



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
& 5:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday • 9:00 AM

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

RECONCILIATION

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month •
Monday - Wednesday •
9:30 - 11:30 am
in the OPC Chapel

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday • 4:00 PM
Sunday • 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM,
11:00 AM, 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday • 7:00 AM

RECONCILIATION

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

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

MASSES 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



*They can no longer die, for they are like
angels; and they are the children of God
because they are the ones who will rise."*

-Luke 20:36

November 10, 2019: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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St. Mary Calendar

• Sunday, November 10 •

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEKEND

Family Faith Formation Events • refer to page 6

Grace Notes Rehearsal • 8:10 - 8:45 am • Church

11 am Mass Choir Rehearsal • 9:45 - 10:50 am • Choir Loft

Table Ministry • 1:00 - 4:00 pm • Kitchen

• Monday, November 11 •

PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

Matthew Bible Study • 10 am - 12 pm • PC Conf Room 1

Seminarian Presentation • 7 - 8 pm • Church (or LiveView)

• Tuesday, November 12 •

EPIC Bible Study • CANCELLED

Annual Mass of Remembrance • 7:00 pm • Church

• Wednesday, November 13 •

Boy Scout Troop 77 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • Parish Hall

• Thursday, November 14 •

Rosary Makers • 10:30 am • PC Conf Room 2

Rosary • 12:00 - 1:00 pm • PC Adoration Chapel

Adoration • 3:00 - 9:00 pm • PC Adoration Chapel

Social Justice Speaker Event • 7:00 pm • Parish Hall (page 4)

• Friday, November 15 •

Adoration • 7:30 am - 9:00 pm • PC Adoration Chapel

Knitting and Crocheting • 3:00 - 5:00 pm • Parish Hall

• Saturday, November 16 •

Catholic Men's Group • 7:45 - 8:45am • PC Conf Room 2

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

Collaborative Bell Ministry • 2:30 - 3:30 pm • Conf Room B

4 pm Music Ministry • 3:00 - 3:45 pm • Conf Room B

Anointing of the Sick, following 4 pm Mass • Church

Harvest Dinner, following 4 pm Mass • Parish Hall

• Sunday, November 17 •

Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 6

Children's Liturgy of the Word • 11 am Mass • PC Chapel

11 am Mass Choir Rehearsal • 9:45 - 10:50 am • Choir Loft

6 pm Music Ministry • 5:00 - 5:45 pm • Church

High School Youth Group, following 6 pm Mass • Parish Hall

Annual Harvest Dinner

NEXT Saturday, November 16th

5:00 - 7:00 pm... St. Mary Parish Hall

Come and
enjoy all
the deliciousness



and fellowship of a Thanksgiving Dinner.
Tickets are \$10 per person/\$25 per family
(\$12 per person/\$30 per family at the
door). Tickets can be purchased at
the parish offices.

All proceeds from this event will benefit
our Youth Ministry program.

The St. Mary Table Ministry



St. Mary Music Ministry

cordially invites you to
Chelmsford's first

MESSIAH SING

Saturday, December 7
7pm at St. Mary Church



The UMASS Lowell Chamber Singers,
under direction of Dr. Jonathan Richter,
will be joining us!

VETERANS DAY The Parish Offices will be closed on **Monday, November 11**

Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross

Sunday, November 10... 9:45 am - 2:30 pm...

This trip is filled to capacity!
Meet at St. Mayr Parking Lot at 9:30 am.

If you would still like to attend Mass and the Tour, you are more than welcome to carpool amongst yourselves and follow the bus or meet



us there. Mass will be celebrated at 11 am.

EVERYONE IS TO BRING THEIR OWN BAGGED LUNCH!

Join our Seminarian, Andrew John Deepen Your Faith this Fall

informal presentations on our Catholic Faith

Have you ever been stumped by friends, family or youth with questions on the Catholic Faith? This fall, our seminarian, Andrew John Rondelli, will offer one-hour sessions on the Roman Catechism. Sessions will be informal with faith-related questions most welcome. Attend one, all or some; as few or many as your schedule allows.

