

Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative

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



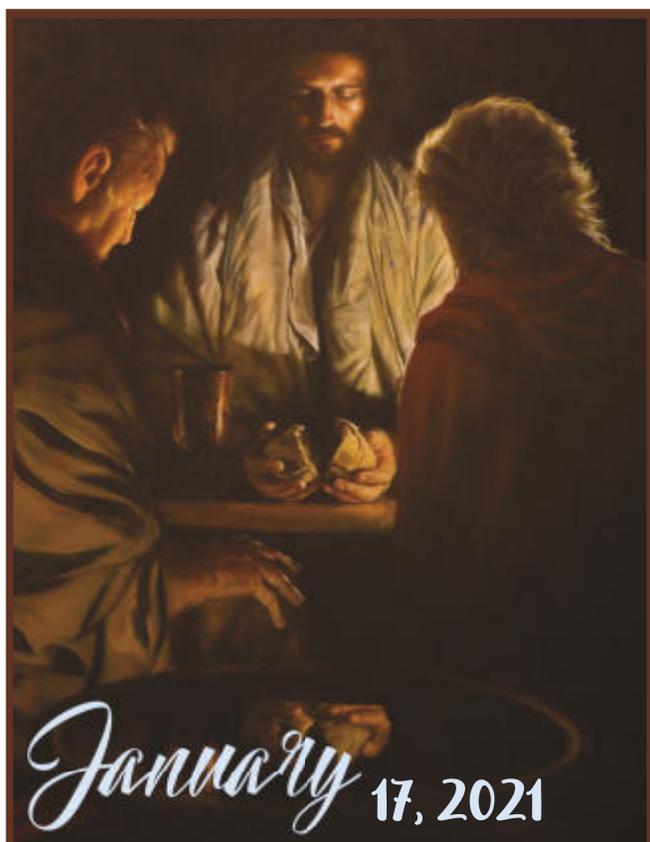
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Just as our Blessed Mother Mary and the Evangelist, called John, came together at the foot of the Cross to serve Christ crucified, so also do the parish families bearing their names come together to serve God by serving each other and all who make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



January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated, means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

-John 1: 38-39

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.

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
St. John African Mass • 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday of the Month • 12 PM

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 of Divine Mercy at St. John
Monday - Friday at 7 PM • Rosary at St. Mary

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION **

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION **

Fridays • 4:00 - 5:00 PM • St. John Parking Lot
Sundays • 7:00 PM • St. Mary Adoration Chapel LIVEVIEW

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



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[Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative](https://www.youtube.com/ChelmsfordCatholicCollaborative)



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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, January 17

Weekend Liturgy • 7:00 and 11 am • St. Mary
Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am and 6 pm • St. John
African Liturgy • 12 noon • St. John
Teaching Baptism FF Deep Dive • 2 pm • St. Mary
Curbside Communion • 3:00 - 3:30 pm
Curbside Communion • 4:30 - 5:00 pm
Holy Hour w/Benediction • 7 pm • St. Mary Chapel

Monday, January 18

Office Phones will not be Staffed Today
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 • 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 19

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, January 20

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, January 21

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, January 22

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 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 24

Weekend Liturgy • 7:00 and 11 am • St. Mary
Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am and 6 pm • St. John
African Liturgy • 12 noon • St. John
Curbside Communion • 3:00 - 3:30 pm
Curbside Communion • 4:30 - 5:00 pm
Holy Hour w/Benediction • 7 pm • St. Mary Chapel



Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, no staff will be available to answer the phones on Monday, January 18th.

****IMPORTANT TO NOTE:** If you normally phone in your Mass reservation, you will not be able to do so until Tuesday, beginning at 2 pm.

Please be reminded that we are NOT able to accept any reservations via voicemail. Any voice mails left to request a Mass Reservation can not be honored.

