

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 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter

As you sent me into the world, so I send them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they may also be consecrated in truth.

-John 17: 18-19



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



instagram.com/chelmsfordcatholic

This week's *calendar*

St. Mary Parish Events

RESERVATION REQUIRED for all weekend liturgies



Sunday, May 16

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

Monday, May 17

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

Tuesday, May 18

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

Wednesday, May 19

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

Thursday, May 20

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

Friday, May 21

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 22

Catholic Men's Group • 7:45-8:45 am • ZOOM
First Eucharist Mass • 10:30 am
Weekend Liturgy • 4 pm

Sunday, May 23

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

~ CLERGY ~

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Sunday, May 16th Curbside Communion

Due to our youth being confirmed this Sunday, Curbside Communion at St. Mary will begin at 5:00 pm rather than 4:30 pm.



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.

Bernadette Love Daley
Jack Frederick Davis
Matthew Francis McConnell
Delaney Rhea Meyers
Trevor Fox Nelson
Haven Ann Serrao
Nathan Russell Sousa
Rylee Jeanne Sueltenfuss

Andrew Peter Decker
Cameron Paul MacKenzie
John Foley McManamon
Brennan Mitchell Myers
Ryan Anthony Sees
Landon Paulo Sousa
Jacob Edward Spugnardi
Bridget Ann York
Julia Katelyn Young

Catholic Heart Work Camp

July 18 - 23 • North Haledon, New Jersey

Deadline to sign up: NEXT Sunday May 23

Register online TODAY at
www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/chwc-registration-form

FUNDRAISING is available
to assist with the \$500 cost to attend.

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.

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welcome to the Collaborative Family

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P.L.A.N.S. FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16th - 22nd

**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 Three: St. Theresa's Flying Novena (page 7)
- Pray the Flying Novena 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. Mary First Communion Dates: May 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

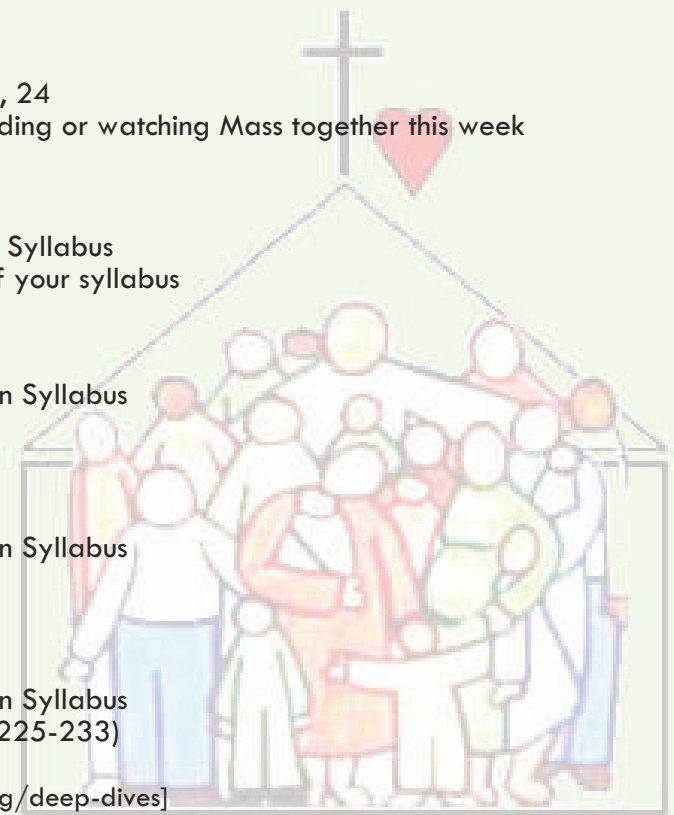
- Refer to Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation Syllabus
- Continue Lessons 23 and 24 (pages 215-233)

St. 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]

- May 16: GOOD NEWS! Healing at the Beautiful Gate [video presentation]
- May 23: FACTS WITH FATHER: May Edition
- May 23: Teaching Mass at St. John via LIVESTREAM or in person
 - in-person attendance requires RSVP [www.signupgenius.com/go/409044fadae22abfe3-teaching3]



Faith Formation Program

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2020/21 Family Faith Formation Registration now open!

