

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. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
115 MIDDLESEX STREET
NORTH CHELMSFORD

ST. MARY
25 NORTH ROAD
CHELMSFORD

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday • 4:00 PM
Sunday • 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
& 6:00 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday • 4:00 PM
Sunday • 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM,
11:00 AM

June 2 through mid-September, there will be only one Sunday evening Mass to serve the collaborative... 6 pm at St. John's.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday • 9:00 AM

Saturday 9:00 am Mass alternates between parishes. Refer to calendars.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday • 7:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday • 3:00 - 3:45 PM
or by appointment

RECONCILIATION

Saturday • 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Beginning Friday, 9:30 AM
Concluding Saturday, 9:00 AM
in the OPC Chapel

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday • 3:00 - 9:00 PM
Friday • 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Saturday • 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
in the Parish Center Chapel

MASSSES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVE STREAM

Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org
LIVEVIEW resides on the right-hand sidebar of the home page

PRAYER LINE

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY • 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY • 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

FRIDAY • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

SUNDAY • 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



June 9, 2019
Pentecost Sunday

*Jesus breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
Whose sins you forgive are forgiven,
and whose sins you retain are retained.,*

-John 20: 22-23

• at St. Mary's •

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

6 pm Music Ministry Team Rehearsal • 5:00 pm • Church
High School Youth Group • 7:00 - 9:00 pm • Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Boy Scout Troop 77 Committee • 7:00 pm • PC Conf Room 2

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Mass Celebrated by Fr. Matthew Walter • 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Music Ministry Extra Rehearsal • 6:30 pm • Music Room
Boy Scout Troop 77 Meeting • 7:00 pm • Parish Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Rosary Makers • 10:30 am - 12:00 pm • PC Conf Room 2
Rosary • 12:00 - 1:00 pm • PC Chapel
Adoration • 3:00 - 9:00 pm • PC Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Adoration • 7:00 am - 9:00 pm • PC Chapel
Knitting and Crocheting • 3:00 pm • PC MR 2

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

NO 9:00 am Mass: Mass at St. John this week
Adoration • 9:30 am - 3:00 pm • PC Chapel
Reconciliation • 11:00 am - 12:00 noon • Church
Music Rehearsals • 1:00 - 4:00 pm • Music Room
Collaborative Bell Choir Rehearsal • 2:30 pm • Choir Loft
String Ensemble/Ministry Rehearsals • 3:00 - 4:00 pm • Church
Anointing of the Sick, following 4 pm Mass • Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

6 pm Music Ministry Team Rehearsal • 5:00 pm • Church

St. Mary Daily Mass Attendees



Have you ever considered serving as a Lector, Sacristan or Eucharistic Minister? St. Mary's is currently looking for more people to join our team of Daily Mass Servers (7 am, Monday - Friday). We are especially in need of Sacristans and Lectors.

Called to
Serve

If you would like to be part of this beautiful ministry, please contact Karen Cusick via email at k_cusick@comcast.net or phone at (978) 670-8937. When emailing or leaving a phone message, please provide your name, email, phone number and the position(s) in which you are interested. Instruction/training will be provided.

Vacation Bible Fun 2019



AUGUST 5-9

**ROAR: Life is Wild
God is Good**

Register TODAY by clicking on the VBF ROAR button on our homepage!

2ND ANNUAL HAIL MARY CHALLENGE

We are again challenged to collectively pray 1,000,000 Hail Marys in 6 Months! (April 28 - Oct 31)

Record, on paper, every Hail Mary that you pray, and turn your count into the container that will be located in the vestibule of each church (for your convenience, we have tally slips available for you to fill out if you happen to have prayed in church, and do not have immediate access to pen and paper). These containers are emptied every Sunday, tabulated and the count published weekly in the bulletin.

The June Petition, when reciting our Hail Marys is...
"For parishioners or their family members who are suffering in any way: from grief, physical or mental and emotional pain, employment hardships, or personal and family relationships, that they may be strengthened through the loving care of Our Blessed Mother and her son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. ."

