

# 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.

## 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 \*\*

Suspended until further notice

## 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.

*April* 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And He said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."

-Luke 24: 45-46

\*\* please read entire bulletin for potential schedule changes



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



[instagram.com/chelmsfordcatholic](https://instagram.com/chelmsfordcatholic)

# This week's *calendar*

## St. Mary Parish Events

RESERVATION REQUIRED for all weekend liturgies



### Sunday, April 18

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

### Monday, April 19

Daily Mass • 7 am  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

### Tuesday, April 20

Daily Mass • 7 am  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, April 21

Daily Mass • 7 am  
Curbside Confessions • 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

### Thursday, April 22

Daily Mass • 7 am  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

### Friday, April 23

Daily Mass • 7 am  
First Eucharist Mass • 5:30 pm  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

### Saturday, April 24

First Eucharist Mass • 10:30 am  
Weekend Liturgy • 4 pm

### Sunday, April 25

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

### ~ CLERGY ~

**Reverend Brian Mahoney**, PASTOR  
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# EARTH DAY

## Thursday, April 22

GLPI

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

## COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish council matters can be sent to:  
[CollaborativePPC@chelmsfordcatholic.org](mailto:CollaborativePPC@chelmsfordcatholic.org)

Current Council Members are ...

### St. John Members

Scott Davidson co-chair  
Ray Wagner  
Katrina Horan  
Beth Jacavano  
Drew Jubinville  
Ellen St. George  
Augustine Tweneh

### St. Mary Members

Peter Lando co-chair  
Rob Donnelly  
Karen Drake  
Jessica Hägg  
Matthew Kunze youth  
Cathy Latina  
Lori McDonald  
Steve McMillan  
Alma (Chicki) Rigazio

## ST. JOHN FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance matters concerning St. John's can be sent to:  
[SJ.FC@chelmsfordcatholic.org](mailto:SJ.FC@chelmsfordcatholic.org)

Current Council Members are ...

John Bagni  
Paul Brzezinski

Jeff Brown -chair  
Celeste Dunn  
Grace Ann Steed

## ST. MARY FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance matters concerning St. Mary's can be sent to:  
[SM.FC@chelmsfordcatholic.org](mailto:SM.FC@chelmsfordcatholic.org)

Current Council Members are ...

Lauren Desforge -chair  
Ted Powers

Jack Parsons  
Paul Rigazio  
Paul Therrien

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

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# The Financial Page

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

Paul Firicano, Collaborative Business Manager  
ext 220 or pfiricano@chelmsfordcatholic.org

## IMPORTANT DONATION REMINDER

When sending in checks, please make it payable to the specific parish—St. John or St. Mary—to whom you are making your donation. As each parish maintains their own financial entity, checks made out to Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative cannot be cashed as the Collaborative is NOT a financial entity. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Firicano via email or phone

St. Mary Weekly Offertory	Weekend of April 10th/11th	Fiscal Year-To-Date April 11th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$15,100	\$604,000	\$15,100
Actual Received	\$22,129	\$583,911	\$14,598
Shortfall/ Overage	\$7,029	-\$20,089	-\$502

St. John Weekly Offertory	Weekend of April 10th/11th	Fiscal Year-To-Date April 11th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$10,000	\$400,000	\$10,000
Actual Received	\$18,633	\$355,932	\$8,898
Shortfall/ Overage	\$8,633	-\$44,068	-\$1,102

Second Collection Totals	St. Mary	St. John
Easter Collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust as of April 11	\$9,123	\$5,016
Good Friday: Holy Land Shrines as of April 11	\$1,870	\$878

Catholic Appeal as of April 12			
	2021 Goal	Raised	%age of Goal
St. Mary	\$64,550	\$60,695	94.03%
St. John	\$45,823	\$37,495	81.83%

THANK  
you

Grand Annual as of April 11 <i>each parish has a goal of \$60,000</i>		
	St. Mary	St. John
Received	\$106,386	\$75,045
%age of Goal	177.31%	125.08%

## ST. MARY Online Giving



- Visit our website at [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org) and click on the Online Giving logo located in the right-hand sidebar on the homepage, or you can scan this QR code with your Android or iPhone. Open your camera app. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder and you will see a notification with a link. Click on the notification to open the link. You will be taken to the St. Mary Online Giving site on your phone.
- Click on 'Set up New Account' and set up your payment options. If you prefer, there is a "Quick Give" option to make a one-time donation.