Drive-Thru Donation Event

Tuesday, January 26th

2:00-4:00 pm • St. John Parking Lot

*snow date: January 27th



With the progression of COVID-19, both our food and bank accounts continue to be impacted. The many services we offer our communities remain in a crucial state. This pandemic, and the uncertainty of the future it brings, makes it difficult to meet the demands of those who face financial strife due to business closures and job disruptions. The community outpouring in our last collection in May was an inspirational sight to behold! It is only because of this that we were able to share the wealth with those who truly needed it.

St. John SVdP food pantry remains in need of the following items:

- soups, pasta
- boxed foods, canned goods
- diapers, paper, and hand sanitizer
- cash, check, gift cards

If donating via a personal check, please make your check payable to St. John the Evangelist and clearly note SVdP in the Memo line. If you would prefer, you can mail your donation to:

St. John the Evangelist
ATTN: St. Vincent de Paul
115 Middlesex Street
North Chelmsford, MA 01863



Congratulations

to Brenda Jong, winner of the 'Count Your Blessings' Raffle Basket, which was donated by the St. John Hospitality Group.

This fundraiser raised a total of \$975 to be used towards the purchase of new deacon vestments.

January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

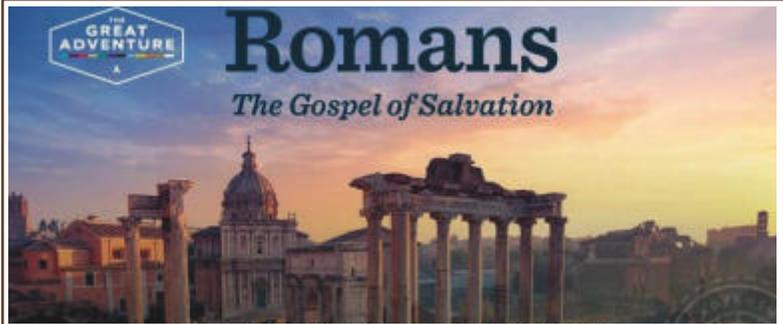
- Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect, with heartbreaking magnitude, what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22—or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday—shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. To learn more, visit...

www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/january-22-day-of-prayer



WINTER 2021 BIBLE STUDY!

Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the time it was written. Presented by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation* provides an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans—salvation. This fascinating book reveals that salvation is not merely the removal of a guilty verdict; it is about entering into Christ's life, death, and resurrection and sharing in his divine life.

In Jesus Christ, all the hopes and expectations of Israel are fulfilled, leading to the universal ("catholic") family of God. *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation* will help you to make sense of the difficult passages regarding faith, works of the law, and justification. Above all, it will help you to enter into a more meaningful relationship with Christ.

Participants will independently view the video then meet via ZOOM (by phone or computer) on eight Tuesday evenings for a group discussion.

- Meet via ZOOM Tuesday Nights at 7:30 pm
- Feb 2, 9, 16, 23/ Mar 9, 16, 23/ Apr 6
- **IF YOU DID NOT ORDER YOUR materials by the suggested date of January 15, PLEASE ORDER TODAY!*** Once you order your materials, contact Tricia at (978) 807-6891 or plucacio@gmail.com so she can register you to receive the ZOOM link.

*Course Materials are to be purchased directly from Ascension Press by visiting <https://ascensionpress.com/products/romans-the-gospel-of-salvation-study-set?variant=11593897639972>. This link can also be found at www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/bible-study. The cost of the study program is \$26.95 plus tax, shipping and handling.