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



- St John's registration: Lynn Anne LaDuke at lynnanne@chelmsfordcatholic.org or ext 240
- St. Mary registration: Elaine Kindler at 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 if you register by May 31st, you will be 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, regardless of your child's grade level in either public or Catholic school
 - Parents will be in Discipleship Groups at the same time their children are in class

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI

This weekend, their foreheads will be anointed with Sacred Chrism, in the sign of the cross, representing the indelible mark of Christ's sacrifice on their souls. The sacramental grace of Confirmation will help them to live their faith loyally and profess it courageously, as they are called by Christ to preach not only through their words, but their actions as well. Let us pray for them...

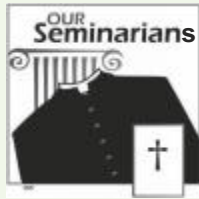


Liam Thomas Avery, Riley Mary Barry, Jonah Peter Bennett,
Sarah Catherine Buliszak, Ryan Timothy Clark, Thomas Patrick Colpoys,
Kelly Dorothy Corey, Daniel Patrick Craig, Owen John Cushing,
Grace Mary DeLaRosa, Madelin Joan Dunbar, Constance Mary Dussault,
Joseph Joseph Farina, Natalia Gianna Firicano, Molly Kateri Fox,
Nicholas Christopher Gatto, Charlie Michael Graney, Georges George Graney,
Aisling Cecilia Harrington, Paul Robert Hayes, Charlotte Elizabeth Kennedy,
Taylor Catherine Kiggins, Glenn Matthew Kohl, Garrett Matthew Kydd,
Allie Joan Lachance, Bruce Peter Linstad, Maléna Gianna Lombardo,
Nicholas Arthur Longo, Timothy Aidan Lucey, Patrick Patrick Marks,
Christopher Patrick Marks, David Michael Marks, Liam Christopher Martin, John Joseph McCarthy,
David Damien McMillan, Charles George Mercuri, Isabella Christine Mirasolo,
Megan Elizabeth Mitchell, Benjamin Patrick Morgan, Brooke Margaret Moulton,
Elyse Valentine Nardone, Sarah Catherine Oakes, Reagan Josephine O'Leary,
Shannon Marie Teresa O'Leary, Kaylin Agnes O'Meara, James Peter Pawl, Alexa Lucy Petullo,
Isabella Victoria Piazza, Alyssa Margaret Rivera, Grace Margaret Saba, Benjamin James Saro,
Samantha Maria Sheehan, Maeve Cecilia Slattery, Diana Joan Snider, Paul Sebastian St. Amand,
Emily Emily Stagnone, Joseph Francis Stagnone, Caroline Kateri Tucker, Paul Andrew Vozzella,
Caitlin Katharine Walsh, John Joseph Walsh, Julia Grace Williams

The Financial Page

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

Paul Firicano, Collaborative Business Manager
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Next weekend's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

ST. MARY WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of May 8th/9th	Fiscal Year-To-Date May 9th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$15,100	\$664,400	\$15,100
Actual Received	\$14,290	\$639,924	\$14,544
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$810	-\$24,476	-\$556

ST. JOHN WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of May 8th/9th	Fiscal Year-To-Date May 9th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$10,000	\$440,000	\$10,000
Actual Received	\$7,099	\$386,272	\$8,779
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$2,901	-\$53,728	-\$1,221

Catholic Appeal as of May 10			
	2021 Goal	Raised	%age of Goal
St. Mary	\$64,550	\$77,130	119.49%
St. John	\$45,823	\$42,265	92.24%

THANK
you

Grand Annual as of May 9 <i>each parish has a goal of \$60,000</i>		
	St. Mary	St. John
Received	\$111,102	\$77,025
%age of Goal	185.17%	128.38%

ST. MARY

Online
Giving



- Visit our website at 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

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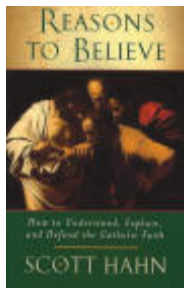


- Visit our website at www.chelmsfordcatholic.org and click on the WeShare logo located in the right-hand sidebar on the homepage, or scan this QR code with your Android or iPhone. Open your camera app. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder and you will see a notification with 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.