## ST. JOHN



- Visit our website at [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org) and click on the WeShare logo located in the right-hand sidebar on the homepage, or scan this QR code with your Android or iPhone. Open your camera app. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder and you will see a notification with a link. Click on the notification to open the link. You will be taken to the St. John's WeShare site on your phone.
- Choose your Giving Opportunity and set up your payments options. If you prefer, there is an option to make a one-time donation.



# Family Faith Formation Program

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## **P.L.A.N.S. FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>**

**PREPARE  
TO LEARN  
AWESOME!  
NEW STUFF**

### All Families

- Attend/Watch Sunday Mass together as a family
- Refer to the April "Our Prayer Journal - Praying with Litanies" booklet
- Focus on Week Three: The Litany of St. Joseph (pages 7-8)
- Pray the Litany as a family 15 minutes each day this week
- Track your progress on your April: 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

- Make final preparations for First Holy Communion
  - St. John First Communion Dates: April 26; May 1, 3, 8, 10
  - St. Mary First Communion Dates: April 23, 24; May 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24
  - St. Margaret First Communion Date: May 2
- 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 5-Part B: Instructions on page 7 of your syllabus

### Confirmation I Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lessons 10 and 11 (pages 85-104)

### Confirmation II Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lesson 22 (pages 205-214)

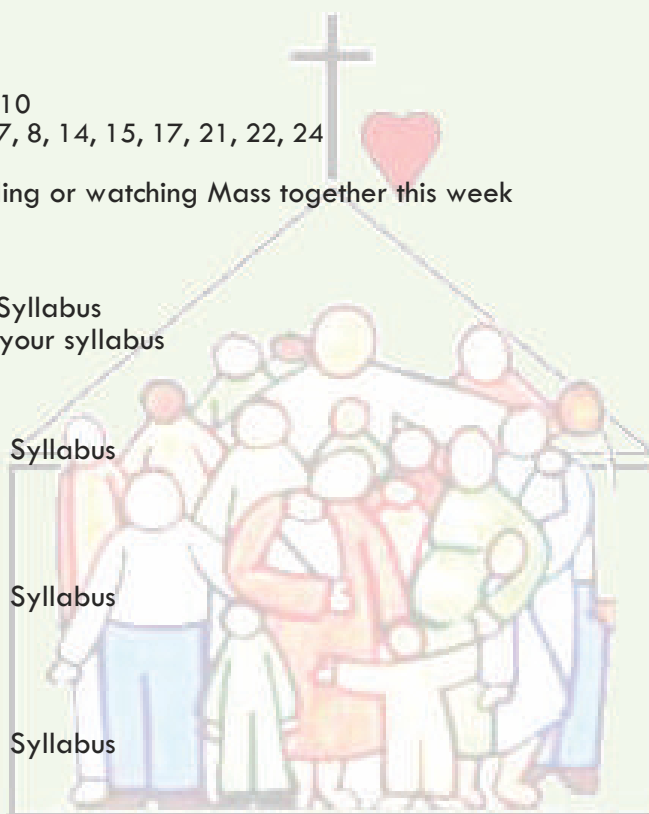
### St. Margaret Confirmation II Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lessons 16 and 17 (pages 145-164)

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

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

- April 18: GOOD NEWS! Noah and the Ark
- April 18: Saintly Stories: Edith Stein [YouTube Video Presentation]
- April 25: Facts with Father [YouTube Video Presentation]
- April 25: St. John's Teaching Mass [St. John LIVEVIEW or in-person]  
If attending in Teaching Mass in- person, RSVP at [www.signupgenius.com/go/409044FADAE22ABFE3-teaching3](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044FADAE22ABFE3-teaching3)



# Vacation Bible Fun 2021

August 2nd-6th



Conductors Christine and Dawn, and all your Rocky Railroad friends are excited to announce that VBF **will return** in 2021! Due to the current pandemic environment, details on the time of day and if VBF will occur in person or via zoom will be decided closer to July so that we may ensure the safety of everyone who participates.

## **FUNSTERS:** Sign up now!

Children ages 4 - those entering Grade 6 for the 21/22 school year may register now by clicking on the VBF link on the homepage of our website! The \$60 per FUNSTER fee includes a FUNSTER T-shirt, and all the supplies needed to participate in VBF for the week, regardless whether children participate in person or via zoom.

## **VOLUNTEERS:** Sign up soon!

Children entering Grade 7 for the 21/22 school year, teenagers, and adults will register shortly. The number of volunteers needed will depend on the number of Funsters signed up as well as the location of VBF. Volunteer registration will open as soon as possible.