The Financial Page

Paul Firicano, Collaborative Business Manager
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Fiscal Year 2021 runs from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

St. Mary Weekly Offertory	Weekend of January 9th/10th	Fiscal Year-To-Date January 10th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$15,100	\$422,800	\$15,100
Actual Received	\$16,425	\$411,455	\$14,695
Shortfall/ Overage	\$1,325	-\$11,345	-\$405

St. John Weekly Offertory	Weekend of January 9th/10th	Fiscal Year-To-Date January 10th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$10,000	\$280,000	\$10,000
Actual Received	\$13,019	\$237,883	\$8,496
Shortfall/ Overage	\$3,019	-\$42,117	-\$1,504

2020 Tax Letters

Tax Letters for parishioners who contributed \$250 or more in 2020 will be mailed out by the end of January. If you are NOT in this category, but would like to receive a tax letter, please contact Paul Firicano. You can leave a voice mail or write an email leaving the following information: your name, address, envelope number (if you have one) and to which church you make your offertory donations.

Family Faith Formation Program

Confirmation II families

**Sacramental paperwork is due
February 20th.**



To gain access to all the required forms and all you need to know to get started, please visit our website at...

www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/confirmation-ii-paperwork

**Questions:
Contact Courtney!**

Prayer Journal Pick-up Tracking Sheet Drop-Off Schedule

It's time to pick up February and March Prayer Journals and drop off any [October - January] Tracking Sheets.

For your convenience, you can pick up/drop off at either church, regardless of where you are registered.

St. John Pick-up/ Drop-off Dates

St. John New Parish Center - enter through front doors

Sunday, Jan 24 • 9:00 - 9:30 am / 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, Jan 25 • 5:00 - 7:00 pm

St. Mary Pick-up/ Drop-off Dates

St. Mary Parish Center - white building next to church

Sunday, Jan 24 • 10:00 - 11:00 am / 12:00 - 12:30 pm

Monday, Jan 25 • 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Family Faith Formation Program

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P.L.A.N.S. FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17th - 23rd

**PREPARE
TO LEARN
AWESOME!
NEW STUFF**

All Families

- Attend/Watch Sunday Mass together as a family
- Refer to the January "Our Prayer Journal - Plug and Pray" booklet
- Focus on Week Three: Lectio Divina (pages 7-8)
- Pray Lectio Divina as a family 15 minutes each day this week
- Track your progress on your January: Family Faith Fundamentals Tracking Page

Grade One and Two Families

- Children should continue to say memorized prayers independently
- Continue to practice memorizing Basic Catholic Prayers while saying them out loud together
- Children will earn a prayer brag tag for each prayer they can recite from the Talking With God Prayer Log (see last page)
- Complete a Children's Bulletin

Grade Two Families

- Complete Session 6: It's Only the Beginning: Sessions 6.1-6.6
- Complete Session 6 Worksheets "Show What You Know/ Journaling with Jesus"
- Complete a "My Holy Mass" worksheet after attending or watching Mass together this week

Grade Seven and Eight Families

- Refer to Altaration: The Mystery of Mass Revealed Syllabus
- Continue Session 3: The Mystery Revealed (pages 29-41)

Confirmation I Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lesson 6 (pages 45-54)

Confirmation II Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lessons 17 and 18 (pages 155-174)

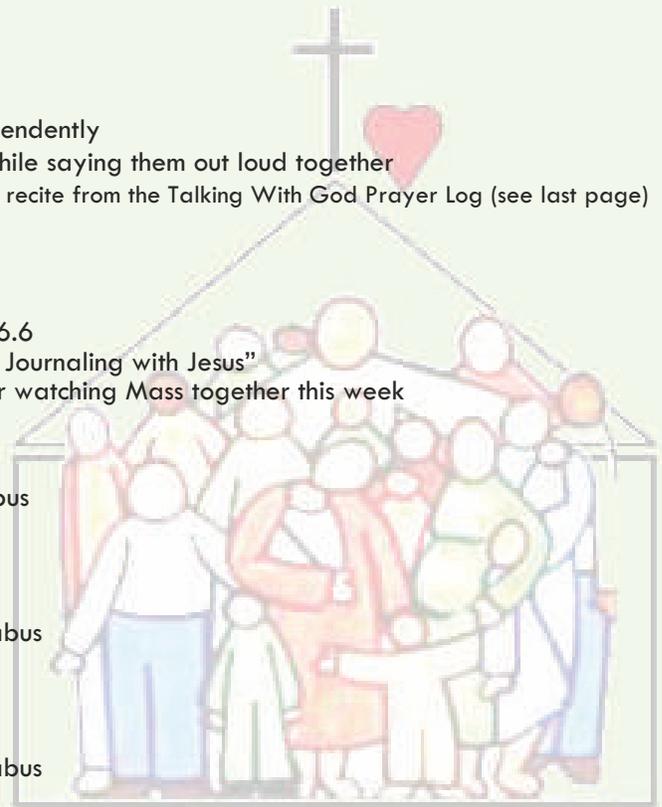
St. Margaret Confirmation II Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lessons 5 and 6 (pages 35-55)