**Monday evenings... 7-8 pm
at St. Mary Church**

Nov 11, 18; Dec 2, 9, 16

2ND ANNUAL Hail Mary Challenge

1,000,000 Hail Mary's in Six Months (ending Oct 31)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS!
WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL 2 YEARS IN A

Ending October 31	45,344
Grand Total To Date	1,067,866
%age of Goal	106.78%



St. John Calendar

• Sunday, November 10 •

NO FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEKEND

Family Faith Formation Events • refer to page 7
Children's Liturgy of the Word, during 8:30 am Mass
Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Mariotti
Prayer Shawl Ministry, following 8:30 am Mass • Lord Ryan
Faith Community Nursing Mtg, following 10:30 am Mass • OPC Library
Group Baptism • 2:00 pm • Church

• Monday, November 11 •

Adoration, following 9:00 am Mass • OPC Chapel
Families with Addiction Support Group • CANCELLED
Seminar Presentation • 7 - 8 pm • SM Church (or LiveView)

• Tuesday, November 12 •

Adoration, following 9:00 am Mass • OPC Chapel
Open Music Rehearsal • 6:30 pm • Church

• Wednesday, November 13 •

Adoration, following 9:00 am Mass • OPC Chapel

• Thursday, November 14 •

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, November 15 •

African Community Rosary • 6:30 pm • Library

• Saturday, November 16 •

Contemplative Prayer Group • 9:30-11:00 am • Linehan
Reconciliation • 3:00 - 3:45 pm • Church

• Sunday, November 17 •

Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 7
Children's Liturgy of the Word, during 8:30 am Mass
Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Mariotti
African Liturgy • 12:30 pm • Church

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Notice to ELMCs



Please do not place communion in a pyx when in communion line during Mass. If someone needs the Holy Eucharistic for a home or hospital visit, please arrange to do so either before or after Mass. Thank you.

Breaking Bread and Barriers

THIS Thursday, November 14
7:00 pm in St. Mary Parish Hall

The Collaborative Social Justice Committee is beginning an education series on immigration. Exodus tells the story of the Chosen People, Israel, who were victims of bitter slavery in Egypt. For forty years they lived as wanderers with no homeland of their own. Their experience of living as homeless aliens was so painful and frightening that God ordered his people for all time to have special care for the alien: "You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for him as for yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt." (Leviticus 19:33-34). For detailed information about this event, visit...

www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/social-justice-committee

Thank you to Walk in Her Shoes participants



The Social Justice Committee thanks those who participated in Amirah's Walk in Her Shoes 5K walk to support sex trafficking survivors and raise awareness about trafficking!

We were part of a group of nearly 250 people who took part in the walk around the world. The money we raised will help Amirah continue to provide aftercare recovery and housing to survivors at its Massachusetts safe home. It will also help

Amirah open a new safe home in Connecticut, a state that currently has no aftercare services for survivors. Visit www.amirahinc.org to learn more about their programs. Thank you for your help taking action on human trafficking and supporting survivors!



welcome to more

These various questions were taken
from my visits to our faith formation classes.

Faith

does not eliminate questions
But faith knows
where to take them.
And the Answer is...

Q. What happens to us when we die in a state of grace? What do we see after we pass away? Do we see our whole family again after we die? Do we see our loved ones?

A. If we die in a state of grace, we are heading to heaven. We may need to take a stop in purgatory on the way, depending on how the temporal effects of sin have affected us. But the reality is that a person in the state of grace is in right relationship with God. Therefore, through the action of Christ on the cross the person is granted the privilege of being with God for all eternity.

It is not so much about who we will see, but how we will see them. *"What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him," this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.*"

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that "this perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called 'heaven.' Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness." (1024).

We will be united with those we love in a way we cannot even comprehend at this moment, for we will be in perfect union with God. We will be united as one in Christ, and see and be seen as God sees. It will be like nothing we have ever experienced.

Q. Why is religion so complicated?

A. I honestly do not believe that it is. We have a tendency of making it so, but our faith really is about relationship. It is about how we are called into relationship with God, others, creation and self. The reality is that there are rules to any relationship, and those rules help us both to define what the relationship means and how it is intended to be lived out. What people see as complications really are just the difficulties we have in any real relationship.