Week Ending June 2nd	28,317
Grand Total To Date	127,223
%age of Goal	12.7%

BAPTISM

We joyfully welcome the following children into our Collaborative Family. May the Lord continue to bless these children and their parents, and fill their homes with the light of faith.

BAPTIZED AT ST. MARY'S

Braydon Thomas Bianchetto • Madelyn Orlando Bourassa
Andrew Nicholas Morasse • Adriana Maria Sees
Hudson George Tomlinson



BAPTIZED AT ST. JOHN'S

Darcie Marie Bennitt
Noah Gerard Blackburn

Cameron Robert Carpenter • Bode Roland Doucette
Leo Robert Dupont • Vera Ann Flury • Luciana Donna Giordano •
Peter Castiel Keenan

MASS ON A MOUNTAIN

The youth of both St. John's and St. Mary's are invited to join us on Saturday, July 6th for a hike up Mt. Chocorua in the White Mountains!

This moderate hike will offer beautiful views, and more importantly, the opportunity to pray as a community. The 'high point' of our hike will be Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian at the 3,490' peak. We will be leaving from St. Mary's parking lot at 7:30 am. If you would like to join us, please contact Courtney by Sunday, July 1st ccallanan@chelmsfordcatholic.org.



Mark Your Calendars....

One Day Retreat for Grieving Parents

Saturday, September 14
St. John Church
9:00 am - 6:30 pm

Spiritual support for grieving parents who have experienced the death of a child no matter the age

or reason. For more information, or to register, contact phasett99@gmail.com.



Contemplative Prayer Group...

meets the 3rd Saturday of every month for scripture reading and open discussion. For further information, contact Ray at lovethemystery@comcast.net.

Join us...

Next Saturday, June 16
9:30 - 11:00 am

St. John's New Parish Center
Linehan Room



St. John St. Vincent de Paul



Monthly Food Collection Next Weekend, June 15th/16th

The St. John St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in special need of the following specific food items...

peanut butter & jelly ~ spaghetti sauce ~ macaroni and cheese ~ apple sauce ~ crackers ~ pancake mix and syrup ~ hamburger helper ~ rice

As always, we thank you for your kind and faithful generosity. The food pantry collection occurs on the 3rd Sunday of every month. NOTE: Please watch for expiration dates.

at St. John's

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Strawberry Festival, following morning Masses • Hall
WeShare Workshops, following morning Masses • Hall
Children's Liturgy of the Word • 8:30 am Mass
African Liturgy Meeting • 11:30 am • OPC
Group Baptism • 2:00 pm • Church
VBF Planning Meeting • 6:00 - 8:00 pm • OPC
High School Youth Group • 7:00 - 9:00 pm • Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Head of Liturgical Ministers Meeting • 7:00 pm • Mariotti
Families w/Addiction Support Group • 7:00 pm • Mary Gill

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Tuesday Morning Coffee Group, following 9am Mass • Hall
Open Music Ministry Rehearsal • 6:30 - 8:00 pm • Church

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Mass Celebrated by Fr. Matthew Walter • 9:00 am

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Charismatic Prayer Group • 10:00 am • OPC
BINGO • 6:45 pm (doors open at 3:00 pm) • Hall
Charismatic Prayer Group • 7:00 pm • OPC

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

African Community Rosary • 6:00 pm • OPC

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Contemplative Prayer Group • 9:30 am • Linehan/Chevalier
ACTS Reunion and Fellowship • 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Reconciliation • 3:00 - 3:45 pm • Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

SVdP Food Collection Weekend
Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Hall
Prayer Shawl Ministry, following 8:30 am Mass • Hall
African Liturgy • 12:30 pm • Church



"Building a Community in Christ"

The Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative will AGAIN be represented in the Chelmsford 4th of July Parade!

If you are interested in helping to build the float or being part of the parade, contact Julie at juliesouza.a@gmail.com.

