

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.



February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

*This is the time of fulfillment.
The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.*

-Mark 1: 15

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 • 2:45 - 4:00 PM • St. John Parking Lot

PRAYER LINE

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

** please read entire bulletin for potential schedule changes



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This week's calendar

St. Mary Parish Events

RESERVATION REQUIRED for all weekend liturgies



Sunday, February 21

Weekend Liturgy • 7 am and 11 am
Curbside Communion • 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Monday, February 22

Daily Mass • 7 am
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7 pm

Tuesday, February 23

Daily Mass • 7 am
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7 pm

Wednesday, February 24

Daily Mass • 7 am
Curbside Confessions • 4:30 - 5:30 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7 pm

Thursday, February 25

Daily Mass • 7 am
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7 pm

Friday, February 26

Daily Mass • 7 am
Stations of the Cross • 7 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • CANCELLED

Saturday, February 27

Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, February 28

Weekend Liturgy • 7 am and 11 am
Curbside Communion • 4:30 - 5:00 pm

journeying

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Fridays of Lent at 7 pm

February 26
March 5, 12, 19 and 26

St. Mary LIVESTREAM
or IN-PERSON [40-person limit]
reservations not required

Rosary Devotion is cancelled these evenings

All Stations will take place at St. Mary due to availability of the screen upon which The Stations will be presented.

Join us in carving out a little slice of time to quiet our minds and reflect, through word and music of the Lenten Season. *LIVEVIEW Rosary Devotion is cancelled on these evenings.*



St. Mary • Tuesday, March 9th
7 pm via St. Mary LIVEVIEW or in-person

St. John • Tuesday, March 23rd
7 pm via St. John LIVEVIEW or in-person



LENTEN RETREAT

7 pm • Tue, Mar 2 - Thu, Mar 4

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

The registration links can be found on our website—www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/lent-2021—and will also be sent out via FLOCKNOTE in the coming days. Please note that a computer/tablet/smartphone is REQUIRED to attend this event.

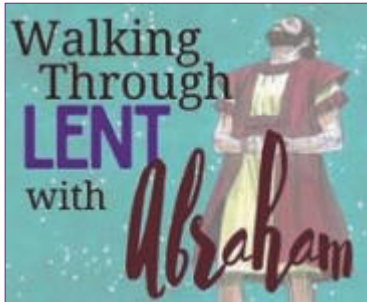
Rosary Devotion is cancelled on these evenings

How can I make Lent more meaningful? Read the Bible every day. Do acts of service for others. Read about the Saint of the Day. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Daily Prayer. Attend Mass on a day during the week. Give something up to remind you of your dependence on God.

40 DAYS WITH Christ

FR. BRIAN PRESENTATIONS

*Rosary Devotion will be prayed
at 6:30 pm on these evenings*



At the core of our Lenten journey is the goal of growing in our relationship with God. Abraham, a well-known Old Testament figure, had a close, personal and intimate relationship with God.

Fr. Brian will help us to journey alongside Abraham to discern how we, too, can grow into a similar relationship.

Monday Evenings • March 1st, 8th, 15th
7 pm • St. Mary LIVEVIEW or in-person

Both the Ten Commandments and The Beatitudes are gifts from God that teach us something about how to live our lives in Christ.

They give us two perspectives about what that relationship is,

how it should be lived and how it can grow into the next, deeper level.



Monday Evening, March 22nd
7 pm • St. Mary LIVEVIEW or in-person



Write a letter to God every day. Give Alms.
Read a book on our Catholic Faith or a Saint.
Sign up for an online daily Lenten reflection.

This week's *calendar* **St. John the Evangelist Events** RESERVATION REQUIRED for all weekend liturgies



Sunday, February 21

Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am and 6 pm • St. John
African Liturgy • 12:00 noon
Curbside Communion • 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Monday, February 22

Daily Mass • 9 am
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm
Curbside Confessions • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, February 23

Daily Mass • 9 am
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

Wednesday, February 24

Daily Mass • 9 am
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

Thursday, February 25

Daily Mass • 9 am
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

Friday, February 26

Daily Mass • 9 am
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
Parking Lot Adoration • 2:45 - 4:00 pm

