



ST. JOHN  
THE EVANGELIST PARISH  
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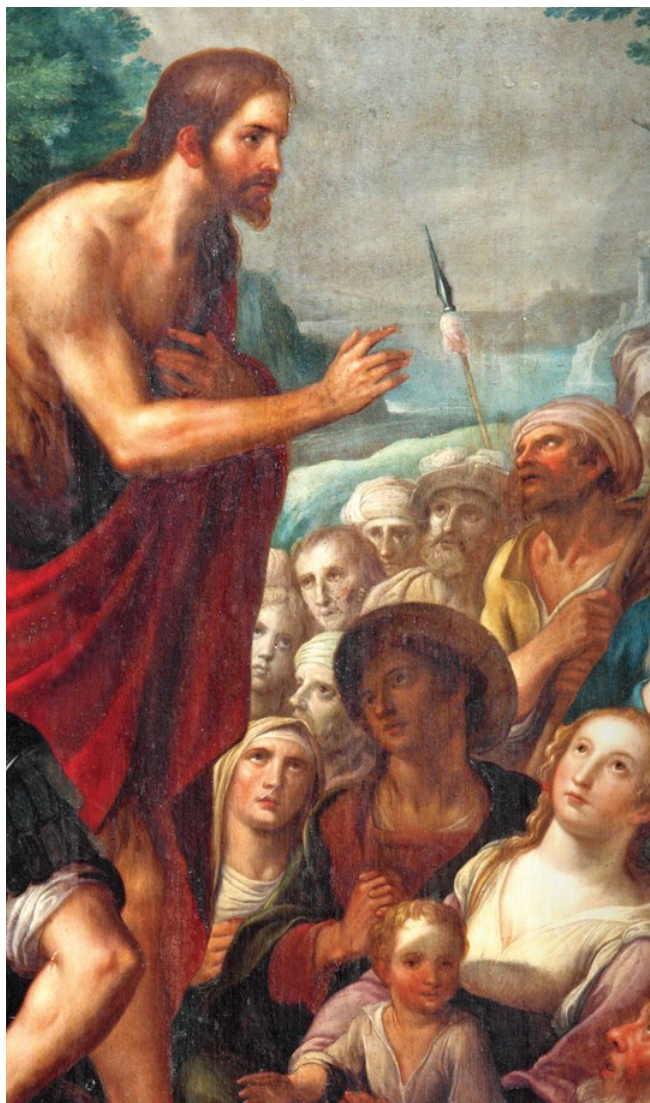
ST. MARY PARISH  
25 NORTH ROAD  
CHELMSFORD



## December 12, 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

"I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming."

-Luke 3:16a



### Parish Office Location and Hours



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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday • 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday • 9:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Friday • 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

### Weekend Mass Schedule

St. John • Saturday, 4 pm/ Sunday, 9:30 am and 6 pm  
• African Liturgy, 12 pm: 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays  
St. Margaret • Saturday, 4 pm/ Sunday, 7:30 and 10 am  
St. Mary • Saturday, 4 pm/ Sunday, 7 and 11 am

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday  
7 am at St. Mary • 8 am at St. Margaret • 9 am at St. John

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • St. John  
Tuesday • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • St. Margaret  
Wednesday • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • St. Mary  
Saturday • 11 am - 12 noon at St. Mary  
• 1 pm - 2 pm at St. Margaret  
• 3 pm - 3:45 pm at St. John

### Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays • 12:00 - 9:00 PM • St. Mary Adoration Chapel  
First Fridays • 3:00 - 9:00 PM • St. John OPC Chapel

### LIVEVIEW Devotions

Monday - Friday  
3 pm • Chaplet of Divine Mercy at St. John  
7 pm • Rosary at St. Mary

### Prayer Line

To have prayers said for yourself or a loved one,  
call the parish office and ask for ext. 223. After hours,  
press 5.

