

# 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 \*\*

Monday Curbside Confessions • 4:00 - 5:00 PM • St. John

Wednesday Curbside Confession • 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.

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

*May 9, 2021*  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

-John 15:10



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# This week's *calendar*

## St. Mary Parish Events

RESERVATION REQUIRED for all weekend liturgies



### Sunday, May 9

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

### Monday, May 10

Daily Mass • 7:00 am  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm  
Rosary in the Grotto • 7:00 pm

### Tuesday, May 11

Daily Mass • 7:00 am  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm  
Rosary in the Grotto • 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, May 12

Daily Mass • 7:00 am  
Curbside Confessions • 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm  
Ascension Thursday Vigil Mass • 7:00 pm  
Rosary in the Grotto • 7:00 pm

### Thursday, May 13

Ascension Thursday Mass • 7:00 am and 7:00 pm  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • CANCELLED  
Rosary in the Grotto • 7:00 pm

### Friday, May 14

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

### Saturday, May 15

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

### Sunday, May 16

Weekend Liturgy • 7 am and 11 am  
Confirmation Masses • 1, 2:30 and 4 pm  
Curbside Communion • 4:30 - 5:00 pm

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## ASCENSION THURSDAY: MAY 13



### Mass Schedule

#### Wednesday Vigil Mass

7 pm • St. Mary

#### Thursday Masses

7 am and 7 pm • St. Mary

9 am, 12 pm and 6 pm • St. John



### Welcome to the Table of our

# Lord

This past week the following group of children received the gift of the

Eucharist for the first time. Please keep them and their families in prayer.

Mason Angel Alvarado  
Madelyn Theresa Begley  
Alhana Ciccolo  
Chase Christopher Cowan  
Sadie Beth DeVagno  
Nathan Jaymes Howarth  
Elizabeth Faith Linstad  
London Manzano  
Rodger Tyler Picanso  
Cory Emerson Rieger Roscioli  
Anna Leigh Sexton  
Kyle Robert Werner

Jane Elizabeth Autio  
Sophie Grace Carlo  
Emma Joyce Coit  
Cooper Anthony Croce  
Naisha Giduthuri  
Munachiso Chelsea Ifezue  
Samantha Rose Linstad  
Bennett Pajak  
Myla Ruth Poor  
Michael Henry Rourke  
Sophie Marie Stevens

## Vacation Bible Fun 2021

August 2-6 IN PERSON at St. John's

Conductors Christine and Dawn, and all your Rocky Railroad friends are excited to announce that VBF will be **IN PERSON** this summer! Both FUNSTERS and VOLUNTEERS can sign up by clicking on the VBF link on the home page of our website.

**FUNSTERS:** Children ages 4 through those entering Grade 6 for the 21/22 school year. The \$60 per FUNSTER fee includes a FUNSTER T-shirt, and all the supplies needed to participate in VBF for the week.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Children entering Grade 7 for the 21/22 school year, teenagers, and adults.

## This week's

# calendar

### St. John the Evangelist Events

RESERVATION REQUIRED for all weekend liturgies



### Sunday, May 9

Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am and 6 pm

African Liturgy • 12 noon

Group Baptism • 2 pm

Curbside Communion • 3:00 - 3:30 pm

### Monday, May 10

Daily Mass • 9 am

LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm

Curbside Confessions • 4:00 - 5:00 pm

First Eucharist Mass • 5:30 pm

### Tuesday, May 11

Daily Mass • 9 am

LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

### Wednesday, May 12

Daily Mass • 9 am

LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

### Thursday, May 13

Ascension Thursday Masses • 9 am, 12 noon, 6 pm

LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

### Friday, May 14

Daily Mass • 9 am

LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

### Saturday, May 15

First Eucharist Mass • 1:00 pm

Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm

### Sunday, May 16

Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am and 6 pm

African Liturgy • 12 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 MAY 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**

**PREPARE  
TO LEARN  
AWESOME!  
NEW STUFF**

### All Families

- Attend/Watch Sunday Mass together as a family
- Refer to the May "Our Prayer Journal - Praying with Mary" booklet
- Focus on Week Two: Seasonal Marian Antiphons (pages 5-6)
- Pray the Antiphons as a family 15 minutes each day this week
- Track your progress on your May: 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: May 10
  - St. Mary First Communion Dates: May 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24
- 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 C: Instructions on page 8 of your syllabus