Saturday, February 27

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

Sunday, February 28

Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am and 6 pm • St. John
African Liturgy • 12:00 noon
Curbside Communion • 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Family Faith Formation Program

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P.L.A.N.S. FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21st - 27th

**PREPARE
TO LEARN
AWESOME!
NEW STUFF**

All Families

- Attend/Watch Sunday Mass together as a family
- Refer to the February "Our Prayer Journal - Praying with Chaplets" booklet
- Focus on Week Three: The Chaplet of Faith (page 6)
- Pray The Chaplet of Faith as a family 15 minutes each day this week
- Track your progress on your February: 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
- Complete a Children's Bulletin

Grade Two Families

- Refer to the YELLOW First Communion Preparation 2020-2021 Syllabus and Tracking Sheet
- Begin Session 5: 'The Eucharist' Video Sessions 5.1-5.6
- Begin Session 5 Worksheets: "Show What You Know/ First Communion #5"
- 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 4: 'What is our Response' (pages 43-56)

Confirmation I Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lesson 7 (pages 55-64)

Confirmation II Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lesson 19 (pages 175-184)

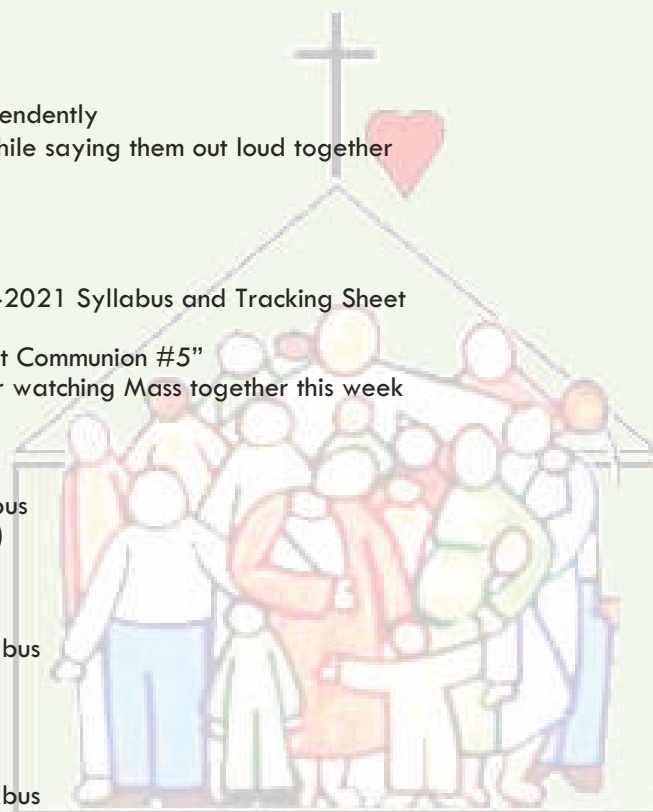
St. Margaret Confirmation II Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lessons 8 and 10 (pages 65-74 and 85-94)

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

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

- February 21: GOOD NEWS! Jesus and the Devil [video presentation]
- February 26: Stations of the Cross: via St. Mary LIVESTREAM or in-person [no rsvp required]
- February 28: FACTS WITH FATHER! February Edition [video presentation]



July
16-18



TWENTY TWENTY-ONE SUMMER TRIPS

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
March 24th at 7 pm via ZOOM



July 18-23

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROMINENT EVENTS AND FIGURES

Thank you for continuing the journey with the Social Justice Committee of the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative in celebrating Black History Month. In this final article in our bulletin series, we highlight prominent events and figures in Black History, including several prominent Black American Catholics.