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Ruocco Council, is sponsoring a \$500 Scholarship to be awarded to a high-school, graduating senior from the Chelmsford Collaborative that will be attending an accredited school or institution of higher education (2 or 4-year college or trade school) in the fall of 2021.

The required application, and terms of the required essay can be found at [www.knights9275.com](http://www.knights9275.com). Click on "SCHOLARSHIP INFO" in the left-hand sidebar, and this document will be downloaded to your computer.

To be considered for this scholarship, your application and essay must be received by the below deadline...

email deadline is May 30th/ USPS deadline is May 25th  
Scholarship Chairman  
Knights of Columbus, Council 9275  
1521 Gorham Stree/ Lowell MA 01852

Questions? [knights9275@gmail.com](mailto:knights9275@gmail.com)

Due to the Patriot's Day holiday, no staff will be available to answer the phones on Monday, April 19.



## **IMPORTANT TO NOTE**

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

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



All Women in the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative and beyond are welcome to our next gathering via ZOOM.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20 • 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

Contact [Phasset99@gmail.com](mailto:Phasset99@gmail.com) to register for the meeting. Registration is required.

**ST. MARY SCHOLARSHIP**  
**KATHIE NISCO \$1,000 AWARD**

This scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating high school senior of St. Mary Parish who has demonstrated and achieved a high school level of involvement in community service during his/her high school years. This recipient must also have exhibited outstanding commitment to living the message of the Gospel in the parish and community as a young disciple. This witness will have been made evident through the individual's response to service and leadership Visit [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/st-mary-kathie-nisco-scholarship](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/st-mary-kathie-nisco-scholarship)



# MAY 17 TAX DAY



# Where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name there I am in the midst of them

Matthew 18:20

Over the past few months, Fr. Brian and Fr. Ray, Administrator of St. Margaret of Scotland, Lowell, and members of both the Finance and Pastoral Parish Councils from all three parishes—St. John the Evangelist, St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Mary—have been holding meetings. The idea of adding St. Margaret to the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative has been discussed. Some of the reasons for this partnership are as follows.

- The number of priests in the Archdiocese is decreasing. It is expected that this trend will continue. In five years, it is estimated that there will be 140 priests and 270 parishes.
- As a result of the statistics, several discussions, and prayer, we recommend that a proactive approach is needed and to take our destiny into our own hands.
- Our proposal is for St. Margaret of Scotland to join the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative. In doing this, each parish would maintain their own financial resources. At the moment current Mass schedules would remain in place.
- Among the many benefits are creating administrative efficiencies, expanding the Faith Formation program, a larger faith community and a greater opportunity for evangelization.
- A larger collaborative would perhaps assure continued support from the Archdiocese.
- Each parish would maintain its own identity and allow all three parishes to build off these successes.

This is not a done deal. Parishioner support and prayers are needed with this grassroots proactive proposal. According to the below schedule, Fr. Brian and Fr. Ray will host Town Hall Meetings using the capabilities of Zoom, LIVEVIEW, as well as offering in-person attendance. At these meetings, parishioners will be able to express views and concerns as we further this exploration. It does not matter which parish you belong to; you can attend the meeting that best fits your schedule or you can attend all three! ZOOM invites will be sent via FLOCKNOTE as we get closer to these dates. Additionally, a 3-question survey will be sent to parishioners on April 25th via FLOCKNOTE, allowing for additional input from you. For those who do not have access to a computer, paper questionnaires will be made available. Details on how to access these will be available in next weekend's bulletin. Lastly, as we attempted to foresee questions that may arise, we have authored a Frequently Asked Questions document which you can find on the following pages. We kindly ask that you read through these before reaching out with questions, as you may very well find the answer there!

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS will run from 6:30—7:30 pm**

**Monday, April 26 • St. John • LIVEVIEW, In-person and ZOOM**

**Wednesday, April 28 • St. Margaret • In-person**

**Thursday, April 29 • St. Mary • LIVEVIEW, In-person and ZOOM**



*Where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name*  
there I am in the midst of them  
Matthew 18:20

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **WHY SHOULD WE CONSIDER JOINING WITH ST. MARGARET?**

Adding St. Margaret to our collaborative would enrich our community. It would help to strengthen our faith sharing and sharing of finances expenses for staffing, which would hopefully allow us to add more staff and be able to meet the needs of the communities in a better way. It also would allow us to be more proactive in determining how to face what is going to happen in the not-too-distant future concerning the number of priests available to service parishes.

### **ARE EITHER ST. MARGARET OR THE CCC IN TROUBLE?**

No, all are viable parishes.