THE TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

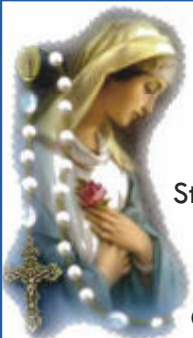
BOOK DISCUSSION!

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



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

St. Mary's is blessed with the patronage of Mary and a beautiful Marian Grotto. It is here where we will gather every Monday - Friday evening at 7 pm during the month of May to pray The Rosary.

PLEASE JOIN US!

4TH 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 months), we have collectively prayed a total of 3,276,290 Hail Mary's!



As COLLECTION CONTAINERS will not be made available, please email your Hail Mary counts to psidari@ymail.com, phone them into him at (978) 729-1677, or drop them off into the black drop box located at the entrance of the parish offices, as many of you do with your donations.

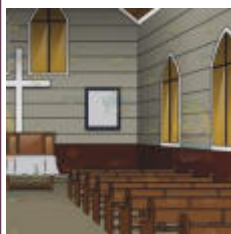
WEEKS ENDING MAY 2ND & 9TH	TOTAL-TO-DATE	%AGE OF GOAL
14,908	14,908	1.5%

ST. MARY SCHOLARSHIP



DEADLINE: NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 22nd!

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 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.



Over the past year, our transition from one phase to the next, 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. We also want to take this time to say that we find ourselves in need of additional ushers at all Masses. If you would like and are able to help us out, visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/i-would-like-to-volunteer and fill out the online form, or contact Donna at gambon@chelmsfordcatholic.org or extension 248.



Right now I am in the midst of doing confirmation interviews. These interviews consist of meeting each candidate for confirmation for 15 minutes. The interviews are not intended to be

a test for the kids to determine whether or not they can be confirmed. Rather, they're an opportunity for me to simply discern where they are in their faith journey. It is always interesting to hear the answers they give to the questions I ask. I am truly fascinated by how they understand the faith and how they see themselves being called to live out that faith.

There are two questions that I really consider to be most important of all my questions. In the lead-up to the first question, I talk to them about our image or perception of God when we are young. We have an image of an old man sitting on a throne with a long white beard and angels flapping all around Him. As we get older, hopefully, our perception of God changes. So, now, for the first question—a hard one: “Who is God for you now?” This question is followed by the second one: “In your whole life, has there been a moment when you experienced God—when you sensed his presence and knew God was there for you?”

I believe these are intrinsic questions for understanding how we relate to God and how we recognize the presence of God in our lives. And they are questions that all of us need to ask ourselves. It is so easy to simply take our faith life for granted. And it is so easy to simply live our lives without having any real thought of how our faith shapes the life we are living. As I often say, I believe many Christians, unintentionally, live their lives as functional atheists. It is *not* that they do not believe because they do. It is *not* that faith at some level is not important to them because it is. The problem is that they do not take the proper time to examine their choices in light of their faith.

The biggest reason this situation exists is because people are not exploring just who God is for them. Many times we remain at a child-like level of understanding who God is, or we develop a sense of God that is not concrete or cohesive. In these situations, it is hard for us to recognize the reality of the presence of God in our lives. As such, we simply live our lives without any real relation to our faith or to God. And many people will tell me that they do not sense or see God in their lives. When that happens, the person is simply not paying attention, or has never learned to pay attention, to God's presence. God is *always* present to us and is *always* communicating with us. If we do not see God in our lives or hear Him, the issue is *not* with God but with us.

The life of faith we are called to is not simply a life of rules. Yes, there are rules in our relationship with God for the simple reason that there are no relationships that do *not* have rules to them. But the rules are not what the relationship is about: they are our way of living out that relationship. But to discover the heart of a relationship, it is ultimately about getting to know the one we are in relationship with. It is about our perception of the other. So, we need to really ask ourselves, who do we think God is? Only then can we begin to understand our relationship with Him. Only when we understand who God is for us, can we begin to explore how we will recognize Him in our lives.