### Confirmation I Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lesson 12 (pages 105-114)

### Confirmation II Families

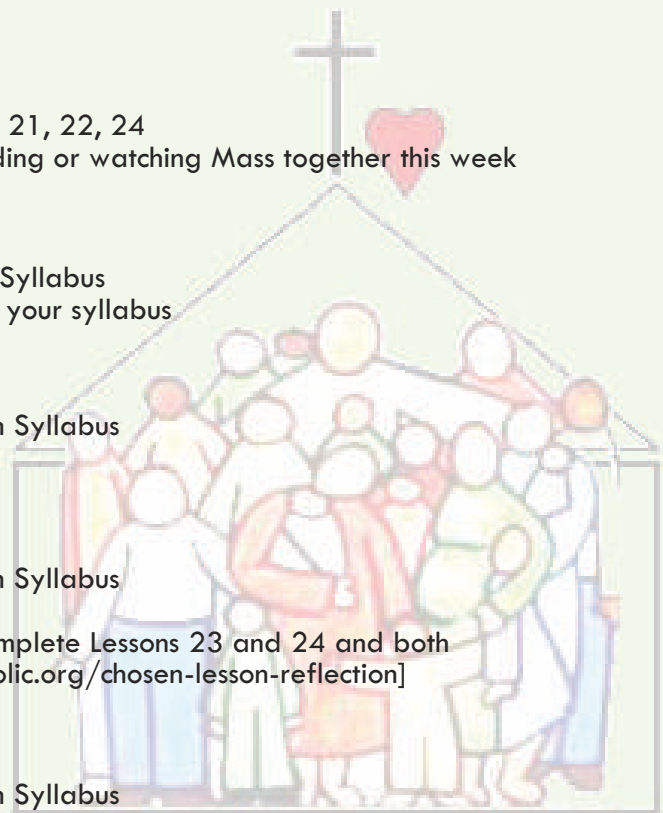
- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lessons 23 and 24 (pages 215-233)
  - St. Mary Confirmation II families should plan to complete Lessons 23 and 24 and both Lesson Reflections this week. [[www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/chosen-lesson-reflection](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/chosen-lesson-reflection)]

### St. Margaret Confirmation II Families

- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lessons 18 and 24 (pages 165-174 and 225-233)

### Upcoming Deep Dives [[www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/deep-dives](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/deep-dives)]

- May 16: GOOD NEWS! Healing at the Beautiful Gate [video presentation]
- May 23: May Facts with Father





# Family Faith Formation Program

## 2020/21 Family Faith Formation Registration is open!!

Visit [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/faith-formation-registration](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/faith-formation-registration), then choose the parish at which you are registering. There you will find all the directions needed for an easy online registration. If you do not have access to a computer, contact:

- St John's registration: Lynn Ann LaDuke at [lynnanne@chelmsfordcatholic.org](mailto:lynnanne@chelmsfordcatholic.org) or ext 240
- St. Mary registration: Elaine Kindler at [ekindler@chelmsfordcatholic.org](mailto:ekindler@chelmsfordcatholic.org) or ext 216



### **The Early Bird gets the Worm, and some extra cash in pocket!**

Early Registration will save you \$50 on your registration fees AND gets you automatically entered into a drawing to win ANOTHER \$125 towards registration fees! One family per parish will win this additional \$125!

- PLEASE NOTE:
- Early Registration Fees end midnight on June 30, 2021
  - Sacramental years—First Eucharist and Confirmation—are 2-year programs
  - Parents will be in Discipleship Groups at the same time their children are in class

## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Dear Lord, Bless every mother and every grandmother with the finest of your spiritual blessings today. Confirm in her heart and spirit the work of her hands and the love that she has so freely given to those children under Your care. Validate her worth daily so she has no reason to doubt whether she is loved, valued, and cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Father.