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As many of you may already know, Fran Anderson has made the decision to leave her position at St. John's to take a new position at the Lexington Catholic Community. In order to ensure a smooth transition for the Faith Formation Program of the collaborative, Heather Hannaway has graciously agreed to become the Collaborative Director of the Family Faith Formation Program, with special focus on grades K-6. Courtney Callanan has also graciously agreed to serve the program by overseeing grades 7-10, while continuing in her role as Collaborative Youth Minister. Both Lynn Anne LaDuke and Elaine Kindler will continue to faithfully serve the administrative needs of the program. We are very blessed to have these dedicated women willing to step up during this unexpected transition.

Congratulations to Fr. Matthew Walter on his recent ordination to the Priesthood

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 • SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, ROCHESTER, NY
BISHOP SALVATORE R. MATANO



Fr. Matthew will be back to visit
with us and to celebrate
Mass for us...

St. Mary

Tuesday, June 11 at 7 pm

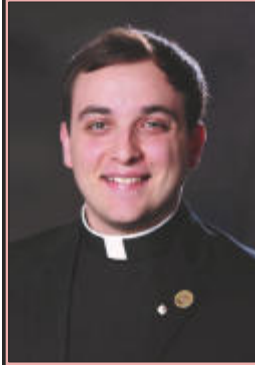
St. John

Wednesday, June 12 at 9 am



Courtney Callanan, our Youth Minister and
two of our youth, (LtoR) Joshua Ezperanza
and James Tweneh, with Fr. Matthew

FROM THE DESK OF OUR SUMMER SEMINARIAN, NICK STANO



Hello everyone! I'm Nick Stano—*not* Fr. Corey as many have called me—and I'm the seminarian that has been assigned to this wonderful collaborative for the summer. I just finished my first 2 weeks here, and it has been great meeting you all and seeing all that happens here in

Chelmsford. I'm humbled by your warm welcome for me, and I very much look forward to being with you all until the end of July. Now, just a little bit about myself...

I'm from Dedham and my home parish is St. Mary of the Assumption. I just completed my third of six years of seminary, and in the fall will be in 2nd Theology. Before entering seminary, I went to Newbury College for my undergraduate studies and received my Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management.

This time of year is a beautiful one for our Church. We are in the midst of "Ordination Season," as the Archdiocese of Boston has 13 newly ordained priests and 7 newly ordained transitional deacons (many of whom I know very well!). We are also now celebrating the birthday of the Church with the Solemnity of Pentecost!

The Church also dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is a beautiful devotion, in which we can give thanks to the Lord for His unconditional love for us. We can see the love that Jesus has for His Church, tangibly, in the 20 men that He has called to conform themselves more closely to Himself, through ordination for our Archdiocese.

We also see this love in the Church itself. The fact that the Church still stands, despite everything that has happened, is a sign of Christ's love for His Bride. This is the same love we saw clearly in the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, and is the love that the Church calls us to remember, *not* just during this Easter Season, but throughout the whole year, by dedicating a whole month to the Heart of Jesus.

Let us take some time this month to recognize the ways in which we can see God's love for us, tangibly, in our lives—in our families and friends, in our work, in the big and small moments in our lives. O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

God bless!

of what's happening in our Collaborative!

and now... a word from Our Pastor

Last Saturday, I had 3:00 pm confessions at Saint John's, and when I finished I went into the sacristy to get ready to celebrate Mass. Just as I entered, I got a phone call on the emergency line, so I left the sacristy to get to a parish phone to listen to the message. As I went from the church into the parish center, Fran Anderson and Lynn LaDuke were standing there, and Fran asked me, "Are you going to Saint Mary's to celebrate Mass?" I replied, "No, I have Mass here." Then she informed me, "Fr. Colletti thinks he does and he is already dressed and at the back of the church." I immediately realized that there was no priest over at Saint Mary's. I quickly got into my car and drove over there. We did start Mass a couple of minutes late. I explained to the people where I was and said, "In my head I had changed the schedule. The problem was that I did not tell anyone else." The people, of course, got a good laugh out of that.