Our faith is really founded on a few simple principles, but how we live out those principles are where things can get complicated. The basic reason is that most of us are pretty selfish and want things the way we want them. Hence, we need help in disentangling what our simple desires are and what God is calling us to do. We are also pretty good at rationalizing why our way of thinking is the right way of thinking. Therefore, again, we need help in seeking to find the truth.

Our faith and all we have been given, like the Scriptures and the Seven Sacraments, are simply ways to help us stay on track and grow in our relationship with God. Religion could be much simpler if we were willing to always follow God's will perfectly, but we are not.

of what's happening in our Collaborative!



Mass of the Roses St. Mary 4 pm Mass ~ November 23, 2019

In honor deceased brothers of the Bishop Ruocco Council, all are invited to attend the Mass of the Roses, followed by a gathering in the parish hall. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, contact Jim Lovas at jimlovas@outlook.com.

*But you are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people of His own, so that you may announce the praises"
of Him who called you out of darkness, into His wonderful light.*

COMMISSIONING OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

At all Masses (at both churches) on the following dates, the celebrant will commission all of our Liturgical Ministers according to the below schedule. We do hope you will be able to attend Mass on the weekend that applies to you so that the congregation can give special witness to the gift you are to our parish families!

This Weekend: November 9th & 10th: Ushers/Sextons & Greeters

November 16th & 17th: Music Ministry Members

November 23rd & 24th: EMHCs and Sacristans

Annual Thanksgiving Collection

supporting the Lowell Transitional Living Center
November 16th/17th at BOTH PARISHES

It's that time of year again! On the weekend of November 16th/17th we will be holding—at both St. John's and St. Mary's—the annual collection in support of the Lowell Transitional Living Center in Lowell. As we embark on this collection, we will look at some aspects of this facility that does important work in our community.



Although one of the wealthiest nations in the world, the United States continues to struggle with homelessness. In fact, there has never been a time when we have not had homeless people. The Lowell Transitional Living Center serves over 900 homeless adults and includes a range of services from shelter, three daily meals, a safe environment, individual assessments and referrals and clinics which provide medical care.

Did you know that not every person who is homeless is an alcoholic or substance abuser? The cold hard facts are that a person living from week-to-week on a paycheck, who loses that paycheck, cannot possibly afford the mortgage and can lose his/her house?

As we conduct this collection, it is important for us to remember that small acts of kindness done with great love can change people's lives. Your donation, no matter how large or small, can make a real difference in someone's life. And remember, be thankful that you're able to give!

Cartons will be provided at all St. John's entrances and at St. Mary's main entrance.

Items we are in need of are listed below:

TOILETRIES

- Disposable Razors • Tissues • Chapstick •
- Feminine Products • Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

CLOTHING

- Underwear • Thermal Underwear •
- Jeans & Sweatpants • Sweatshirts •
- Winter Coats • Work & Snow Boots •



Do you Knit or Crochet?

Every year, mittens, hats, and scarves are made by our generous volunteers, and given to, local agencies served by the St. Mary "Spirit of Christmas" program for distribution to those in need. Here's how you can help...

We are in need of donations of these items, made with acrylic yarn, in sizes from toddler to adult. There are no meetings to attend and you decide which items to craft, what size, and how many!

Collections of these items will be on the Weekend of November 23rd/24th

Boxes into which you can place your donations will be located at the entrances of St. Mary Church. Please label your items with the size, and include your name if you would like to receive an acknowledgement. For more information, contact Cathy Latina at (978) 256-0721.

Thank you for sharing the love and knowledge
of your craft with those in need!



welcome to the Collaborative Family

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• ST. MARY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE and EVENTS •

Upcoming Deep Dive Events



Cathedral Pilgrimage

Sunday, November 10 • 9:45 am - 2:30 pm

Due to the overwhelming response, this event is filled to capacity. For those of you who are already signed up, please pack a bagged lunch and meet us in the church parking lot by 9:30 am!