## ST. MARY SCHOLARSHIP

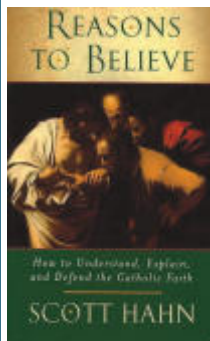
KATHIE NISCO  \$1,000 AWARD

Funded by Kathie's husband, Joseph, this scholarship award 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). Deadline: May 22

## THE TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY GROUP PRESENTS...

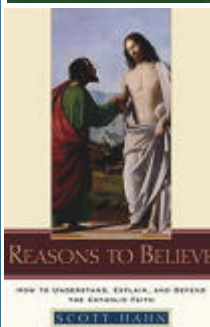
### **A BOOK DISCUSSION!**

Reasons to Believe: How to Understand, Explain and Defend the Catholic Faith, written by Scott Hahn—a convert to the Catholic Faith—unravels mysteries, corrects misunderstandings and offers thoughtful, straightforward responses to common objections about the Catholic faith.



Discussion questions will be sent to participants each week, then meet via ZOOM (by phone or computer) on eight Tuesday evenings for a group discussion.

- Meet via ZOOM Tuesday Nights from 7:30 - 9:00 pm
- May 25  
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
July 13, 20
- To register, email Tricia at [plucacio@gmail.com](mailto:plucacio@gmail.com) to receive the ZOOM link
- The book can be ordered online or at bookstores



# The Financial Page

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

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ST. MARY WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of May 1st/2nd	Fiscal Year-To-Date May 2nd	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$15,100	\$649,300	\$15,100
Actual Received	\$15,192	\$625,634	\$14,550
Shortfall/ Overage	\$92	-\$23,666	-\$550

ST. JOHN WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of May 1st/2nd	Fiscal Year-To-Date May 2nd	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$10,000	\$430,000	\$10,000
Actual Received	\$6,397	\$379,173	\$8,818
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$3,603	-\$50,827	-\$1,182

Catholic Appeal as of May 3			
	2021 Goal	Raised	%age of Goal
St. Mary	\$64,550	\$74,040	114.70%
St. John	\$45,823	\$41,155	89.81%

THANK  
you

Grand Annual as of May 2 <i>each parish has a goal of \$60,000</i>		
	St. Mary	St. John
Received	\$110,727	\$76,845
%age of Goal	184.55%	128.08%

## 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

WeShare



- 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.



## facilities update

You may have noticed already that the handicap ramp in front of St. Mary Church is in the process of being removed due to the fact that it is a safety hazard.

We are currently obtaining estimates for the purchase and installation of a new ramp. We will keep you updated throughout this process. Thank you.

# SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND MAY 15TH/16TH



Our Society greatly relies on the continued generosity of our parishioners to provide funds used to assist needy individuals and families living in our parish community. We are most grateful for your past support, and ask for your continued support during our upcoming annual collection.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we anticipate that for the remainder of the year, many unemployed individuals on reduced incomes will be calling SVdP for assistance in paying rent, utilities, food and other bills. With your assistance, we will endeavor to meet the needs of our struggling neighbors.

There are a few ways in which you can make your donation: (1) electronically through the online giving links on the home page of our website; (2) cash; or (3) check. This year, parishioners received a special SVdP collection envelope. Checks should be made payable to the church to whose chapter you wish to make your donation, with SVdP noted on the memo line. Your envelope (cash or check) may be dropped into the donation boxes when you attend Mass, into the black boxes found at the entrance of the parish offices, or mailed to (please do not mail cash):

Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative  
St. Mary Church SVdP  
**OR** St. John the Evangelist SVdP  
115 Middlesex Street  
North Chelmsford, MA 01863

Since we do not have any of our SVdP envelopes in either of the churches due to COVID-19 guidelines, please clearly mark a blank envelope with either "St. Mary SVdP" or "St. John SVdP." Please be assured that all donations underwrite our charitable mission and provide direct assistance to the needy in our community.

We thank you for your generosity and ask that you keep our needy neighbors in your prayers.

May God bless and protect you and your families.

St. John parishioner Tim Fitzgerald lost his sister to ALS—Lou Gehrig's disease—this past Good Friday, after being diagnosed only 6 months prior. Patricia was 'mom' to 5 boys, and in 2003, when her oldest was 16, she decided to go back to college to get a degree in social work, which she obtained and fully utilized. As part of a project, the following poem was penned by her, in honor of her 'five ducklings.' Tim shared this with us following her recent passing, and we thought it a perfect 'share' as we celebrate Mother's Day!