I work really hard at trying to stay on top of things, but so many unexpected things can happen that sometimes the schedule gets messed up. It was funny that I thought I had the Mass at Saint John's since I had the confessions there. What happened was that I did *not* originally have the confessions, but other issues came up, so it became necessary for me to take the confessions. And when I did—as I said—in my head I adjusted everything else in the schedule to make things work properly, but, alas, I neglected to inform everyone else.

Good communication is a tricky process and is really a lot of hard work. It is so easy to mess up our communication with others. Sometimes it is simply like what happened to me—when we think we did something, when we didn't. Or, we assume that people know or understand our position on something. It can come from the simple reality that what people say (imply) and what people hear (infer) do not always match up. And there are many causes for why this can happen. It is one of the reasons why email, text messages, Facebook, and the like, are terrible mediums for good communication. The very nature of how they work creates the context for miscommunication. For human beings to fully communicate, we use a lot of different cues: words, tonality, inflection, body language, etc. When those are missing, we use assumptions, past experiences, and the like, to create a context for what we are processing. And... generally we are wrong.

This is even more true when communicating with God. Many people begin with the assumption that God really does not respond directly to us. Therefore, it is impossible for them to hear what God is saying in their lives. But when we look to scripture, we can see just how wrong this thinking really is. Just a few examples can show

us how God works. Abraham and God walked together and had real conversations. There was a real sense of intimacy in the connection they enjoyed. Moses found God in the burning bush, the parting of the Red Sea, and the fiery display at the top of the mountain, while Elijah found him the small still whisper. Mary was confronted by an angel when she was awake, while Joseph heard the angel in a dream. All these events were extraordinary. Jesus himself spoke to many different people in many different ways. It really depended on what and how they needed to hear things.

God meets us where we're at, to help us; we simply need to be open and to take the cues that are really all around us, *if* we pay attention. People often ask me if God talks to me and my response is simple—*Yes!* He speaks to me all the time in a myriad of ways. No, I have not encountered a burning bush or an angel just showing up. But rather, it is in simple encounters, such as when I am reading scripture and the passage speaks directly to what I am struggling with. Or, it could be a comment another person makes that gives me insight as to where God may be leading me. Or, it could be the small still whisper that tells me what it is I need to do. Sometimes it is the simple prick of my conscience. There is not *just* one way that God gives me the answers I need. Sometimes I make it very hard on God. Usually it's because I do not like the direction that the conversation is going in, but God is always working to get his message across to me.

The same is true for every one of us. The problem is that we need to learn how to interpret God's cues, and that *does* take some work. But the most important thing is to drop our assumptions about what God is doing, and how He is going to do it. Rather, we must simply be open to God's touch in our lives. We must be ready to get the answer in unexpected ways and, even more importantly, to be open to getting an answer we may not like. It is *never* a question of God not talking to us; God never stops talking to us. The real question is, are we ready and willing to listen to what He has to say.

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

Please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ,



Family Faith Formation

(978) 256-2374 or (978) 251-8571

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~ Elaine Kindler ~
Office Manager, ext 218
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~ Courtney Callanan ~
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Administrative Assistant, ext 240
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Be Part of Our NEW Way of Passing on the Good News!

What Good News?

The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! All good news needs a someone to tell the story or no one will ever hear about it. This is true even with God's story; it needs messengers who will tell it to others. Would you like to help us tell the story of salvation to the next generation? Consider becoming a catechist this year!



What NEW Way?

This year in the Collaborative we are launching our brand new Family Faith Formation program. The focus of this program is on helping families make faith an integral part of their lives *together*. Our motto is "Uniting the Heart of the Church with the Heart of the Home." Would you like to help empower parents pass on their faith to their children? Consider becoming a catechist this year!

Just How Much Help do you Need?

