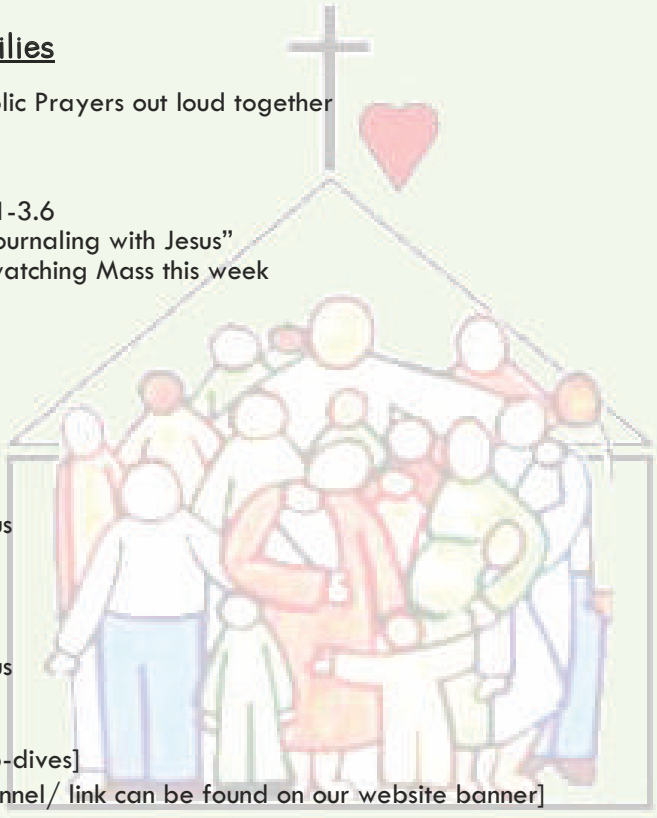
- Refer to Altaration: The Mystery of Mass Revealed Syllabus
- Begin Session 2: Our Father's Plan (pages 13-27)

Confirmation I Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Begin Lessons 4 and 5 (pages 25-44)

Confirmation II Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Complete Lesson 16 (pages 145-154)



Upcoming Deep Dives [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/deep-dives]

[all videos are on our YouTube Channel/ link can be found on our website banner]

- Sunday, December 6: Saintly Stories: St. Lucy - Video Presentation
- Sunday, December 6: Teaching Baptism - St. John LIVEVIEW or in-person [requires RSVP]
  www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/teaching-baptism
- Sunday, December 6: Family Faith Film Virtual Presentation and At-Home Activity
- Thursday, December 10: Array of Hope! Family Advent Retreat: Live Interactive Presentation
  www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/advent-retreat-array-of-hope

First SUNDAY OF Advent

Watchful

Be Watchful!
Be Alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
-Mark 13:33

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Our Recent Drive-Thru Collection in support of the Lowell Transitional Living Center was a

TREMENDOUS Success

Thank you to ALL who donated enough items to fill 2 pick-up trucks AND an SUV!

If you missed the collection , and would like to support the LTLC, you may donate items from their wish list on Amazon… https://ltlc.org/wish-list/

AGAIN… *thank you*

"Count Your Blessings" Raffle Basket

How much are 'tickets'?

$5 per ticket;
$25 for 6 tickets {6th is free}

How do I get my 'tickets'?

1. Through WeShare (found on home page of our website)
2. Call the parish offices during regular 'office' hours
3. DEADLINE TO PURCHASE IS DECEMBER 15

What's in the basket?

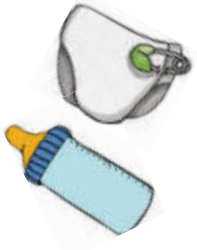
$118 in Scratch Tickets • Hot Irishman Irish Coffee Liqueur • Barefoot Pinot Grigio • Barefoot Merlot • Pumpkin Candy Jar • Grateful, Thankful Blessed Wooden Sign • Pumpkin Vanilla Incense • Table Runner • Kitchen Towel • Oven Mitts • Hot Pad

Proceeds will be used to purchase Deacon vestments.

Diaper and Formula Drive

Drive –Thru Drop-Off
Supporting the Pregnancy Care Center

St. John Parking Lot
Saturday, December 5th



DIAPERS:
Larger sizes (4,5,6) are most needed

FORMULA:
Similac® is preferred over other brands

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to request that a Mass be celebrated for a specific intention or person, please call the parish office. A donation of $10 per Mass intention is requested to be made at the time you schedule your intention.