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

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

- Sunday, January 17th: Teaching Baptism: 2 pm via St. Mary LIVESTREAM
- Sunday, January 17th: GOOD NEWS! Jesus and the Storms [YouTube Video]
- Sunday, January 24th: FACTS with Father [YouTube Video]
- Monday, January 25th: Family Adoration: via St. John LIVESTREAM or in-person [requires RSVP]
<https://chelmsfordcatholic.org/family-adoration-jan>



From Our Pastor

I received a text today from Christine, basically asking me if I had sent in my column for the bulletin—they were looking for it. I called her back and had to admit that I did not. It was something I had completely forgotten about. The problem was that I had written my last four or five columns together because of scheduling issues with the bulletin, and so I had gotten out of the habit of writing them on a weekly basis. Instead I became focused on other issues that needed to be addressed. I think I became a little comfortable with how things were going and so I simply did not think about the bulletin.

This is the reality, many times, in our relationship with God: it can gradually grow distant. We tend to get comfortable with our lives, and then over time small cracks appear in the relationship that simply grow and grow. The problem is that we don't notice them because they appear to be there naturally. It is one of the problems I know many people have with the pandemic. People have gotten used to not going to Mass and not participating in parish life. They have become comfortable with simply watching the Mass from home in their pajamas while drinking their coffee. The problem is that we can get so comfortable in our relationship with God that it begins to lose its specialness. We lose sight of its importance.

It is so easy to lose sight of what truly matters. And it does not usually start with something big. Rather, it starts with small things that slowly stack up and create bigger and bigger barriers. Other things begin to take the place of what was once the most important thing in our life, or at least a priority. Voila! One day we simply don't think about it at all.

It sort of reminds me of a book written by C. S. Lewis, called *The Screwtape Letters*. This book takes an interesting perspective because it is told from the viewpoint of demons. It consists of a series of letters from a senior devil, Screwtape, to a junior tempter, Wormwood. Screwtape is essentially giving advice to Wormwood about how to best tempt people away from God. Wormwood desires to tempt the person he is assigned to with great wicked acts. Screwtape, on the other hand, observes, "...the safest road to hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts". This should remind us of what Jesus said: "...the road to damnation is broad and easy". The most dangerous temptations are *not* the big ones; rather, they are the everyday things we take for granted that we do not even notice. They are *not really* that big a deal. They are *not real* sins. And the more we succumb to them, the more normal they seem.

Screwtape further states an important difference between God and devils in regard to humans: "(God) wants men to be concerned with what they do; *our* business is to keep them thinking about what will happen to them." In other words, the devils need to keep people selfish and thinking only about their own concerns—what is wrong with their lives and how things could/should be better. Or... people should take care of *themselves* first and *then* worry about the needs of others. We are called at all times to love all people unconditionally. Once we are able to place any divide between ourselves and others, then we have simply stopped loving as God loves.