LOTS! The collaborative has over 1,000 children registered in faith formation and we want each and every one of them to grow in his/her personal relationship with Christ. You can help them grow in their Catholic faith by serving as a catechist. As you nurture the faith of our young, you are sure to be growing your own. Our classes range from grade K-10, and we are happy to place you with an age group where you feel you can shine. We provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes meet on Sundays, and the program will begin in September. If interested or for more information, contact Heather Hannaway.



2019/20 Faith Formation Registration Continues...

Visit [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/ Faith Formation/](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/Faith%20Formation/) then click on Registration under the church in which you are registering. There you will find all the directions needed for an easy online registration! If you do not have access to a computer, a paper registration can be obtained from the parish office during regular office hours.

On June 30th, Early Registration Fees end. Beginning July 1st, Standard Fees will apply.

Collaborative Youth Ministry Program

Courtney Callanan, Youth Minister • ext 227 • ccallanan@chelmsfordcatholic.org

MASS ON A MOUNTAIN

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SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERING GOD'S LOVE

Thank you to those who have donated and helped us to raise \$5,919 towards our goal of \$10,000!



CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 7 • ST. JOHN • TIME TO BE DETERMINED

STUEBENVILLE EAST MEETING

SUNDAY, JULY 7 • ST. MARY • TIME TO BE DETERMINED



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 that you schedule your intention.

St. John

- SAT, JUN 8** 4:00 pm: Cole Family: Memorial
SUN, JUN 9 8:30 am: For the People of the Parish
 10:30 am: Raymond Burns: 1st Anniversary
 6:00 pm: Leonard "Len/Bumpa" Westgate: 1st Anniversary
 Evangeline "Angie" Westgate: 21st Anniversary
MON, JUN 10 9:00 am: Rick Tomsich: Memorial
TUE, JUN 11 9:00 am: Mario Pedi: Memorial
THU, JUN 13 9:00 am: Janice McDermott: 16th Anniversary
SAT, JUN 15 4:00 pm: Eileen Francoeur: Memorial
SUN, JUN 16 8:30 am: Nathaly Dickerson: 2nd Anniversary
 10:30 am: For the People of the Parish
 6:00 pm: John Cryts: 10th Anniversary

St. Mary

- SAT, JUN 8** 4:00 pm: Mary and Saverio Carito: Memorial
SUN, JUN 9 9:00 am: For the People of the Parish
 11:00 am: Rev. William Dunn: 6th Anniversary
WED, JUN 12 9:00 am: Lisa Lambert Roche: Memorial
FRI, JUN 14 9:00 am: Nora Gambon: Memorial
SAT, JUN 15 4:00 pm: Louis Boyer: Memorial
SUN, JUN 16 9:00 am: Gerald Arandorfer: Memorial
 11:00 am: For the People of the Parish

ST. MARY MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS



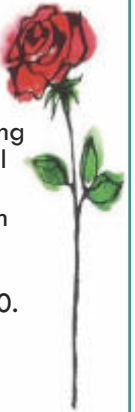
Parishioners are invited to donate a floral arrangement in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. The requested donation, which will be placed on the altar, is \$40, and includes an acknowledgement in the bulletin. If you would like to donate altar flowers, please call the parish office.

The Altar Flowers for this weekend are ...

In Honor of Kidney Donor **Jane H. Gilroy** (mother)
 from recipient **Francis Gilroy** (son)

A Floral Moment by Juju Buds

ROSE FOR LIFE



Someone special you'd like to honor?

You can do that by having a rose signifying your intention placed in the church, as well as publishing your intention in the bulletin. To book a Rose for Life, contact the parish office. Be sure to let them know at which parish you would like the rose placed. The suggested offering for a rose is \$5.00.