- 1853: Harriet Thompson writes to Pope Pius IX to plead for the Catholic Church to minister to black people in New York and address the concerns of racism. This was the beginning of the Black Catholic Movement.
- 1909: The National Association for the Advancement of colored People is founded.
- 1915: One half century after the 13th amendment abolishes slavery in the U.S., the origin of Black History Month begins. Carter C. Woodson of Harvard and Minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the ASNLH (Association for the Study of Negro Life and History) to highlight the achievement of Black Americans.
- 1926: The ASNLH sponsors a Negro History Week coinciding with the February birthdates of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.
- 1960's: The Civil Rights Movement sees its dawn on college campuses as well as in the streets (including Washington, D.C.). This movement was inspired by the prophet, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose marvelous ideas constantly advocated peaceful demonstrations without violence.
- 1964: Dr. Lena Edwards (1901 – 1986) receives the President's Medal of Freedom for her work with the poor. Dr. Edwards was a dedicated physician and a mother of six. She was a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, and was also very concerned about the poor. In her later years, she ministered to Mexican American migrant workers in Texas. She had a very deep faith and dedicated her life to serving others.
- 1972 - 1978:
Barbara Jordan (1936 - 1996) represents Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives as the first Black congresswoman from the Deep South.
- 1976: President Gerald Ford officially designates the month of February as Black History Month. We recognize the achievements of our Black sisters and brothers throughout the month. Every American president has assigned February as Black History Month since then. Each February specifies a particular theme for that year. The theme for this year is "Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity".
- 2000: St. Sister Katherine Drexel is canonized on October 1st, 2000, becoming only the second recognized American-born Saint. She was the founder of the Blessed Sacrament Sisters and the first and only Black Catholic University in United States, Xavier University, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

While there is still much work to be done to eliminate the sin of racism in America, a look back at the bravery, tenacity, and achievements of prominent Black Americans provides hope for the future. We dedicate ourselves to continuing in their footsteps to ensure that Blacks are treated equally in all aspects of American life. If you are interested in learning more about the work of the Social Justice Committee, please contact Craig Bonaceto (cbonaceto@gmail.com).

"We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

*-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution
Speech given at the National Cathedral, March 31, 1968*

St. Mary Weekly Offertory	Weekend of February 13th/14th	Fiscal Year-To-Date February 14th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$15,100	\$498,300	\$15,100
Actual Received	\$14,004	\$479,554	\$14,532
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$1,096	-\$18,746	-\$568

Grand Annual Campaign as of February 14

Goal	Received	%age of Goal
\$60,000	\$76,974	128.29%

ST. MARY PARISH Finance Report as of January 31, 2021

	July - Jan '21 Budget	July - Jan '21 Actuals	Over/(Under) Budget	July '20 - June '21 Projected Revenue/Expenses
Estimated Revenue				
Offertory	468,100	446,000	(22,100)	726,000
Contributions/Gifts	18,000	40,100	22,100	48,000
Other revenue	94,250	79,000	(15,250)	140,100
Total Estimated Revenue	580,350	565,100	(15,250)	914,100
Budgeted Expenses				
Clergy/Staff Compensation & benefits	339,500	318,650	(20,850)	547,300
Operating expenses	185,650	174,850	(10,800)	286,450
Central Ministry tithe	48,150	48,150	0	82,500
Parish Center loan repayment	35,600	35,600	0	64,000
Total Budgeted Expenses	608,900	577,250	(31,650)	980,250
Subtotal Net Revenue/ (Shortfall)	(28,550)	(12,150)	16,400	(66,150)
Additional Revenue sources:				
Government PPP payroll funds	67,000	67,000	0	67,000
Grand Annual	0	50,000	50,000	65,000
Adjusted Net Revenue / (Shortfall)	38,450	104,850	66,400	65,850

JANUARY 2021 MONTHLY SUMMARY

- As you can see, the Offertory is the primary source of our revenue and is needed to sustain our parish and its ministries. Our Offertory budget is \$15,100 per week, and through January 31, 2021, we are averaging \$14,386 per week. The Offertory forecast for the remaining 20 weeks of the fiscal year is a total of \$280,000, assuming \$14,000 per week vs. our budget of \$15,100 per week. If we continue to see this reduced amount, our Offertory will be over \$25,000 below budget at fiscal year-end June 30, 2021.
- As noted above, we have 2 additional revenue sources – the Government PPP payroll loan (which has been fully used and is expected to be forgiven) and the Grand Annual. Without these additional sources, we would have a budget deficit of \$12,150 through January 31, 2021, and a projected budget deficit of \$66,150 at fiscal year-end June 30, 2021. Thank you to all that have given towards our 1st Grand Annual appeal thus far, as it has been extremely helpful to the parish budget. To date, this number is higher as you will see above.
- As previously reported, we have reduced our expenses for this year by over \$89,000. The clergy and staff have worked extremely hard to keep expenses down, and as you can see from the chart, expenses are below budget by \$31,650 through January 31, 2021.