Harvest Dinner

Saturday, November 16 • various shifts



There are various shifts available for volunteers to serve in a variety of ways (set up, kitchen, servers, selling tickets, clean up). To learn more and to sign up, please visit our website. Click on Youth Ministry then Harvest Dinner, where you will find a direct link to do so.
NOTE: This is an optional Confirmation Deep Dive.

** This is also a Confirmation Deep Dive opportunity for Confirmation I and II students.*

Completion of a reflection sheet is REQUIRED for ALL deep dives. Downloadable or online reflection sheets can be found on website as part of the specific deep dive page.

November 10th Class Schedule

DUE TO VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY
There will be no classes or events today!

November 17th Class/FGS* Schedule

GRADE 1 FGS, GROUP C

9:00 - 10:30 am
Parish Hall

GRADE 2 FGS, GROUP D

11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Parish Hall

GRADE 3 FGS: GROUP C

9:00 - 10:30 am
Parish Hall

GRADE 3 FGS, GROUP D

11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Parish Hall

GRADE 4 FGS, GROUP C

9:00 - 10:30 am
Parish Hall

GRADE 4 FGS, GROUP D

11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Parish Hall

GRADE 5 FGS, GROUP C

9:00 - 10:30 am
Parish Hall

GRADE 5, GROUP D

11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Parish Hall

GRADE 6 FGS, GROUP C

9:00 - 10:30 am
Parish Hall

GRADE 6 FGS, GROUP D

11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Parish Hall

CONFIRMATION I: 4:15 - 5:45 pm Hall

*** FAMILY GATHERING SESSION**
Parents attend with their children

www.chelmsfordcatholic.org

Deep Dive Calendars can be found on our website
Faith Formation/Family Faith Formation/Calendars and Schedules

All Deep Dive details can be found on our website
Faith Formation/Family Faith Formation/ Deep Dives (choose deep dive)

Full Class schedules can be found on our website
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DONT FORGET

Deep Dive Reflection

For those of you who attending the Saints on Parade Deep Dive, please be sure to complete the Reflection Sheet. Both downloadable and online forms can be found at...

www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/saints-on-parade

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• ST. JOHN FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE AND EVENTS •

Upcoming Deep Dive Events



Cathedral Pilgrimage

Sunday, November 10 • 9:45 am - 230 pm

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November 17th Class/FGS* Schedule

GRADE 1 FGS, GROUP B

9:45 - 11:15 am
Parish Hall

GRADE 2 FGS, GROUP B

9:45 - 11:15 am
Parish Hall

GRADE 3 FGS, GROUP B

9:45 - 11:15 am
Parish Hall

GRADE 4 FGS, GROUP B

9:45 - 11:15 am
Parish Hall

GRADE 5 FGS, GROUP B

9:45 - 11:15 am
Parish Hall

GRADE 6 FGS, GROUP B

9:45 - 11:15 am
Parish Hall

CONFIRMATION I: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Hall

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Parents attend with their children

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ALL FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES IN THE COLLABORATIVE



Follow us on
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Upcoming Deep Dives can be found on our Instagram page!

Youth Ministry

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"You, dear young people, are not the future but the now of God."
~Pope Francis, World Youth Day Homily, Panama

The Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative's Youth Ministry program seeks to ensure that the young people of the Collaborative feel known, valued, and loved by God and by their parish community. By providing opportunities for youth to encounter Christ in their lives and connecting them with mature Christian mentors, youth ministry strives to equip and empower our young people to be lifelong disciples of Jesus.

Sunday, November 17th: High School Youth Group

Join us for Mass at 6 pm, followed by food, fellowship and faithful conversation in the parish hall.



Please signup **10 days PRIOR** to your requested date by contacting Barbara at dwsmiths@comcast.net or (978) 649-6745. We meet in St. John's parking lot at 3:15 pm and arrive back to the same location by 7:30 pm.

RSVP by Wednesday, November 20th to serve Friday, November 29th

- December 27, 2019: register by 18th
- January 24, 2020: register by 15th
- February 28, 2020: register by 19th



House of Hope Inc.