\*Please read entire bulletin for potential schedule changes

# weekly calendar

## Monday, December 13

LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • St. John  
Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • St. John  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • CANCELLED

## Tuesday, December 14

Morning Coffee Group, following 9 am Mass • SJE Hall  
Blood Pressure Clinic, following 9 am Mass • SJE Hall  
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • St. John  
Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • St. Margaret of Scotland  
Bible Study • 7:00 - 8:45 pm • SM PC Conf Room 1  
St. Margaret Choir Rehearsal • 7 - 9 pm • SMS Church Choir Loft  
Fr. Brian Advent Presentation • 7 am • St. Mary Church  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • CANCELLED

## Wednesday, December 15

LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • St. John  
Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • St. Mary  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7 pm • St. Mary

## Thursday, December 16

Charismatic Prayer Group • 10 am • SJE OPC  
Rosary Making Group • 10:30 am - 12 pm • SM PC Conf Room 2  
Adoration • 12 - 9 pm • SM PC Adoration Chapel  
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • St. John  
BINGO • doors open 3:30 pm/ first game 6:45 pm • SJE Hall  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7 pm • St. Mary

## Friday, December 17

Blood Pressure Clinic, following 8 am Mass • SMS Hall  
St. Mary Knitting & Crocheting • 2 - 5 pm • SM Parish Hall  
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • St. John  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7 pm • St. Mary

## Saturday, December 18

### Confessions

- 11 am - 12 noon at St. Mary
- 1 - 2 pm at St. Margaret of Scotland
- 3 - 3:45 pm at St. John the Evangelist

Men of St. Joseph • 7 am • SMS Rectory  
Saturday Men's Group • 7:00 - 8:45 am • SJE NPC Linehan  
Hope and Healing Grief Support • 10 am - 12:30 pm • SJE OPC  
Merrimack Valley Ringers • 7 pm • St. Mary Church



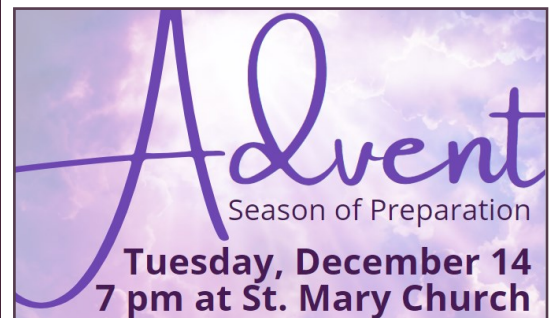
The Christmas Cantata is focused on the narrative of the Incarnation, and is an excellent way to contemplate the wonder and beauty of the season.

### THIS SUNDAY

**December 12 at 2 pm**

St. Margaret of Scotland Church

ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES:  
THIS IS A DEEP DIVE EVENT



Advent is not simply about preparing for Christmas, but rather for how to live our lives preparing for Christ coming again.

**Presented by Fr. Brian**



All are invited spend some time with us in this prayer service of Scripture and Song. The 'lessons' observed in this event will focus on the mystery of the Incarnation—birth of Christ (God made man)—and its role in salvation history.

7 pm, Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at St. John

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Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete  
Sunday

## Rejoice!



## St. John Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

We are a group of men and women who gather together for fellowship following daily mass on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Join us!

## Monthly Blood Pressure Clinics

Tuesday, December 14  
Following 9 am Mass  
St. John Parish Hall



Friday, December 17 following 8 am Mass  
St. Margaret Sacred Heart Hall

## hope and healing adult grief support group



When someone close to you dies, everything changes in your family, in your life, and your dreams. Often this can turn your life upside down. Know you are not alone in your grief and loneliness.

The Hope and Healing Adult Grief Support Group meets on the last Saturday of the month. Our next gathering is scheduled for:

**Saturday, December 18 • 10:30 am - 12 noon**  
**St. John Old Parish Center**

All are welcome to a safe place to share your story and find comfort, hope and encouragement, as you continue a new path in life.

Registration is not required.

# of what's happening in The Holy Rood



## **"A Classic Christmas" Saturday, December 18th 7 pm at St. Mary Church In-person or LIVEVIEW**

Merrimack Valley Ringers are back again this year to present their well-loved annual Christmas concert!