### **HOW WOULD THIS AFFECT OUR MASS SCHEDULE? WILL THEY CHANGE AGAIN?**

The schedule will not be affected at this time. At some point changes may need to be made, but this would be due more to the decline of available priests rather than changes to the Collaborative.

### **HOW WILL THIS AFFECT OUR DAILY MASS?**

The Daily Mass times would remain unchanged. At some point changes may need to be made, but again, this would be due more to the decline of available priests than changes to the Collaborative.

### **HOW WILL THIS AFFECT FR. RAY? WILL HE STILL CONTINUE TO SAY MASSES?**

Fr. Ray will stay with the parish and continue to serve.

### **WILL FR. RAY MOVE INTO RESIDENCE WITH FR. BRIAN? Yes.**

### **HOW WILL THIS AFFECT OUR PARISH FINANCES?**

The finances of each parish would not be affected. Each parish would contribute towards collaborative expenses; ie: staffing, Faith Formation, but otherwise finances would stay with the individual parish.

### **HOW WILL THIS AFFECT THE CCC STAFFING AT ST. JOHN?**

The staffing at St. John would remain in place. If we add St. Margaret to our collaborative we would likely increase staffing so as to meet the needs of the communities in the best way possible.

### **HOW IS FAITH FORMATION AT CCC DOING WITH ST. MARGARET REGISTRANTS, AND ARE ALL AGE LEVELS BEING SERVICED?**

Faith Formation is doing very well with St. Margaret registrants, for all age levels, from K-Confirmation.

### **WILL THE ST. MARGARET BULLETIN INFORMATION BE INCORPORATED WITH THE CCC BULLETIN?**

Yes, with areas within the bulletin for each of the respective parishes.

### **WILL ANY OF THE CHURCHES BE CLOSING? No.**

### **WHERE WOULD THE PARISH OFFICES BE LOCATED?**

The offices would be located at St. John's.

In time we would explore what we would need to do to serve St. Margaret.



## **EACH PARISH HAS SIMILAR MINISTRIES, WOULD THESE MINISTRIES HAVE TO MERGE INTO ONE, OR WOULD THEY STAY AT THEIR OWN PARISH?**

Each ministry would stay with their own parish, but would be able to work collaboratively as they wish.

## **WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCILS?**

There would be one combined Parish council, with members from each parish.

Each parish would have separate Finance Councils.

## **HOW WOULD SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION WORK?**

Sacramental preparation would be shared by all three parishes, with celebrations at the parishioner's parish.

## **WOULD THE LAY MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS BE ABLE TO SERVE AT ALL OF THE PARISHES, OR WOULD THEY STAY WITH THEIR CURRENT PARISH?**

They would be able to serve at all of the parishes.

## **HOW LONG WOULD THIS TAKE TO BE FINALIZED AND WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?**

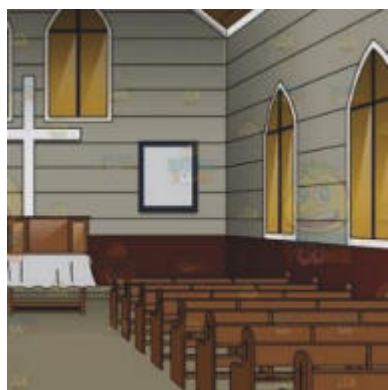
We would like to move as quickly as possible, with a venture on July 1, 2021.

## **WHAT WOULD OUR PARISH IDENTITY BE? WOULD WE RETAIN OUR PARISH NAME, OR WOULD THERE BE ONE NAME FOR ALL THREE OF THE PARISHES?**

Each parish would keep their name, but would operate under the umbrella of the not-yet-named collaborative.

## **HOW IS THE FINAL DECISION MADE, OR WHO MAKES IT?**

The pastors will reflect on the input they receive from parishioners and, if they find that the parishes want to move forward, they will present that recommendation to the Archdiocese for Cardinal Sean's blessing and approval.



With the recent increase in capacity at our churches,—and being close to full capacity under these new numbers, we find ourselves in need of additional ushers at all Masses.

Over the past 11 months, our transition from one phase to the next, to yet another, has been seamless due to the volunteers who have come forward and assisted us in encountering a worry-free worship experience. We want to take this time to THANK all of them, and to welcome others to come forward to join this very important ministry work.

If you would like and are able to help us out, visit [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/i-would-like-to-volunteer](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/i-would-like-to-volunteer) and fill out the online form, or contact Donna at [dgambon@chelmsfordcatholic.org](mailto:dgambon@chelmsfordcatholic.org) or extension 248.