We are looking for volunteer youth/parent teams to spend 2 hours on Thursday evenings (6-8 pm) playing with young children whose parent(s) are receiving Life Skills training. Please contact Laura Zatta at lkzatta@gmail.com. The scheduled dates thus far are...

November 7th, 21st • December 5th

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

5:00 - 7:00 pm... ST. MARY PARISH HALL



There are various shifts available for volunteers to serve in a variety of ways (set up, kitchen, servers, selling tickets, clean up). To learn more and to sign up, please visit our website. Click on Youth Ministry then Harvest Dinner, where you will find a direct link to do so.

NOTE: This is an optional Confirmation Deep Dive.

BOWLING & PIZZA EVENT

for Children with Special Needs
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

NEXT Sunday, November 17th
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Collins Bowladrome . Billerica

This program is free to children with special needs and their families. It will start at 1:00 pm with duck-pin bowling and will close with pizza and soft drinks for all.



Families interested in attending are asked to register by contacting Ken at (978) 692-6866 or kgdesigned@gmail.com **on or before THIS THURSDAY, November 15th.**

Protecting God's Children Workshop

Saturday, December 7th • 9 am - 12 pm • St. John Parish Hall

\$15 Advent Wreath Kits (includes candles) \$5 Advent Candle Sets

...will be for purchase beginning **SUNDAY, November 17th...**

The Parish Offices (115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday from 9:30am - 5:00 pm

Friday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

St. Mary Parish Hall

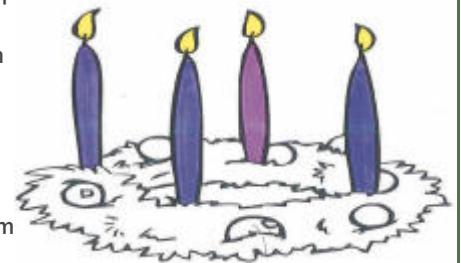
during Sunday class times

St. Mary Parish Center

Sundays from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Proceeds will benefit our Faith Formation Program.

Thank you for your support!



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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.

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Parish council matters can be sent to:

CollaborativePPC@chelmsfordcatholic.org
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Angela McMaster (co-chair)

Mike Condor

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Ellen St. George

Augustine Tweneh

Ray Wagner (secretary)

St. Mary Members

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Current Council Members are ...

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Paul Therrien

If you would like to submit a notice for the bulletin, please submit it no later than 12 NOON, TWO Fridays prior to the weekend in which you would like to have 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 very best to accommodate your request.

From Our Pastor

Last weekend, of course, was the end of Daylight Savings Time and we got that one extra hour of sleep. Well, that's only true if you don't have cats! Harry and Sally do not understand the concept of daylight savings, and really do not care. It was not important to them that the clock said 4 am when they *knew* it was 5 am and time to be fed. They were on the bed crying for me to get up and feed them. They can be quite persistent, loud, and determined. I did not feed them until 5 and they were not happy with me, but I had to be firm in order to get them on the correct schedule. The world may believe one thing about what time it is, but Harry and Sally follow a different clock and they are quite sure their version is the correct one. They have a particular pattern, or rhythm of life, and they are determined to follow it no matter what the world might think.

As Christians, we also need to recognize that we are called to a different rhythm of life than the world would have us follow. How the world looks at life and the role and place of individuals and society is very different from the Christian perspective. How we understand issues such as equality, freedom, choice, and the very essence of what makes a person human are simply not compatible with the world's view. Christians have always been called to be somewhat counter-cultural. We are called to seek our answers not from society, history, or current norms. Unlike the world, we do not believe that an individual can be self-defined by, or through, their own desires, preferences, preconceptions of right and wrong, or their own sense of identity. The question of who I am, and how I am called to engage in the world, is at the heart of how we are called to understand ourselves as human beings. And, it means wrestling with the issues of our time in a very different way than the world would.

And I am not simply talking about the big topics where our faith differs from the world's view, such as: sexuality, pro-life issues, dignity and sanctity of all human life, gender issues and the like. The true rhythm of Christian life is discovered first in the small things. The big issues are important, but they can only be truly addressed when one comes to terms with the more basic issues of life, and how we are called to live them out.