Merrimack Valley Ringers is an auditioned community handbell ensemble dedicated to sharing the art of handbell ringing with everyone. Since 2002, MVR has developed a loyal following and delighted audiences throughout New England with our "Always Different, Always Fun" concert performances, small ensemble ringing, educational workshops, and distribution of recorded music. The concert is free and open to the public and donations in any amount are appreciated!

## **St. John St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Food Collection**



Please bring in one or two non-perishable items or Paper goods to church (St. John) with you **NEXT weekend, December 18th/19th**. You can drop them off in the entranceway of the church, and our Vincentians will be sure they get delivered to our pantry.

We are not permitted to distribute any products that have expired so **please pay attention to expiration dates**.



## **Saint Vincent de Paul St. Mary's Conference**

Each year as the Christmas season approaches, we ask parishioners to consider making a charitable donation to the Saint Vincent de Paul

Society. Your past generosity has helped our dedicated members provide financial assistance to our needy neighbors in the parish community. Our financial report published annually in the bulletin shows the extent of our work in the parish and how your donations are spent.

This past year has been especially challenging for many families. The combined impact of the continued pandemic as well as higher inflation (especially at grocery stores and filling stations) has significantly weakened the safety net for many families. As a result, we have seen the number of assistance requests increase significantly, especially over the past few months. To meet this need, we have provided an increased number of both local supermarket and gasoline gift cards. We expect this service request increase to continue well into 2022.

Between now and the end of the year, we will be providing food vouchers and gift cards to struggling individuals and families to enable them to buy both food and presents during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

When our society cannot handle individual requests, we provide information about food pantries, food programs, the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, fuel and rent assistance, and social services. We also offer and suggest prayer to ask God for the strength to cope with their crises.

Your contributions help us make a difference in people's lives, so we ask for your continued support.

1. You may mail or drop off a check—payable to **St. Mary's SVdP**—to the parish offices at:

115 Middlesex Street  
North Chelmsford, MA 01863

2. You can place an envelope—marked **St. Mary's SVdP**—into the weekly collection basket.
3. You may donate electronically through the **Online Giving** link found at: [www.theholyrood.org/on-line-giving](http://www.theholyrood.org/on-line-giving)

We wish you a blessed Christmas and thank you for your generosity.

# Collaborative Community!



Give the Gift that Gives Back!

Send your mother, sister, daughter, or friend away on a 3-day ACTS retreat, and she'll be forever grateful!

- When: February 24-27, 2022
- Cost: Priceless
- Contact: Beth Jacavano, Retreat Director, at [womensactsretreat2022@gmail.com](mailto:womensactsretreat2022@gmail.com) with questions
- Registration: Forms can be found in each church and on our website: [www.theholyrood.org/acts](http://www.theholyrood.org/acts)

The ACTS Retreat is a three-day Catholic retreat that runs from Thursday evening and ends with Sunday morning Mass. It is based on the Gospels and teachings of the Church, and provides retreatants with the opportunity to deepen their faith, strengthen their relationship with God, and develop a better understanding of how God is calling them to live their life. The Retreat Teams, which organize and facilitate the retreat weekend, are made up of lay people from our collaborative.

*Whether you purchase this gift for a family member, friend or even yourself, know that this Christmas gift will change your life and leave you or a loved one talking about this for years to come.*



## Letter to the Hebrews

- Monday Mornings: 10 am - 12 noon/ 9 weeks
- St. Mary PC Conference Room 1 or via ZOOM
- **Register by THIS FRIDAY December 17th.**

The dates are as follows:

- January 10, 17, 24, 31
- February 7, 14, 21, 28
- March 7

We highly recommend ordering your course materials **NO LATER THAN December 27th.**

**REGISTRATION**  
information

To review, register and order materials for this study, visit our website at [www.theholyrood.org/bible-study](http://www.theholyrood.org/bible-study)

To assist you in your holiday planning, following is the 2021 Christmas Mass Schedule. The day after Christmas is a Sunday, therefore the obligation to attend Mass on December 26th stands.

### Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24

St. John	St. Mary	St. Margaret
3 pm Church and hall	4 pm Church and hall	5 pm Church only
10 pm	6 pm	8 pm
	midnight	

### Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25

St. John	St. Mary	St. Margaret
9:30 am	7 am	7:30 am
	11 am	10 am

### The Holy Family: Sunday, December 26

St. John	St. Mary	St. Margaret
9:30 am	7 am	7:30 am
6 pm	11 am	10 am

# The Financial Page

Fiscal Year 2021 runs from July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

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To view this and ALL past financial reports,  
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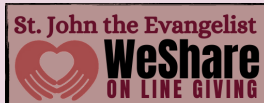
## IMPORTANT DONATION REMINDER

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

ST. MARY WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of December 4/5	Fiscal Year-To-Date December 5	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$15,000	\$	\$15,000
Actual Received	\$	\$	\$
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$	-\$	-\$

ST. JOHN WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of December 4/5	Fiscal Year-To-Date December 5	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$9,500	\$	\$9,500
Actual Received	\$	\$	\$
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$	-\$	-\$

ST. MARGARET WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of December 4/5	Fiscal Year-To-Date December 5	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$5,550	\$	\$5,550
Actual Received	\$	\$	\$
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$	-\$	-\$



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## facilities update

### St. Mary Parish

The lift installation will be in mid-December, and based on what we have been told, should take about 3-4 weeks to complete.

We have received the final design of the new handicap ramp. The new design includes heated concrete and 'base' lighting to illuminate the ramp at night. The engineer and contractor are working on getting the permit, while we also work with the Historical Society to stay within the requirements of the historic commission.



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*Uniting the Heart of the Church with the*



*Heart of the Home*

## DECEMBER CLASS SCHEDULE

This month, families attend together

### GRADES 1-6 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

St. Margaret Session A  
8:15 - 9:45 AM  
Sacred Heart Hall

St. Mary Session C  
9:15 - 10:45 AM  
St. Mary Parish Hall

St. John Session B  
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM  
St. John Parish Hall

St. Mary Session D  
12:15 - 1:45 PM  
St. Mary Parish Hall

### FIRST EUCHARIST PREP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:15 - 10:45 AM  
St. Mary Parish Hall

### GRADES 7-8 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

11:15 AM - 12:45 PM  
St. Margaret  
Sacred Heart Hall

Catechist Check-In  
December 19  
2 - 3 pm via ZOOM

## DECEMBER DEEP DIVES

Christmas Cantata  
Saturday, December 12  
2 - 3 pm ~ St. Margaret of Scotland Church

Lessons and Carols  
Monday, December 20th  
7 - 8 pm ~ St. John the Evangelist Church

## JANUARY DEEP DIVES

Teaching Baptism  
Saturday, January 29  
1 - 2 pm ~ St. John the Evangelist Church

Family Movie Night  
Saturday, January 29  
5 - 7 pm ~ St. Margaret Sacred Heart Hall

### CONFIRMATION I SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

4:15 - 5:45 pm  
SJE Parish Hall

### CONFIRMATION II SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

4:15 - 5:45 pm  
SJE Parish Hall

**PREPARE  
TO LEARN  
AWESOME!  
new Stuff**

## P.L.A.N.S. FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

All Families should Pray together daily/ Attend Mass weekly/Attend Class/Disciple Group Monthly/ Complete one Deep Dive per Month

Grades 1-6 will be staying together for our Advent/Christmas Family Gathering Sessions

Grades 7 & 8 will be completing Altaration Session 3: The Mystery Revealed

Confirmation I will be completing Chosen Lesson 4: How do I know God is Real?

Confirmation II will be completing Chosen Session 15: Why do I Have to go to Mass? & 16: What does it Mean to say, I do?



At this time of the year we often hear about the demise of the real meaning of Christmas and its being overtaken by commercialization.

I have to be honest: I myself have bemoaned

this loss when talking with people, as well as in my preaching, and even in articles I have written. It is a very easy target to go after when our Sunday newspaper seems to have more ads than news. We are bombarded with email deals and TV commercials pushing us to buy, buy, buy. But, this year, as I have been contemplating this “truth,” I have come to the realization that it is essentially a cop-out.