Jesus, of course, came in order to save us from our sins. We are sinners and we need God's grace and mercy to reject sin and live a life that is truly human. But Jesus also came in order to help us begin to understand who God truly is for us. He came so that we could begin to truly answer my first question—who is God for you? We discover who God is when we open up to who Christ really is. The fundamental truth of our faith is that Jesus is 100% human—just like us—and 100% God (called the hypostatic union or the act of the incarnation). God united himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ who alone has two natures, and those natures are completely separate. We discover truths about God in the way that Christ relates to us both in his humanity and in his divinity.

Jesus is our roadmap for understanding God, and we come to understand Christ through the Bible—both in the Old Testament and the New Testament. If we do not know the scriptures, we cannot know Christ. If we do not know Christ, we cannot know the Father. It all goes hand in hand.

Let us seek to understand our concept of who God is, and then place that up against what Christ has taught us. Then we can begin to unpack the meaning of our relationship with God. Once we understand our relationship with God as Christ taught us, we can begin to recognize the real presence of God in our lives.

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,
Fr. Brian

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

-The Gifts that keep on Giving

This Sunday, Bishop Hennessey will extend his hand over 63 of our youth (their names can be found on page 5) and invoke a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit...

*All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters from sin
and gave them new life.
Send Your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of right judgment and courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in Your presence.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.*

Following this invocation, they will be anointed with Sacred Chrism, a perfumed oil consecrated by the Bishop during Holy Week at the Chrism Mass. This anointing signifies the 'mark' or spiritual 'seal' of the Holy Spirit:

"Be Sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit"

WISDOM allows us to understand things from God's point of view. It allows us to recognize truth and use it to glorify God by choosing Godly solutions to problems.

UNDERSTANDING allows us grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we gain a certainty about our beliefs.

COUNSEL, also known as RIGHT JUDGMENT, is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of this gift, we need not fear standing up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

FORTITUDE, also known as COURAGE, allows us to move beyond fear to stand up for God and His truths. We are able to stand up for good against evil and are convicted to take a stand when the occasion arises.

KNOWLEDGE allows us to understand the meaning and purpose God has for us. It differs from wisdom in that it is an action, not just a desire to live up to the ways of God. It differs from understanding in that it is not just ability, it is a knowing.

PIETY, or REVERENCE, is the perfection of the virtue of religion. It takes our willingness beyond a sense of duty, to a desire to worship and serve Him out of love.

FEAR OF THE LORD puts God in proper perspective, and allows us to understand His greatness and awesomeness. We understand who we are and why we are here in relationship to God. We understand that everything we are is due to the wonder, love, grace, and perfection of God.

From our Permanent Deacon

Deacon John C. Hunt, Jr.

Go forth and set the world on fire
-St. Ignatius of Loyola

Last Thursday, a large group of parishioners and non-parishioners joined me in completing the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Every Thursday evening for the past 35 weeks we shared how the Scripture meditations of the previous week had touched us, and the journey for all has been amazing.

I have been deeply touched by the emails, texts and other messages from those who attended, attesting to how these exercises have touched and transformed their lives—how they have come to know the Lord in a deeper way.

One person commented: "It's been a powerful and transforming experience these past 35 weeks, learning how to pray from my heart. Reflecting, journaling and opening up my heart and mind to what God wants for me and just how much He loves me. I've learned so much about Him... about creation, sin, reconciliation and, especially, the deeper meaning and messages of His Passion, death and resurrection. I have learned so much about myself and I am now focused in a much more hopeful and joyous way, in spite of this crazy world and the many roadblocks that get in the way. I know the promise of His glory and pray to hold fast and strong in my faith and to keep Him in me through the kind of prayer and reflection I have learned to do. I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to spend this kind of time, to find myself and to find Him in me and me in Him."

If you ever feel called to make the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, I strongly encourage you to take this journey. You will be amazed at what it will do for your life and for your relationship with the Lord.