I had five little ducks all in a row.  
Wanted a damsel, next thing I know  
a pond full of mallards, none other than bro'.  
The eldest of fowl has his head on straight;  
May be referred to as little man Tate.  
Number two duckling, his given name Andrew.  
Some would say he has not a clue.  
The next little bird in the midst of the flock,  
great sense of humor, thinks life's a crock.  
Fourth of the fowl takes after the swan  
stubborn as she, will go on and on...  
Wee small ducklings, as cute as can be,  
Number five in the lineup, "You don't mess with me."  
Each day an adventure you just never know,  
they splish-splash around, amazing to watch them grow.  
All have feathers of different color and size.  
No pattern's been followed, one would surmise.  
As the breeder of fowl, I could be called Mother Goose.  
Some ask me "How?"  
They assume a screw loose.  
I nurse them, I groom them, I teach the life lessons.  
A challenge in fact is dealing with pubescence.  
Little pond to watch over, growing into a lake,  
space to spread their wings open –  
keep growing, Goodness Sake!  
As they venture out into waters unknown,  
I worry in fact until they swim their way home.  
Since the first egg was hatched and I heard the first peep,  
It has been many moons of uneasy nights sleep.  
My feathers turn grey as I worry nonetheless.  
I hope and I ponder; I only want best.  
In the nest there are moments they act like wild geese.  
I ruffle my feathers and demand they bring peace.  
Elder birds squawk, "I'll miss this some days,"  
Hard to imagine thoughts to fill down pillowcase.  
One day all my ducklings will be on their own.  
Their wings just keep growing until to be flown.  
Must prepare myself for each of their flights.  
Hope each strong enough to reach destined heights.  
The real fear should be when flight brings them back.  
That's when Mother Goose will have the last quack.



Is there a 'thought' or reflection that you would like to share with us? If so, email it to [christine@chelmsfordcatholic.org](mailto:christine@chelmsfordcatholic.org) and reference **BULLETIN ARTICLE** in the subject line. Also please let me know if, in addition to publishing it in the bulletin, I have your permission to share it via Flocknote. Looking forward to hearing from you!





A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned that when I was in kindergarten my Mom returned to school to get her master's in education. She had decided that she was going to enter the world of teaching. The

interesting thing about her decision was that when Mom was in college, she decided that she would never teach. When she graduated from Emmanuel, she could have received her teaching certificate but chose not to. She just knew that teaching was something she would never do. Well, fast forward many years and the situation changed. Until I came along, my Mom always worked but usually at night. Now my parents discussed what would make the most sense for her when I went to school. My Dad recommended she consider teaching. At first she was opposed to the idea, but Dad pointed out the fact that she already did a lot of teaching. My parents never had to pay for baby sisters because my Mom would tutor them in payment. In time she realized that it might actually be a good thing for her to try teaching. And, well, let's just say she found her natural calling. At almost 89 years old she is still teaching.

Discovering who we really are, and what we are called to do, is not always easy. Many times, we have preconceived notions that determine how we decide to live out our lives. But, the truth and reality are that only One really knows what direction our lives should take—GOD! We spend our lives spinning our wheels, trying to discern the path we should take. We generally ask the wrong questions and look for the wrong answers; we already think we know the answers, and so we do not bother to ask the Lord for his help. Or, if we do, we fail to listen to what He is telling us. If we are honest, we must admit that it is usually because we do not like the direction He is sending us in. It is the syndrome that we know better than God about what will fulfill us and make us happy.

The only way to truly understand our purpose in life is to first recognize that we don't have the answers and cannot get the answers separate from God. The next step is to also realize that we probably do not even know the right questions to ask. The reality is that people have a tendency to make life all about themselves and their own perceived notions of what is best for them. And they are usually wrong! This is a hard concept in our current culture where it is necessary for the individual *alone* to define their own concept of truth. Life is determined through the individual's perception of how they feel and what they believe is the basis for how they must make decisions. We do not have a right to tell another that

their perception of truth is wrong. To tell another they are wrong is being judgmental and aggressive.