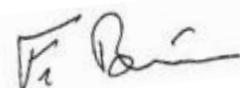
Screwtape also observes another essential difference: "We want cattle who can finally become food; He wants servants who can finally become sons." God is concerned about our good, and the devil is concerned about what he will gain from our fall. The more we give into the small temptations, the more we make ourselves cattle. The more we resist temptations through the grace of God, the more we emulate Christ. John Vianney said, "If people would do for God what they do for the world, what a great number of Christians would go to heaven." Most people will work as hard as they can to achieve the goals of the world, but will take for granted their salvation and do nothing that will necessarily lead them to the narrow and rocky road that Jesus describes. Life is truly short and the question we need to ask is, what are we really working towards? How much do we really desire heaven and full communion with God? The choices we make really give us our true answer.

It is easy to get comfortable and forgetful. It is easy to let the anxieties of daily life overtake us and allow them to become our focus. It seems safer and—to be sure—we all know God will understand. The more we get comfortable without God, the more we separate ourselves from Him and the more that anxiety takes over our lives. Again, John Vianney said something I think we need to hear and remember, particularly in this difficult time: "My little children, your hearts are small, but prayer stretches them and makes them capable of loving God. Through prayer we receive a foretaste of heaven and something of paradise comes down upon us. Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the souls and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun."

If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to ask me directly, or email me at fr.brian@chelmsfordcatholic.org.

Please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ,
Fr. Brian



FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION
HEATHER HANNAWAY

The Intersection of
Prayer, Faith, and Drifting Off to Sleep

Every night, after reading stories to my children, I would tuck them into their beds, and quietly leave after singing a song. Inevitably their after-hours whispers turned into rambunctious play, but if I sat in the hall, in the dark, they remained quiet and fell asleep. I began using these quiet moments to connect with God.

As parents, we train our children for adulthood without much assurance of whether our efforts will work. We have no idea, really, if the piano lessons will matter, if the homework assignment is vital, or if insisting on making an apology will actually shape a child's character. And though we pour our hearts and prayers into the spiritual training of our children, in the end, the decision to pursue God is ultimately theirs alone.

In those nighttime minutes, one of the things I prayed for is that my children would discover for themselves an inner life of prayer. They knew that I was praying as I sat on the floor in the quiet. Sometimes I would ask if they had anything I could pray for. Sometimes I would whisper loud enough that they could hear. As their breathing slowed into a steady sleepy pattern, I quietly enjoyed the presence of God and the resting little bodies near to me.

One night as I got up to leave after finishing my prayers, my younger son who was still awake asked me to come to him. "I'm afraid of scary dreams," he said. His Dad was deployed at the time and he was having a lot of night terrors worrying about him. "I keep asking God to take them away, but he doesn't."

I had my own trouble with asking God for things that didn't turn out the way I wanted, and so I told him, "Sometimes God doesn't take away things that we don't like, but instead he offers to be with us." I then offered to pray with him. We prayed a simple, *Dear Jesus, have mercy on me*. We repeated it several times. He said, "That helps. I feel better."

This has now become the same bedtime routine I do on the nights I am privileged to put my granddaughter to bed. I finish praying, and she wants to pray with me before I leave the room. In the darkness, I lean close to her neck and we whisper a prayer together. I pray *not* just that the desires of her heart be met, but that the truths of God's presence and care settle deep into her heart.

It is humbling, terrifying maybe, to see how quickly and easily children can adopt for themselves the behaviors we model—even prayer. For all the good I hoped to model, who knows what bad habits and sins I actually passed on. Nevertheless, I find it assuring to see that something so important, yet so intangible as faith, can be shared and, Lord willing, passed on from generation to generation.

From our Parochial Vicar
Fr. Corey Bassett-Tirrell

Dear Friends, I hope and trust everyone had a happy if altered Christmas this year. It certainly was the most extraordinary Christmas I have ever experienced. My prayer for each of you is that you were able to find new ways to celebrate the birth of our Blessed Lord, both safely and creatively.

But now we have pushed past Christmas and we find ourselves on the doorstep of Lent. Who woodda thunk it?! I recall last year we were mid-way through Lent when the great shutdown of 2020 commenced. And yet our liturgical cycle always goes on—in pandemic and out of pandemic.