Please pray for the many men and women who have recently completed this amazing spiritual journey—that the Lord may continue to bless them and bestow upon them abundant graces.

Please know you are all in my prayers.



Mass 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.

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

St. John

SAT, MAY 15	4:00 pm:	Maura Dolan: Memorial
SUN, MAY 16	9:30 am:	For the People of the Parish
	6:00 pm:	Mary Conti: 2nd Anniversary
MON, MAY 17	9:00 am:	Stephen Marcotte: Memorial
WED, MAY 19	9:00 am:	Gertrude M. Bailey: Memorial
THU, MAY 20	9:00 am:	Blakely Family: Memorial
FRI, MAY 21	9:00 am:	Phyllis Perlatonda: Memorial
SAT, MAY 22	4:00 pm:	Eileen Francoeur: 12th Anniversary
SUN, MAY 23	9:30 am:	LIVING INTENTION: Hospitality
	12:00 pm:	Protection on Birthday and Blessings on Birthday
	6:00 pm:	For the People of the Parish

St. Mary

SAT, MAY 15	4:00 pm:	Andrew Zabierek: 17th Anniversary
SUN, MAY 16	7:00 am:	For the People of the Parish
TUE, MAY 18	9:00 am:	David P. Garrity: 7th Anniversary
SUN, MAY 23	7:00 am:	For the People of the Parish
	11:00 am:	Ellen Marie Driscoll: 1st Anniversary



FUNERALS RECENTLY CELEBRATED

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

Marilyn LeClair • May 14 at St. John
Theresa Pomerleau • May 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. Mary Rose for Life:
In Memory Andrew Zabierek

St. Mary Rose provided by JuJu Buds

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 17

Acts 19: 1-8
Psalm 68
John 16: 29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Acts 20: 17-27
Psalm 68
John 17: 1-11

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Acts 20: 28-38
Psalm 68
John 17: 11-19

THURSDAY, MAY 20

Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11
Psalm 16
John 17: 20-26

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Acts 25: 13-21
Psalm 103
John 21: 15-19

SATURDAY, MAY 22

Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31
Psalm 11
John 21: 20-25

SUNDAY, MAY 23

Acts 2: 1-11
Psalm 104
1Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13
John 20: 19-23

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Janet C. (Bourke) Belanger of North Chelmsford

Janet C. (Bourke) Belanger, 84, a longtime resident of N. Chelmsford, died peacefully Friday evening, February 26, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was married to the late Robert P. Belanger, who died on October 26, 2008.

Born in Worcester, she was the daughter of the late Emile and Gabriel Bourke. She graduated from the David Hale Fanning Trade School in Worcester with the class of 1949.

Janet retired from the Chelmsford Public Schools, where she worked at the McCarthy Middle School in the kitchen as a chef. When her children were younger, she was very active in the North School PTA.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and had been an active member of the Ladies Sodality. In her youth, she was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America.

Janet was an avid reader. She also enjoyed sewing, knitting and doing crafts. What she enjoyed the most was when she would spend summers with her sister Therese, at York Beach in Maine. She also loved

spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her two sons, Robert Belanger Jr. of Maine and Jeffrey Belanger of N. Chelmsford; three daughters, Diane and her husband, Edwin Waddell of Chelmsford, Susan and her husband Paul Trainque of Gardner and Sharon Thomas of Connecticut; a brother, Richard and his wife, Shirley Bourke of Worcester; eleven grandchildren, twenty four great grandchildren, one great great granddaughter, many nieces and nephews; and her longtime friend Rebecca and her husband Carl Markey of N. Chelmsford.

She was the sister of the late Therese Ceredona, Claire Rountree, and Doris MacGlaulin of Worcester.

The family would like to take this time to thank all of the staff at Circle Home Visiting Nurses and Elder Services of Merrimack Valley for their endless support, her home health aide Barbara Hoey of Right at Home and Elizabeth Card.

There were no visiting hours. A private Funeral Mass was at the discretion of the family at St. John the Evangelist Church in N. Chelmsford, MA. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com.

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