From the very beginning Christians have struggled to maintain the truth. We simply need to look to our primary symbol of faith—THE CROSS! Jesus was not crucified because He taught some soundbites: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you; Love your neighbor as you love yourself, and so forth. Many times we can get caught up in soundbite Christianity which is really a hollow faith. As long as you are "nice" or "good" and follow the ten commandments you are all set, but this has nothing to do with what Christ taught. Christ taught *not* the easy road, but the narrow and rocky road. He said the gate is narrow and few will pass through it. Christ came to challenge people out

of their life of complacency, to accept the true challenge of following Him.

Christians have accepted that challenge for 2,000 years. The first followers of Christ faced persecution, exile, beatings, and death because they simply refused to conform to the world's rhythm of life. The Romans could not understand the Christians; all they asked was that they burn some incense and offer small sacrifices to the gods. Everyone else but the Jews did this. It was *not* asking too much. The Romans had no issues with them worshipping their own God, but they needed to be part of society and could not be different on this issue. But Christians recognized a fundamental truth that the worship of pagan gods was devoid of any real meaning. It was an affront to the one true God. So, a rejection of the "world's truth" was necessary to remain in relationship with God.

The rhythm of Christian life is really based on some simple principles that are counter to the world. The first and most important is that all that is created comes about by the will of God, and by his will alone. The second is that all that exists was created with a distinct purpose, and it is our responsibility to understand God's purpose, and to make use of what He has created *only* in accord with how He has ordered things. Third, God has a plan for creation, humanity, and individuals all centered on one truth—salvation. God has predestined all for salvation in Christ, but not all will accept that salvation. Instead, many will choose to listen to the Siren call of the world rather than the truth of God.

Yes, things in our life have become disordered and do not exist in full accord with God's plan. This disorder has arisen from human choice and the rejection of God's plan. It began with the Fall of Adam and Eve—humanity's initial rejection of God's will—and has continued throughout human history, either as a consequence of the Fall or individual choices.

The question then for us is: what will we choose to do? Will we accept the truth of following Christ? Will we reject the world and accept only Christ? What does that mean? It means seeking to understand God's plan and truth. It means recognizing that truth is not just an idea: it is a relationship with Christ. It means recognizing that the truth is objective and unchangeable. It means we must be a people of prayer and scriptures. Our truth comes only through God's revelation of his plan, and we must seek to live every day making each choice based on that truth.

Our clock simply follows a different rhythm than the world's!

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,



FROM OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTER,
COURTNEY CALLANAN

When I was a CapCorps Volunteer with the Capuchin Franciscans at Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, one of the main things my community did was conduct Confirmation retreats. Each retreat we did concluded with Mass celebrated by our beloved chaplain, Fr. Fred. Since he used the same homily for every Confirmation retreat, by the end of the year all of us CapCorps Volunteers could have easily given it ourselves. It has now been over five years since I last heard that homily, and until recently it probably has been a few years since I have even thought of it. However, in the past couple of months it keeps resurfacing for me...

In the olden days, those who chose to travel by stagecoach had three levels of tickets available to them: first class, second class, and third class. Now, unlike trains of those days (or planes of ours) these different classes did not mean that passengers were traveling in separate compartments with varying levels of luxury. No, instead these classes of tickets came into play if the stagecoach came to a particularly steep hill or became stuck in the mud as they bounced along miles and miles of dirt roads. Those holders of first class tickets “rode all the way,” meaning that if the stagecoach was having difficulty navigating a hill or mud pit, they could remain comfortably inside. In these situations, travelers with second class tickets would have to disembark from the stagecoach and walk alongside it, in order to relieve the horses of some weight, until the hill had been climbed or the mud passed. Finally, those who had third class tickets, not only had to get out of the stagecoach when faced with hills or mud, but also had to help push the stagecoach along. “Be third class Christians,” Fr. Fred would urge the young people preparing for their Confirmation. In fact, he would tell them that being a third class Christian is really the only way to be a Christian. This is true for two reasons. First because, as Christians, we are called to serve those around us, even when this might involve some inconvenience or discomfort on our part. Second because, as Christians, we are called to work towards not only our own salvation but also the salvation of others.