The problem with all of that is simple—truth is objective, universal, and unchangeable. Telling someone that the choices they are making are wrong is *not* an act of judgement against the person. It is about choices: actions taken or words spoken. And, as Christians we are required to stand up for the truth. The truth is not a set of ideas, feelings, concepts, or whatever. The truth cannot be determined by an individual. The truth is a person. The truth is Jesus Christ. And the way of being open to, understanding, and living out the truth is only possible through a real relationship with Jesus. Jesus made it very clear when He said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

In a world that rejects objective reality and truth, this is a very difficult teaching. We come across as being insensitive, judgmental, closed-minded, out of touch, and many other things. But what we know and believe about Christ does not leave truth up for discussion. There is one truth, one faith, one reality, and that is Christ. All that disagrees with the teachings of Christ is simply wrong. And Christ teaches us far more than love of God and love of neighbor and the golden rule. Following Christ means taking up the cross. It means rejecting our own sense of truth and our perceptions of who we are and what will make us happy.

Only by embracing Christ can a person truly discover who they are. When we are open to a real relationship with Christ, we discover our true talents and what will bring us the greatest happiness. The truth and reality are that we must seek to live out what Saint Paul said of himself, "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me."

The season we are currently celebrating is about helping us to do just that. We might **think** we know what our lives are about, but Christ **knows** what our lives are about. Let us discover the truth—let us be open to Christ!

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](mailto:fr.brian@chelmsfordcatholic.org).

Please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ,  
Fr. Brian



## From our Asst Director of Faith Formation

Courtney Callanan

O Hilaritas

According to Newton

The intrinsic property of matter on which weight depends is mass.

But mass and weight vary according to gravity

(It is not a laughing matter).

On earth a mass of 6 kilograms has a weight of 6 kilograms.

On the moon a mass of 6 kilograms has a weight of 1 kilogram.

An object's inertia (the force required to accelerate it)  
depends entirely on its mass.

And so with me.

I depend entirely on a crumb of bread

a sip of wine;

it is the mass that matters

that makes matter.

In free fall, like the earth around the sun,

I am weightless

and so move only if I have mass.

Thanks be to the creator

who has given himself

that we may be.

~Madeleine L'Engle

This poem from one of my favorite authors always comes to mind at this time of year, as we celebrate First Communions in our parishes. It beautifully presents a radical dependency on the Eucharist; that without the Mass the speaker would be lifeless. Whether we realize it or not, the same is true of us. We can only be truly, fully alive if Christ is within us. I hope that as they grow in faith our First Communicants become increasingly aware of this. That we all need Christ in our lives and that in receiving the Eucharist we receive Him most powerfully. I also hope that we can be a community that models well this need for the Eucharist; that we come to the table of the Lord regularly, giving thanks to our Creator, "who has given himself that we may be."

## From our Senior Priest

Fr. Arnold Colletti

When I first got out of Saint John's Seminary on February 2, 1962, I thought I was going to save the world. I was ready. With eight years of intellectual training and the laying-on of the bishop's hands, I was equipped to save the world. However, I wasn't too long at Saint Theresa's Parish in Billerica when I came to realize I would not save the world—I would have to be content to save just Billerica. I had come to realize my human weaknesses and limitations.

Later on, at Our Lady of Fatima in Sudbury, I had mellowed and limited myself to saving only those people God would send into my life for saving.

At Sacred Heart and Saint Brigid in Lexington, I *really* narrowed my scope—I would save myself.

Now, I realize that I don't save anybody. We already have a Savior in Christ Jesus. He does the saving... and he works through so many channels. He is there in private prayer, communal prayer, especially in the Sacraments, but most especially he is in the Church—his people. In the 59 years I have ministered to many people, more people have ministered to me. I have always been outdone in generosity and goodness. All those people have been a great grace to me. All have been a source of God's presence.

Now that I am retired and in the Chelmsford Collaborative I relax more and enjoy more. I don't have to be a savior. I don't have to have all the answers. I don't have to be the brightest, the holiest, the hardest-working Christian in the parishes. We are all in this together. I cannot go to God alone and I never find God alone. As we walk together, work together, pray together, open our hearts to each other, we will be saved by God for Himself through Christ, Our Lord.

To all of you along the long 59 years, thank you—you have been my salvation.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HAIL MARY CHALLENGE

**Our Collaborative is again challenged to  
collectively pray 1,000,000 Rosaries in 6 Months!**

**May 1 - October 31, 2021**

**Over the last 3 years, we have exceed 100% of  
our goal! Over the last 2 years (actually 18  
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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.