This week's St. John Rose for Life:

In Loving Memory of **Mario Pedi**

This week's St. Mary Rose for Life:

Russ Bibbie

Roses Provided by Mahoney's Garden Center

FUNERALS recently celebrated

"There is an appointed time for everything" -Ecclesiastes 3:1

Donald Upton: June 5 at St. Mary

Roderick Boucher: June 5 at St. Mary

James Petersen: June 7 at St. John

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



**"YOUR WORD IS A LAMP
 UNTO MY FEET AND A
 LIGHT UNTO MY PATH"**
-PSALM 119:105

MONDAY, JUN 10

Genesis 3: 9-15
 Psalm 87
 John 19: 25-34

TUESDAY, JUN 11

Acts 11: 21-26; 13: 1-3
 Psalm 98
 Matthew 5: 13-16

WEDNESDAY, JUN 12

2Corinth 3: 4-11
 Psalm 99
 Matthew 5: 17-19

THURSDAY, JUN 13

2Corinth 3:15-4:1, 3-6
 Psalm 85
 Matthew 5: 20-26

FRIDAY, JUN 14

2Corinth 4: 7-15
 Psalm 116
 Matthew 5: 27-32

SATURDAY, JUN 15

2Corinth 5: 14-21
 Psalm 103
 Matthew 5: 33-37

SUNDAY, JUN 16

Proverbs 8: 22-31
 Psalm 8
 Romans 5: 1-5

The Financial Page

Fiscal Year 2019 runs from July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Paul Firicano, Collaborative Business Manager
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St. Mary

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Weekend of
June 1st/2nd

Offertory Needed to Cover Budgeted Expenses	\$16,500	of the actual, \$3,672 is from electronic giving
Actual Received	\$14,856	
Variance	-\$1,644	

St. John

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Weekend of
June 1st/2nd

Offertory Needed to Cover Budgeted Expenses	\$11,013	of the actual, \$1,659 is from electronic giving
Actual Received	\$9,650	
Variance	-\$1,363	

It is hard to believe, but it has been just over four years that we have all been brought together as two communities united to serve Christ more fully. It has truly been a great endeavor that we were called to embark on together. Over that time, we have been through many changes.

As we began our collaborative, I was not sure how it would work, and if I am to be totally honest, I wasn't even sure if it **WOULD** work. But it has, and the major reason it has is due to the grace-filled openness you all have displayed. Our adventure together has been a successful one because you have been so willing to support our moving forward as two parishes working towards a single goal; that of bringing Christ into the world. To be called to serve this collaborative has truly been a blessing in my life.

We have accomplished a lot over this time, and yet we have so much more to do as a community of faith dedicated to Christ's mission in the world. Only through your continued support is it possible to accomplish and further this great work. The work of Christ needs financial support, and your understanding of this fact was clearly illustrated by your generous and faithful support as you collectively covered the recent budget deficits in both parishes. I am most grateful, and am certain that you, like me, never want to get to that point again.

It is important that we be wise by demonstrating fiscal responsibility of the financial support you give us. We are continually reviewing and adjusting the budget in hopes of discovering more savings, but as costs increase, as they inevitably do, the budget needs to be set in such a way as to ensure that we are able to faithfully meet the needs of the community.

- The new **estimated*** budget for Saint Mary will need to grow by \$96,000. In order to hit this critical target, we need each family to consider an increase of at least 12%.
- The new **estimated*** budget at Saint John will need to grow by \$97,000. In order to hit this critical target, we need each family to consider an increase of at least 15%.

I recognize that not everyone will be capable of an increase of this amount, and that some may already be giving all that they can, and I thank you for all that you are already doing. I would ask everyone to simply take an envelope and spend the next week in prayer, discerning what it is that you are able to give. The increase is not intended to be a one-time event like the budget deficit gift, but rather to be maintained over time. This is why prayer must play an important part of your decision. Please note that we have included the finance report again so that you have all necessary information available to you during your time of discernment. Please note that we are currently showing no deficit due solely to your commitment to the recent budget deficit reduction campaign. If you are able to keep to that level of giving in the upcoming year, I am sure you can imagine the difference that could make in the life of the parish!

I also recognize that some of you, as part of the recent budget deficit collection, have, like myself, already increased your giving. Thank you for your generosity. We simply ask you for your prayers and, for our internal record-keeping need, that you please fill out the envelope with what you have already committed to.