### **LIVE THE LITURGY • INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy.

The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.



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.

Back in August of last year, not knowing at what level we may or may not be suffering the ill-effects of the pandemic once spring rolled around, we blocked off one Sunday Mass at each parish throughout the months of April and May for the intentions of our First Communicants. As the decision has been made to hold these sacramental celebrations outside of our regular Mass schedule, we now have some openings at weekend Masses for the booking of personal Mass intentions. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in exploring this further.

## St. John

- SAT, APR 17** 4:00 pm: People of the Parish  
**SUN, APR 18** 9:30 am: Walt Lisien and Claire Richard: Memorial  
**MON, APR 19** 9:00 am: Grace M. Steed, Martin J. Steed, Sr. and Mary Blanche Steed: Memorial  
**TUE, APR 20** 9:00 am: John and Joyce Gardiner: Memorial  
**FRI, APR 23** 9:00 am: For those whose Funerals were Celebrated at St. John this past month  
**SAT, APR 24** 4:00 pm: For those Children who received their First Eucharist today  
**SUN, APR 25** 9:00 pm: For the People of the Parish

## St. Mary

- SAT, APR 17** 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish  
**SUN, APRIL 18** 7:00 am: Rev. Joseph P. Smyth: Memorial  
 11:00 am: For those Children receiving First Eucharist  
**WED, APR 21** 7:00 am: Anna Marie Gazda: Memorial  
**THU, APR 22** 7:00 am: Joseph Kwan-Yun Fei: 30th Anniversary  
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## FUNERALS RECENTLY CELEBRATED

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

Yvonne Burdette • April 15 at St. Mary

## 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.

This week's St. John Rose for Life:  
**Deacon John St. George**

St. John Rose provided by Blossoms Florist

This week's St. Mary Rose for Life:  
**Bernard Boyt**

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## St. Mary Memorial Altar Flowers



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

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

### MONDAY, APR 19

Acts 6: 8-15  
 Psalm 119  
 John 6: 22-29

### TUESDAY, APR 20

Acts 7: 51-8:1  
 Psalm 31  
 John 60: 30-35

### WEDNESDAY, APR 21

Acts 8: 1-8  
 Psalm 66  
 John 6: 35-40

### THURSDAY, APR 22

Acts 8: 26-40  
 Psalm 66  
 John 6: 44-51

### FRIDAY, APR 23

Acts 9: 1-20  
 Psalm 117  
 John 6: 52-59

### SATURDAY, APR 24

Acts 9: 31-42  
 Psalm 116  
 John 6: 60-69

### SUNDAY, APR 25

Acts 4: 8-12  
 Psalm 118  
 1 John 3: 1-2  
 John 10: 11-18



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## Rene George Cailler of Nashua, NH

Rene George Cailler, 74, of Nashua, NH died unexpectedly Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Nashua, NH.

He was married to Marie (Rainville) (Bonzagni) Cailler with whom he would have celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on May 15, 2021.

Born in Lowell, he was the son of the late Donald and Lucille (Lamothe) Cailler. He graduated from Lowell Vocational High School with the class of 1965.

He retired from Wang Labs (Lowell) in 1991, as a Research and Development Manager, during his retirement he worked at Lowe's in Amherst, NH.

He was a former communicant of Ste. Jeanne d'Arc Church of Lowell, MA.

He enjoyed bowling and golfing, but most of all loved spending time with his family.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Lisa and her husband Richard Beaton of Nashua, and

Brenda and her husband, Gary Fisher of Pembroke, NH; his stepdaughter, Gina and her husband Adam Kazlousky of Scituate, MA; a sister, Claire Wuolle of Dracut, MA along with his grandchildren Nathan, Trevor, and Kyle Beaton, Nicolas and Samantha Fisher and several nieces and nephews.

He was the husband of the late Linda (Deslauriers) Cailler that passed away in 1986 as well as the brother of the late Raymond Cailler.

There was visitation at the church on Monday, January 25, 2021 from 10:15 to 11am followed by a funeral mass at 11am at St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St., N. Chelmsford, MA. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, church capacity were reduced to 40 people. Alternatively friends were invited to attend virtually at <https://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/watch-via-livestream>. Memorials may be made in his name to either the Alzheimer's Assoc., 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 [www.alzmass.org](http://www.alzmass.org). or to the American Heart Assoc., P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241 [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org). Online guest book is available at [www.dolanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dolanfuneralhome.com).

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