Due to the new Collaborative Proposal currently being considered, the 2022 Mass Intentions will open no sooner than July 15th

## St. John

<b>SUN, MAY 9</b>	12:00 pm:	Albert Asamau Ntangri: Memorial
	6:00 pm:	For the People of the Parish
<b>TUE, MAY 11</b>	9:00 am:	Thomas Fitzpatrick: 7th Anniversary
<b>WED, MAY 12</b>	9:00 am:	Cindy Bernard: Memorial
<b>SAT, MAY 15</b>	4:00 pm:	Maura Dolan: Memorial
<b>SUN, MAY 16</b>	9:30 am:	For the People of the Parish
	6:00 pm:	Mary Conti: 2nd Anniversary

## St. Mary

<b>SUN, MAY 9</b>	7:00 am:	For the People of the Parish
<b>MON, MAY 10</b>	9:00 am:	Theresa Furlong: 4th Anniversary
<b>FRI, MAY 14</b>	7:00 am:	Marguerite Farley: Memorial
<b>SAT, MAY 15</b>	4:00 pm:	Andrew Zabierek: 17th Anniversary
<b>SUN, MAY 16</b>	7:00 am:	For the People of the Parish



## FUNERALS RECENTLY CELEBRATED

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

Shirley Lowry • April 26 at St. John  
 Alexander Gervais • April 30 at St. John  
 James Francis Brosnan • May 1 at St. John  
 Sean Francis Healy • May 5 at St. John  
 Barbara Keaney • May 5 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. Mary Rose for Life:  
**In Memory of Ann L. Knower**

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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, MAY 10

Acts 16: 11-15  
 Psalm 149  
 John 15:26-16:4

### TUESDAY, MAY 11

Acts 16: 22-34  
 Psalm 138  
 John 16: 5-11

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

Acts 17: 15, 22-18:1  
 Psalm 148  
 John 16: 12-15

### THURSDAY, MAY 13

Acts 1: 1-11  
 Psalm 47  
 Ephesians 1: 17-23  
 Mark 16: 15-20

### FRIDAY, MAY 14

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26  
 Psalm 113  
 John 15: 9-17

### SATURDAY, MAY 15

Acts 18: 23-28  
 Psalm 47  
 John 16: 23-28

### SUNDAY, MAY 16

Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26  
 Psalm 103  
 1 John 4: 11-16  
 John 17: 11-19



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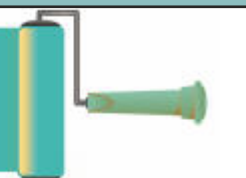
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### Irene J. (Butler) Hughes of Westford, formerly of Somerville

Irene J. (Butler) Hughes, 88, of Westford, formerly of Somerville, MA, passed away peacefully, Friday, February 19, 2021 at the High Pointe Hospice House in Haverhill.

She was born in Boston, MA the daughter of the late Joseph and Irene (Barry) Butler.

Irene graduated with the class of 1950 from St. Joseph High School in Somerville. She was a very active and involved parishioner at Blessed Sacrament Church in Saugus, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and a CCD teacher. She enjoyed completing crossword puzzles, reading, and gardening, and spending time with her beloved dog Cassie.

She was the wife of the late Arthur F. Hughes who passed away on Ash Wednesday of last year, the mother of the late Elaine Hosein and the sister of the late John Butler and Marion McCue. Mrs. Hughes is survived by her children, James "Jay" Hughes of Saugus, Mary Villano and her husband Dennis of North Waterboro, ME, Irene McClain and her husband Ralph of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Elizabeth Cole and her husband

Geoffrey of Westford, MA, Margaret Moran and her husband Timothy of Stoneham, MA, and Sarah Ahern and her husband Daniel of Chelmsford, MA, her siblings, Richard Butler and his wife Rose of Roseville, MI, Thomas Butler and his wife Jody of Amherst, MA, and Joan Oatis and her husband William of Wilmington, 12 grandchildren, Renee, Daniel, Rosemarie, Rachael, Sarah, Matthew, Nicole, Jacob, Zoe, Danielle, Abigail and Max, 5 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves her dearest lifelong friend, Mary Caples.

Relatives and friends were invited to attend her funeral virtually at St. John's Church at <https://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/> on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 11 AM. Burial followed at Westview Cemetery, Lexington. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to the Arthur F. Hughes Memorial Scholarship Fund at 80 Montvale Ave, Stoneham, MA 02180. Online guest book is available at [www.dolanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dolanfuneralhome.com).

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