Again, thank you for all that you do in supporting the work of Christ to which we are called to as a community of faith. It is truly a blessing, privilege and honor to serve as your pastor. I pray it will be for many more years to come.

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



****Please note that the FY 2019/20 budget is due to be finalized at the end of June.
At that time, we will provide you with those final figures.***



St. Mary Parish Financial Report

For the Nine Months ending March 31, 2019

Summary

	Budget FYE 6/30/19	Actual 3/31/19	Forecast 4/1-6/30/19	Estimated FYE 6/30/19	Budget Variance
Revenue:					
Offertory/Holy Days.....	\$ 870,000	\$ 603,950	\$ 193,700	\$ 797,650	\$ (72,350)
Gifts - Budget Deficit.....	\$ -	\$ 63,750	\$ 22,750	\$ 86,500	\$ 86,500
Other.....	230,000	201,650	38,700	240,350	10,350
Total Revenue.....	1,100,000	869,350	255,150	1,124,500	24,500
Total Expenses.....	1,104,700	853,800	256,100	1,109,900	5,200
Net Operating Revenue/(Expenses)	(4,700)	15,550	(950)	14,600	19,300

In addition, our parishioners contributed \$72,000 to the various special collections, including Christmas & Easter.

REVENUE

Offertory \$603,950 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offertory contributions • Holy Days 	Other Revenue \$84,800 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts & Bequests • Lease Property income • Catholic Appeal rebate • Interest income • Miscellaneous donations 	Sacramentals \$47,250 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptisms • Weddings • Funerals • Flowers • Vigil lights • Spiritual Bouquets • Sanctuary Fund
Faith Formation \$69,600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith Formation (Grades K-10) • Youth Ministry 	Gifts - Budget Deficit \$63,750	

EXPENSES

Liturgical/Sacramental <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy Compensation & Benefits • Worship Services • Baptisms & Confirmations • Weddings & Funerals • Liturgical/Worship Supplies • Musicians & Cantors <div> Revenue \$178,201 Expenses \$174,989 Over/(Under) \$3,212 </div>	Faith Formation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation & Benefits • Faith Formation, grades K-10 • First Eucharist program • Confirmation program • Youth Ministry • Adult Faith Formation/Retreats • Workshops <div> Revenue \$154,196 Expenses \$152,255 Over/(Under) \$1,941 </div>
Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation & Benefits • Equipment • Maintenance • Utilities & Heat • Snow Removal • Property Insurance • Acquisition & Improvements • Lease Property expenses <div> Revenue \$222,566 Expenses \$217,789 Over/(Under) \$4,777 </div>	Central Ministry tithe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% of Offertory & Holy Days collections for Archdiocese <div> Revenue \$59,750 Expenses \$59,750 Over/(Under) \$0 </div>
Parish Center loan repay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primarily interest payments at this time on loan balance of \$1,053,143 <div> Revenue \$56,876 Expenses \$55,800 Over/(Under) \$1,076 </div>	Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation & Benefits • Rectory/household expenses • Office expenses • Professional fees <div> Revenue \$197,761 Expenses \$193,222 Over/(Under) \$4,539 </div>

St. John the Evangelist Parish Financial Report

For the Nine Months ending March 31, 2019



Summary

	Budget FYE 6/30/19	Actual 3/31/2019	Forecast 4/1 - 6/30/19	Estimated FYE 6/30/19	Budget Variance
Revenue:					
Offertory/Holy Days.....	\$ 572,700	\$ 391,100	\$ 119,250	\$ 510,350	\$ (62,350)
Gifts-Budget Deficit.....	\$ -	\$ 48,855	\$ 122,225	\$ 171,080	\$ 171,080
Other.....	323,100	248,745	48,970	297,715	\$ (25,385)
Total Revenue.....	895,800	688,700	290,445	979,145	83,345
Total Expenses.....	911,540	666,560	232,130	898,690	(12,850)
Net Operating Revenue/(Expenses)	(15,740)	22,140	58,315	80,455	96,195

In addition, our parishioners contributed \$33,990 to the various special collections, including Christmas & Easter.