As memories of this homily keep coming to mind, I find myself with a whole new appreciation for the simple but powerful message it contains: “Be third class Christians.” Do not be unwilling to get in the mud to help out another person in their time of need. Do not be unwilling to get out and push to help another soul on their journey towards Heaven. “Be third class Christians.”



Veterans Day is a well-known American holiday that honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before that when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of “the war to end all wars” and dubbed Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I.

But then World War II and the Korean War happened, so on June 1, 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word “armistice” to “veterans” so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

For a while, the commemoration date of Veterans Day was also changed. Due to the confusion it caused, Congress signed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday. Officials hoped it would spur travel and other family activities over a long weekend, which would stimulate the economy. For some inexplicable reason, the bill set Veterans Day commemorations for the fourth Monday of every October.

On October 25, 1971, the first Veterans Day under this new bill was held. We're not sure why it took three years to implement, but not surprisingly, there was a lot of confusion about the date change, and many states were unhappy, choosing to continue to recognize the day as they previously had — in November.

Within a few years, it became pretty apparent that most United States citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on November 11, since it was a matter of historic and patriotic significance. So on September 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law—Public Law 94-97—which returned the annual observance to its original date starting in 1978.

The Financial Page

Fiscal Year 2020 runs from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

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St. Mary

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Weekend of
Nov 2nd/3rd

Offertory Needed to Cover Budgeted Expenses	\$17,140	of the actual, \$4,195 is from electronic giving
Actual Received	\$18,251	
Variance	\$ 1,111	

FY 2020 YEAR-TO-DATE STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Budget	Actual	Variance
\$308,520	\$271,808	-\$36,712

St. John

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Weekend of
Nov 2nd/3rd

Offertory Needed to Cover Budgeted Expenses	\$11,040	of the actual, \$ is from electronic giving
Actual Received	\$ 9,162	
Variance	-\$ 1,878	

FY 2020 YEAR-TO-DATE STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Budget	Actual	Variance
\$198,720	\$172,249	-\$26,471



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Links to both programs can be found on the right-hand side of home page.



- Rectory first floor upgrades are still in progress, but a few items have been completed: new floors, painting and new lighting fixtures.
- The paving of the driveway/walkway leading to the exterior entrance to the sacristy has been completed, making it easier for our priests to park and enter into the sacristy safely.
- Minor repairs have been completed to the heating systems in the church and parish center. The parish offices heating systems repair will be concluded when a needed part arrives.

- Fall clean-up is scheduled to be completed within the next couple of weeks.
- Parish grounds at both churches will soon be prepped for winter: blowing out and shutting down of irrigation systems, stocking up of sand/salt products, and planting stakes in the ground setting boundaries for snow removal.



Abortion destroys the smallest and most helpless members of the human family.

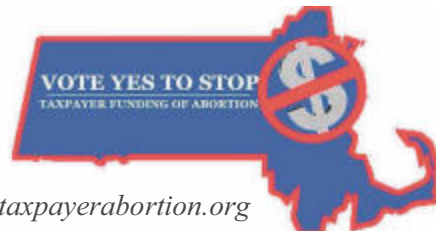
We, as Catholics (Christians), are called by God to protect His precious gift of life.

PRO-LIFE BALLOT INITIATIVE

Did you know that your tax dollars are being used to pay for abortions in Massachusetts?
Fortunately, there is something each of us can do to stop this.

Next weekend, November 16th/17th, volunteers from the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions will be collecting signatures on a petition to amend the state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. Please stop and sign this petition to help save the lives of unborn babies.

To learn more visit www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org



"The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch."

-His Holiness, Pope Francis



Saints on Parade

On Friday, November 1st, the Faith Formation Program held the first of many "Saints on Parade" events! Children and parents alike showed up in costume, and participated, side-by-side, in many activities. We closed the evening with the Parade of Saints, followed by the Litany of Saints, beautifully performed by our very own Jason Gaudette on keyboard, and Tryphena Reidy on vocals. Enjoy these pictures, which will also be posted on the website—along with the videos of both the parade and Litany—within the week! Thanks for a wonderful evening!