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

St. John Weekly Offertory	Weekend of February 13th/14th	Fiscal Year-To-Date February 14th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$10,000	\$330,000	\$10,000
Actual Received	\$9,733	\$281,893	\$8,542
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$267	-\$48,107	-\$1,458

Grand Annual Campaign as of February 14

Goal	Received	%age of Goal
\$60,000	\$51,600	86.0%

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH Finance Report as of January 31, 2021

	July - Jan '21 Budget	July - Jan '21 Actuals	Over/-Under Budget	July '20 - June '21 Projected Income/Expenses
Estimated Income				
Offertory	310,000	260,886	-49,114	450,866
Grand Annual	30,000	34,515	4,515	60,000
Other income	65,655	62,839	-2,816	118,974
Total Estimated Income	405,655	358,240	-47,415	629,840
Budgeted Expenses				
Clergy/Staff Compensation & benefits	221,365	231,055	9,690	369,900
Operating expenses	164,830	158,031	-6,799	283,525
Central Ministry Tithe	32,940	32,940	0	56,400
Total Budgeted Expenses	419,135	422,026	2,891	709,825
Net Income / -Shortfall	-13,480	-63,786	-50,306	-79,985

JANUARY 2021 MONTHLY SUMMARY

- As you can see, the Offertory is the primary source of our income and is needed to sustain our parish and its ministries. Our Offertory budget is \$10,000 per week, and through January 31, 2021, we are averaging \$8,416 per week, therefore bringing the Offertory to over \$49,000 below budget plan. If we continue to receive this reduced amount, the Offertory will be a main factor that will lead us to an annual budget deficit of over \$79,000, by the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2021.
- Our Grand Annual goal is \$60,000. Through January 31, 2021, we had received \$34,515 [to-date, this number is higher as you will see above]. These donations are a great help to our operating budget. Thank you to all that have given thus far.
- As previously reported, we have reduced our expenses for this year by over \$113,000. The clergy and staff have worked extremely hard to keep expenses down and continue to provide our parishioners the service and care they deserve. Expenses through January 31, 2021 are just slightly above budget by \$2,891, but are expected to stay within budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.

thank you

FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISHES

From Our Pastor

On February 17th, we began Lent as we celebrated Ash Wednesday. Lent, it seems, is the most misunderstood season of the year. It is often looked at in a negative way from the vantage point of what one gives up. It is a time, in a sense, we must suffer through until we get to celebrate Easter. However, the Church's prayer tells us that it is "a joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery (Jesus' death and resurrection) with mind and heart renewed." As such we are called to fasting, almsgiving and prayer as an opportunity to deepen our baptismal calling and live our lives more fully in Christ.

Fasting, in the Catholic understanding, is not centered simply on what we give up, but rather, offers us an opportunity to become more united with Christ. It is centered on our love for God and a chance to more fully recognize all the good that our God has shared with us. Therefore, we look at the good gifts the Lord has given us and we offer one of those gifts back to Him. This act then unites us to Christ who offered the greatest gift possible—the gift of his very life for our salvation; He sacrificed all so that we might know God's love for us. A true sacrifice can only be found in this kind of self-emptying and offering of something truly good. The word sacrifice means to make holy, and by offering what is best in our lives to God we will find God and holiness. The act of fasting helps us grow in humility because it reminds us that all the truly good things in our lives are gracious gifts of our loving God. We can only offer back to God what He has given to us, and this helps us grow in the awareness of our complete and utter dependence on God.

Our willingness to make such sacrifice is intended to help us recognize that all the truly good things we have come from God, and to ask ourselves, how am I called to make use of my God-given gifts? How does God intend for me to use his gracious gifts? This leads us to the issue of almsgiving. Almsgiving is obviously *not* a once-a-year reality, but a way of life. During Lent we are called to better understand how we are using God's gifts, and to examine whether or not we are putting them to good use as the Lord intends. It is not simply a question of how much

money I should be giving to the poor, but rather, a question of priorities. Are my priorities correctly ordered? Do we invite God into our purchasing decisions? Or, do we simply look at our available resources and decide whether or not we can afford it? Almsgiving is aimed at making us ask *not* if we can afford something, but if it is something that God desires us to have. Does this purchase truly help myself/my family deepen our awareness of what we have as coming from God? Will it help our relationship with God grow? These questions are not intended to stop us from buying things, going on vacation, or purchasing things just for the fun of it. Rather, answering these questions truthfully will help ensure that we are making good use of God's resources as stewards of his gifts, and will lead to giving greater praise and glory to God through having our priorities correctly ordered.