REVENUE

Offertory • Offertory contributions • Holy Days \$391,100	Faith Formation • Faith Formation (Grades K-10) • Youth Ministry \$30,910
Sacramentals • Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals • Beautification offering • Vigil lights • Flowers • Spiritual Bouquets • Sanctuary Fund \$29,950	Other Revenue • Rental donations • Catholic Appeal rebate • African Community • ACTS • Interest income • Gifts-Budget Deficit \$76,755 \$48,855
Grand Annual \$48,730	Bingo proceeds \$62,400

EXPENSES

Liturgical/Sacramental • Clergy Compensation & Benefits • Worship Services • Baptisms & Confirmations • Weddings & Funerals • Liturgical/Worship Supplies • Musicians & Cantors Revenue \$134,212 Expenses \$129,470 Over/(Under) \$4,742	Faith Formation • Compensation & Benefits • Faith Formation, grades K-10 • Confirmation program • Youth Ministry • Adult Faith Formation/Retreats • ACTS • Workshops Revenue \$98,414 Expenses \$94,980 Over/(Under) \$3,434
Facilities • Compensation & Benefits • Equipment • Maintenance • Utilities & Heat • Snow Removal • Property Insurance • Acquisition & Improvements Revenue \$236,740 Expenses \$228,190 Over/(Under) \$8,550	Administration • Compensation & Benefits • Rectory/household expenses • Office expenses • Professional fees • Bingo expenses • African Community Revenue \$181,444 Expenses \$176,030 Over/(Under) \$5,414
	Central Ministry tithe • 10% of Offertory & Holy Days collections for Archdioceses Revenue \$37,890 Expenses \$37,890 Over/(Under) \$0

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Laurence B. Pratt of Chelmsford

Laurence Bernard Pratt, 83, of Chelmsford, MA died Saturday evening, April 20, 2019 at Westford House Nursing Home in Westford, MA after a long illness surrounded by his loving family.

He was married to the late Gladys Ann (Silva) Pratt, who died on March 17, 2003.

Born in Waltham, he was the son of the late Frederick and Mary (Langhan) Pratt. He graduated from St. Mary's High School with the class of 1953, continued his education at Boston College and graduated in 1957. He later earned a Master's Degree at Northeastern University.

He retired from the defense industry as an engineer at Raytheon, and was also employed with RCA, Sylvania, and the IRS at Cross Point in Lowell.

He was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Chelmsford, MA.

Larry enjoyed spending time at the beach with family and friends, and watching the New England Patriots and Boston Red Sox, day trips to various New England spots, reading, crossword puzzles, and puttering around the



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yard. Larry looked forward to his luncheons with his high school friends, "The St. Mary's Boys". He adored his grandchildren, and loved attending their various activities and celebrating their achievements.

He is survived by his two sons, Laurence and his wife, Sonja Pratt of Nashua, and Thomas Pratt of Dunstable; two daughters, Sharon and her husband, Randy Chapman of Swampscott, and Pamela and her husband, Brian Gill of Stoneham; a brother, Richard and his wife, Charlotte Pratt of Waltham, MA; five grandchildren, Alexander Pratt, Jared and Benjamin Chapman, Riley and Gracie Gill and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his siblings, Robert and Daniel Pratt, Carol Czyrkli, Barbara Vecchione and Betty MacDonald.

His visiting hours were Wed. April 24th from 3 to 7 P.M. Funeral was Thurs. April 25th at 10am from the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 106 MIDDLESEX ST. CHELMSFORD, with a funeral Mass at 11am at St. Mary Church, 25 North Rd., Chelmsford. Burial in Pine Ridge Cemetery, Chelmsford. Memorials may be made in his name to the Westford House Patient Activity Fund, 3 Park Dr., Westford, MA 01886. Guestbook at www.dolanfuneralhome.com.

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