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, NOV 9** 4:00 pm: Ernest A. Beechin: Memorial
SUN, NOV 10 8:30 am: Jack Doucette: 5th Anniversary
 10:30 am: For the People of the Parish
MON, NOV 11 9:00 am: Fern Sevigny: Memorial
SAT, NOV 16 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, NOV 17 8:30 am: Eileen Lorrey Muldoon: Memorial
 10:30 am: Joseph Surette: 4th Anniversary

St. Mary

- SAT, NOV 9** 4:00 pm: Ahern and McNulty Families
SUN, NOV 10 7:00 am: Marguerite Farley: Memorial
 11:00 am: For the People of the Parish
 6:00 pm: Donald and Madeline Carano: Memorial
TUE, NOV 12 7:00 am: Frank and Evelyn Soracco: Memorial
WED, NOV 13 7:00 am: Michelle Cullen and Marie LeBon: Memorial
THU, NOV 14 7:00 am: John J Broderick: Memorial
FRI, NOV 15 7:00 am: Colin Richards: Memorial Mass
SAT, NOV 16 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, NOV 10 7:00 am: Josepf Pokorny: 2nd Anniversary
 9:00 am: Gene Belle, Irene Belle and Eileen Hanlon: Memorial
 11:00 am: Ralph and Catherine Maffeo: Memorial
 6:00 pm: Vincent M Polo: Memorial

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, please call the parish office.

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 having your intention published 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 Memory of... *Richard DeFreitas*

You are missed by family and wife, Pat

This week's St. Mary Rose for Life:

Margaret Kijanka

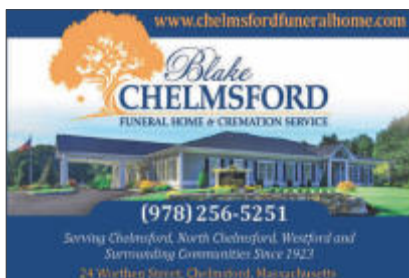
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"There is an appointed time for everything" -Ecclesiastes 3:1

Gerald W. Hussey: November 2nd at St. John

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



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

MONDAY, Nov 11

Wisdom 1: 1-7
Psalm 139
Luke 17: 1-6

TUESDAY, Nov 12

Wisdom 2:23 - 3:9
Psalm 34
Luke 17: 7-10

WEDNESDAY, Nov 13

Wisdom 6: 1-11
Psalm 82
Like 17: 11-19

THURSDAY, Nov 14

Wisdom 7:22 - 8:1
Psalm 119
Luke 17: 20-25

FRIDAY, Nov 15

Wisdom 13: 1-9
Psalm 19
Luke 17: 26-37

SATURDAY, Nov 16

Wisdom 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9
Psalm 105
Luke 18: 1-8

SUNDAY, Nov 17

Malachi 3: 19-20
Psalm 98
2Thes 3: 7-12
Luke 21: 5-19

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Marjorie Joan Kemp of Lowell

Marjorie Joan Kemp, 72, of Lowell, MA, passed away Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at her home.

Born in Lowell, she was the daughter of the late James and Claire (Bousquet) Lamb. She graduated from Westford Academy with the class of 1964.

She previously worked at Fletcher Quarry in Westford, MA, as an executive secretary.

Marjorie was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She spent her life surrounded by dogs and cats; she also very much enjoyed bingo and continued to place importance on her faith.

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Kemp and her significant other, Russell Edmondson of Derry, NH, siblings, Thomas and

his wife Nancy Lamb of Hooksett, NH, Carol and her husband Larry Mills of North Chelmsford and Kathleen Narankievicius of Dracut, MA, as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Claire Marchand, Patricia Ferreira and Phyllis Hurley.

Her visiting hours were Mon. Oct. 7th from 3 to 7 P.M. Funeral was Tues., Oct. 8th at 10:00 am from the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME, 106 MIDDLESEX ST. CHELMSFORD, with a funeral Mass at 11:00AM at St. John the Evangelist Church. Burial in St. Patrick Cemetery, Lowell. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St. Framingham, Ma 01701. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com.

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