Both fasting and almsgiving then are dependent on a good and healthy prayer life. For prayer is intended to be a time of dialogue between God and self. It is through prayer that we come to discover our true selves, as we grow in our relationship with God. It is only when we are in right relationship with God that we can discover our true selves. Lent is a time for self-reflection—a time to ask, where is my prayer life at right now? How open am I to listening to God? Am I willing to make the words of the great prophet and judge, Samuel, my own?—"Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Lent is not the only time we should pray, but it is a time to intensify our prayer so that our prayer life becomes renewed and reinvigorated.

I pray that this Lent will be a truly holy and blessed time for you and that God will continue to pour forth his gracious blessings upon you.

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 Director of Faith Formation

Heather Hannaway

Evil Doesn't Play Games

My daughter was in Market Basket recently when a woman approached her, telling her she was troubled by my daughter's aura and felt she was dealing with something very concerning, and she asked my daughter if she could read her palm. This is the second time in a year that a stranger has come up to her and asked her if she could read her palm. I also know a young mother who was recently asked to participate in a séance with a woman in her neighborhood, and was ridiculed when she said her faith would not allow her to participate. These kinds of occurrences, as well as playing with tarot cards and Ouija boards, are more common than one might expect right here in our local community.

Many people view these activities as a form of entertainment, but the Church believes they are dangerous and a form of idolatry. In an increasingly secular society where relativism is the rule, we can easily fail to see the spiritual realities or consequences of these kinds of activities. The Church has consistently taught that these activities—whether communicating with spirits or relying on horoscopes and tarot cards to tell the future—can have a negative spiritual impact. God calls on us to seek answers to our questions from *Him* and not from palm readers or other psychic mediums. The Catechism teaches...

"All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to 'unveil' the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (CCC 2116)

In fact, these activities can open a person, or their home, to unwelcome spirits, leaving them at risk to various psychic and bodily disturbances. While they may just seem like a little fun or distraction, evil does not play games and can use these activities to tempt and mislead. Evil is real and demons are real and can manifest themselves, even if one does not desire their presence.

The good news is that God is more powerful than evil, and grace is more potent than sin. The Church has an arsenal of prayers of blessing and exorcisms that repel evil. Through sacramental confession God can forgive our lack of focus and our failure to trust in Him.

The unseen world of evil need not trouble us, if we humble ourselves before God, place our trust in Him, and persevere in prayer and the sacraments. His grace, made available through the Church, is the antidote. In the end, Christ is victorious, and the Evil One and death can have no power over us (Rom. 6:9).

So, stay away from these activities and advise those you love to do the same. Trust that God has a bigger plan for you and is with you guiding you in His love.

From Deacon John

Our Permanent Deacon

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.
- St. Augustine

Growing up, I loved listening to the Beatles. Who didn't?! One song I often hear on the radio is the song All You Need Is Love. I won't give you all the lyrics to the song but the main refrain:

All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love, love
Love is all you need

Do you believe that God loves you? Do you really? With many people getting and dying from the COVID virus, do you believe that God loves us? I DO...

For God so loved the world that He gave us his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.

The words of John 3:16—arguably the most well-known verse in the Bible—are simple. In fact, most of the words you read in the Gospel of John are so simple a child can read them, but they are also so profound that I wonder if any one of us really knows what they mean.

In the original language, John 3:16 reads, "loved God the world." Greek sentence structure places the important part of the sentence first—the love of God.