St. John

Sat, Nov 28	4:00 pm:	Frances Myers: 2nd Anniversary
Sun, Nov 29	9:30 am:	For the People of the Parish
Fri, Dec 4	9:00 am:	Rose Mary Amirault: 1st Anniversary
Sat, Dec 5	4:00 pm:	For the People of the Parish
Sun, Dec 6	9:30 am:	Sarah Sullivan: Memorial
	6:00 pm:	Pat and Betty Ciampa: Memorial

St. Mary

Sat, Nov 28	4:00 pm:	For the People of the Parish
Sun, Nov 29	7:00 am:	Russell Knower: 14th Anniversary
	11:00 am:	Carmen Deschenes: Memorial
Mon, Nov 30	7:00 am:	Robert H. Garrity: Memorial
Tue, Dec 1	7:00 am:	Gerald P. Cole, Jr.: 28th Anniversary
Wed, Dec 2	7:00 am:	LIVING INTENTION Sean and Heather Hannaway 35th Wedding Anniversary
Thu, Dec 3	7:00 am:	Richard D. Malloy: Memorial
Sat, Dec 5	4:00 pm:	Dorothe McGee: 1st Anniversary
Sun, Dec 6	7:00 am:	Marguerite Farley: Memorial
	11:00 am:	For the People of the Parish

"The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace."

- Wisdom 3: 1-3

Rose for Life

Someone special you'd like to honor? You can do that by having a rose signifying your intention placed in either church, as well as having your intention published in the bulletin. To book a Rose for Life, contact the parish office. The suggested offering is $5.00.

This week's St. John Rose for Life:
Sarah Sullivan

St. John Rose provided by Blossoms Florist

St. Mary Memorial Altar Flowers

Parishioners are invited to donate a floral arrangement, to be displayed on the altar in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. The requested donation for an arrangement is $40, and includes an acknowledgement in the bulletin. If you would like to donate altar flowers, call the parish office. Please note that we require a 2-week notice for your flower order.

"Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"
-Psalm 119:105

Monday, Nov 30
Romans 10: 9-18
Psalm 19
Matthew 4: 18-22

Tuesday, Dec 1
Isaiah 11: 1-10
Psalm 72
Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday, Dec 2
Isaiah 25: 6-10
Psalm 23
Matthew 15: 29-37

Thursday, Dec 3
Isaiah 26: 1-6
Psalm 118
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec 4
Isaiah 29: 17-24
Psalm 27
Matthew 9: 27-31

Saturday, Dec 5
Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26
Psalm 147
Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5-8

Sunday, Dec 6
Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
Psalm 85
2Peter 3: 8-14
Mark 1: 1-8

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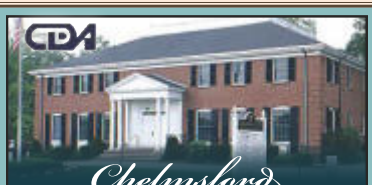

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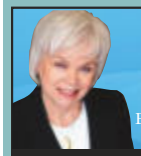

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Constance R. (Brunelle) Maille of Lowell, MA

Constance Rolande (Brunelle) Maille passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side after a brief illness, Sunday, September 13, 2020 at the age of 75 years.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Maurice, her son, Scott Hamel and his wife Adriana of Worcester, MA, two daughters, Robin Adams and her husband Phillip of Chelmsford, MA and Barbara DeBolt and her husband Charles of Morgan Hill, CA, seven grandchildren, Matthew, Andrew, Michael, Alexandra and Christopher Adams, Jacob and Julia DeBolt and a great grandson Connor Adams.

Born in Lowell, she was the daughter of the late Carl (Bob) and Yvette (Sevigny) Brunelle and sister to the late Richard (Herbie) Brunelle. She graduated from Keith Hall High School with the class of 1962 and worked throughout her early years, retiring from Raytheon in 1991 to help care for her grandchildren. Her greatest love was her family and spending time with them brought her endless joy. Her infectious smile, consideration for everyone and ability to enjoy a laugh at even the most challenging of times will be deeply missed by us all and she will remain forever in our hearts.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 10AM from the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME, 106 MIDDLESEX ST. CHELMSFORD, MA. Her Funeral Mass followed at 11:00 Am at St. John the Evangelist Church, Chelmsford. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Jude Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105 or at www.stjude.org/tribute. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com. **ARRANGEMENTS BY DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 978-256-4040.**

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