What I would like to encourage everyone to think about this coming Lent is what kind of spiritual program or plan you may be undertaking, in order to prepare yourselves for the great Easter Feast. I was recently talking to a lady from another parish about this very thing, and in her very broad and text-book Boston accent she responded to me, "Oh Father, Lent seems to have come too soon again. With the year we have just had, I might give up Lent this year instead of going through it!". I must say, she got a very sympathetic laugh out of me.

It seems as though Lent came last year and never left. Whilst Holy Week and Easter are my favourite times of the liturgical year, I have always struggled through Lent. And with the difficulties of the past year and all so much that we have been forced to forgo and give up, our inclination towards Lent this year may very well be one of passivity. But in the words of the late and great Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, "Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday." Truer words could not be spoken.

As we begin to think about Lent and what it means to each of us personally, I would like to offer you the thought that Lent requires preparation. As we prepare for Easter, we need to think, pray, and plan for that preparation. I encourage each of us to come up with a Lenten plan. It does not have to be huge or grand. But make it manageable. Think about it in terms of moderation so that you can expand or modify it as the Lenten season goes on. Manage your expectations about this important spiritual exercise. One of my professors in seminary used to say to us as we were leading into Ash Wednesday, "My dear fellows, Lent should not be the time for overt religious enthusiasm." He was right. Lent is a time of discipline, but also a time to manage our expectations of ourselves and of others.

So... have a plan. Pray about it, think about it, but do have a plan for this spiritual journey. For if we don't, come Ash Wednesday, all we will have is a dirty face.

May God bless you all abundantly.

~ CLERGY ~

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In order to promote communication and transparency throughout the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative, you are encouraged to forward any comments and concerns you may have directly to the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils.

COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish council matters can be sent to:
CollaborativePPC@chelmsfordcatholic.org

Current Council Members are ...

St. John Members

Scott Davidson co-chair

Ray Wagner

Mike Condor

Katrina Horan

Beth Jacavano

Drew Jubinville

Angela McMaster

Ellen St. George

Augustine Tweneh

St. Mary Members

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Paul Therrien

If you would like to submit a notice for the bulletin, please do so no later than 12 NOON, TWO Fridays prior to the weekend in which you would like it published. Submittals should be emailed to christine@chelmsfordcatholic.org or via US Mail to the Parish Offices at 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, MA, 01863, ATTN Christine. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

St. John's African Community
invites you
to celebrate The Mass



Mass is celebrated at St. John's by
this community 3 times a month—2nd, 3rd and 4th
Sunday— at 12 noon.

All are welcome to the Lord's table!

St. John's Beautification Offering

This offering funds the beautification of our Altar.
Your voluntary donation can be accompanied by the
request that it be "In Memory/Appreciation Of", or
"For the Intentions Of" someone.

Danny Calnan
Lorraine Cronin
Eileen Francoeur



Prayer on the Occasion of the Inauguration of a Public Official

This prayer, from the U.S. edition of the *Book of Blessings* (no. 1965), is an adaptation of the prayer for the Church and for civil authorities which was composed by Archbishop John Carroll for use on the occasion of the inauguration of George Washington in 1789.

Almighty and eternal God,

you have revealed your glory to all nations.

God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered,
laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed.

for the President

Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude
the President of these United States,
that his administration may be conducted in righteousness,
and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides.

May he encourage due respect for virtue and religion.

May he execute the laws with justice and mercy.

May he seek to restrain crime, vice, and immorality.

for members of Congress

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress,
and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government.
May they seek to preserve peace, promote national happiness,
and continue to bring us the blessings of liberty and equality.

for state and local officials

We pray for our governor, for the members of the legislature,
for judges, elected civil officials, and all others who are entrusted to guard our political welfare.
May they be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge their duties with honesty and ability.