Jesus communicated this simple, profound truth in a conversation with a man named Nicodemus. But often missed are two verses that come before John 3:16, and they help us to more fully understand. Let's go back and read them:

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

-John 3:14, 15

Jesus calls Nicodemus' attention to something he is very familiar with—an event in the Old Testament during Israel's 40 years in the wilderness. (See Numbers 21:9). Jesus said that Moses lifted up the serpent, "Even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." The "must" corresponds to the "must" our Lord said earlier to Nicodemus—"You must be born again." With this picture, our Lord threw open the doors of heaven for Nicodemus (and for us), and we see the King of Glory—not enthroned and crowned, but on a cross. Jesus Christ reveals His death on the cross to Nicodemus three years before He died. Clearly and definitively, this is why He came; He came to die.

Why? Why did He die? Because God loves you and me. Do not ever forget that.

Please know you are all in my prayers.

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, FEB 20** 4:00 pm: Thomas Paul Kelleher: 2nd Anniversary
SUN, FEB 21 9:30 am: People of the Parish
TUE FEB 23 9:00 am: John Cullen: Memorial
WED FEB 24 9:00 am: Ray Michel: Memorial
THU FEB 25 9:00 am: Richard J. Bettano: Memorial
FRI, FEB 26 9:00 am: Richard Brault: Memorial
SAT, FEB 27 4:00 pm: Barisano, Fahey, Hamilton
 and McKenzie Families: Memorial
SUN, FEB 28 9:30 am: Maurice Pontbriant, Sr.: Memorial
 6:00 pm: People of the Parish

St. Mary

- SAT, FEB 20** 4:00 pm: Amanda Audet: Memorial
SUN, FEB 21 7:00 am: People of the Parish
 11:00 am: Deceased Members of the Knights of
 Columbus Bishop Ruocco Council
MON, FEB 22 7:00 am: Matthew Turco: Memorial
SAT, FEB 27 4:00 pm: Michael Slattery: 7th Anniversary
SUN, FEB 28 11:00 am: People of the Parish

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.



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. If you would like to donate altar flowers, call the parish office. Please note that we require a 2-week notice for your order.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

Flowers are not allowed in the church sanctuary during the Lenten Season, but you are welcome to schedule them for after April 4th.

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

MONDAY, FEB 22

1 Peter 5: 1-4
 Psalm 23
 Matthew 16: 13-19

TUESDAY, FEB 23

Isaiah 55: 10-11
 Psalm 34
 Matthew 6: 7-15

WEDNESDAY, FEB 24

Jonah 3: 1-10
 Psalm 51
 Luke 11: 29-32

THURSDAY, FEB 25

Ester C: 12, 14-16, 23-25
 Psalm 138
 Matthew 7: 7-12

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Arleen (Keohane) Riordan of Kenneth City, Florida

Arleen (Keohane) Riordan, 80 of Kenneth City, FL died Monday, December 7, 2020 at D'Youville Life and Wellness Community, Lowell, MA.

She was born on May 2, 1940 in Waltham, MA, the daughter of the late Dennis Keohane and Mary (O'Loughlin) Keohane. She was a graduate of Keith Hall High School with the class of 1958.

She was a communicant of Holy Cross Church, Kenneth City, Florida.

She was a graduate of Tewksbury Hospital School of Nursing, and worked as an LPN for the hospital for many years.

She loved her family, and she was known for her musical Christmas parties and St. Patrick Day celebrations. While living in Florida, her door was always open for any visitors, and she was ready to take them to the many sites around St. Petersburg. Known as the "Florida-lady" by her great-nieces and great-nephews, Arleen always had a treat or trinket whenever she saw them.

She is survived by her son Robert Riordan and his wife Kathy, grandsons Andrew Riordan and his wife Brittany, Brendon Riordan and sisters Patricia and Ronald Wetmore, Maura and Robert Therrien, brother William Keohane and sister-in-law Joanne Keohane and the late Dennis Keohane, also many nieces and nephews.

She was the wife of the late Robert John Riordan of Kenneth City, Florida who died December 2, 2011.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Saab Building and the staff at D'Youville Senior Care.

Visiting hours were Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 from 3 to 6 P.M. at the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME, 106 MIDDLESEX ST., CHELMSFORD. A funeral Mass was celebrated Friday, Dec. 11th at St. John the Evangelist Church, N. Chelmsford. Private burial in St. Mary Cemetery, Tewksbury, MA. Memorials may be made in her name to the St Jude Hospital, 313 Washington St., Suite 310, Newton, MA. 02458. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com.

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