We likewise commend to your unbounded mercy

all the citizens of the United States

that we be blessed in the knowledge
and sanctified in the observance of your holy law.

May we be preserved in union and that peace which the world cannot give;

We pray to you, who are Lord and God, for ever and ever.

Amen



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, JAN 16** 4:00 pm: Dan O'Neill: 1st Anniversary
SUN, JAN 17 12 pm: LIVING INTENTION: Daniel and Jemima Okyere Wedding Anniversary
 6:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SAT, JAN 23 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, JAN 24 9:30 am: Angela O'Keeffe: 3rd Anniversary
 6:00 pm: Louise & Raymond Fuller: Memoria

St. Mary

- SAT, JAN 16** 4:00 pm: John J. & Mary T. O'Rourke: Memorial
SUN, JAN 17 11:00 am: For the People of the Parish
WED, JAN 20 7:00 am: LIVING INTENTION: Shavonne Lafauci
THUR, JAN 14 7:00 am: Jack Sheehan: 8th Anniversary
SAT, JAN 16 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, JAN 17 7:00 am: Matthew Rollin Brock Morgan: 19th Anniversary
 11:00 am: Judith A. Chandonet: 1st Anniversary

Rose for Life

Is there 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. Mary Rose for Life:

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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, JAN 18
 Hebrews 5: 1-10
 Psalm 110
 Mark 2: 18-22

TUESDAY, JAN 19
 Hebrews 6: 10-20
 Psalm 111
 Mark 2: 23-28

WEDNESDAY, JAN 20
 Hebrews 27: 1-3, 15-17
 Psalm 110
 Mark 3: 1-6

THURSDAY, JAN 21
 Hebrews 7: 25-8:6
 Psalm 40
 Mark 3: 7-12

FRIDAY, JAN 22
 Hebrews 8: 6-13
 Psalm 85
 Mark 3: 13-19

SATURDAY, JAN 23
 Hebrews 9: 2-3, 11-14
 Psalm 47
 Mark 3: 20-21

SUNDAY, JAN 24
 Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
 Psalm 25
 1 Corinth 7: 29-31
 Mark 1: 14-20



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May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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**Gerard "Gerry" J. Proulx
of Chelmsford**

Gerard "Gerry" J. Proulx, 84, of Chelmsford, MA died Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Lowell General Hospital.

He was married to Dorothy (Harnois) Proulx with whom he celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on May 31, 2020.

Born in Lowell, he was the son of the late Emile and Alice Proulx. He graduated from Dracut High School with the class of 1953. He attended Lowell Tech, and furthered his education, graduating from the Wentworth Institute of Boston with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

He proudly served with the U.S. Army National Guard.

He retired from Honeywell of Billerica. In retirement he worked for Elder Services of Lawrence.

Gerry was an athlete in high school and throughout his life running in the Boston Marathon twice. He enjoyed cross country skiing and had a passion for downhill skiing.

He was a communicant and lector at St. John the

Evangelist Church in N. Chelmsford.

He was a former member of the Alpine Square Dancing Club.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his sons, Gerald Proulx of Nashua, NH, Michael and his wife Patricia Proulx of Pepperell, MA and Kenneth and his wife Jenny Proulx of Chelmsford, grandchildren Nicole and her husband Gregg Gelinis and their daughter Megan, Jared Proulx, Danielle and her husband Wesley Krupp, Kaila, Kirsten and Emily Proulx, Charles Redden, two future great grandchildren, a brother in law, Ainsworth Kondra of Dracut and many nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of the late Robert and Emile Proulx and "Jackie" J. Kondra.

Visiting hours were Wed. Dec. 9, 2020 from 3 to 7 P.M. at the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME, 106 MIDDLESEX ST., CHELMSFORD. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church on December 10th. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Chelmsford. Memorials may be made in his name to the Alzheimer's Association. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com. **ARRANGEMENTS BY DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 978-256-4040.**