It is so easy to point outside of ourselves and call out others for what they are doing wrong. This kind of thinking, of course, reminds me of what Jesus said: “Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove that splinter from your eye,’ while the wooden beam is in your eye? You hypocrite; remove the wooden beam from your eye first and then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother’s eye.” (Matt 7:3-5) Ultimately, if we feel that Christmas is too commercialized, the problem resides with us and *not* with others.

How much other people influence our conception of Christmas can be affective only to the extent we allow them. We really do *not* have to get caught up in the extravaganza that society has come to equate with the “Holiday Season.” Rather, we can make another choice—one that allows us to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. I am not saying that we should *not* buy presents or decorate, but, rather, that these things should be secondary to our real preparation for Christmas—for the coming of Christ. Advent should be a time of prayer and contemplation on the meaning of Christ in our lives. Maybe we can spend some time praying through the gospels: Matthew, Chapters 1 and 2; Luke, Chapters 1 and 2; and John, 1:1-18 which is the original Christmas gospel. If you have young children you can spend time reading to

them about what Christmas truly means. While you’re setting up a creche, you can talk to your children about its meaning. And, do we know why we use evergreen trees at Christmas? The Christian use reminds us that in the darkest and longest nights of the year, God’s love, like these trees, is ever blooming in our lives. And so we place lights on our Christmas tree to remind us of the light of Christ that came at Christmas and broke through the darkness of sin. We give presents to share God’s love in the same way that He shared with us the greatest gift possible—Christ himself.

If Christ has been removed from Christmas, it is not the fault of our society. The fault lies with Christians, and with Christians alone. The real meaning of Christmas exists even in the “mundane” reality of what others see in us as we live out the “meaning” of Christmas. We need simply to rediscover within ourselves the truth of what Christmas is all about and focus on that truth.

I pray that over this coming week this rediscovery will take place in each and every heart, and we will put Christ back squarely where He belongs in our lives. If we can do that, our Christmas will truly be merry and bright.

If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to ask me directly, or send your questions to me at [fr.brian@theholyrood.org](mailto:fr.brian@theholyrood.org).

Please keep me in your prayers.



## From our Faith Formation Associate

Shaun Bradley

Christmas traditions are beautiful things. For some people, they pour all their effort into getting thoughtful gifts for their loved ones. For others, it's all about the tree and getting the ornaments hung, to bring joy and beauty to the house. For others still, it might be the long baking sessions as a family, and then enjoying the fruits of your labor. For me, the one tradition that means the most is my family's Nativity set.

For years now, setting up the Nativity has been my biggest priority, and the first thing I want to do in Advent. I don't remember when it became my priority—probably the first year I had to set it up on my own without my brother's help. Now though, it's the one thing during Advent I long for the most. I want to hang the angel. I want to place the manger in the middle, with Mary and Joseph kneeling on either side. I can't wait to group the shepherds together on one side and the kings on the other, and I even love arranging the animals all about in the fake hay. Most importantly, I look forward to hiding the Baby Jesus until Christmas morning. And this joy, this expectation, extends to Christmas morning when I rush downstairs to place the Baby Jesus in His proper place, laying in a feeding trough.

You do know that's what the word manger means—right? The manger is not the structure/stable/cave: it's the feeding trough, for animals. That's where Jesus was laid after His birth, in a long narrow channel where animals would go to eat. If you're surprised by this, then you are a lot like me, who for a long time thought the word manger meant the structure. However, like many things in our faith, this isn't about semantics. When God set the plan in motion for His Incarnation, He knew exactly what He was doing and all the little details that would go into it. Think about it. While it may sound strange to say Jesus was laid in a feeding trough, it certainly isn't weird for us to associate Jesus with food. This is exactly what we do each Sunday when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist. In a sense, the Mass is our much more, sanitary feeding trough. Just moments after His birth, the Lord was already preparing us for the Eucharist.

This Christmas, remember the manger. While you're setting up your Nativity, while you're placing the Baby Jesus on Christmas morning, or any time you see a Nativity, think of the "source and summit" of our faith. Even during the celebration of His birth, we already see the sacrifice that He will make for us, the sacrifice we remember in the Eucharist. When I place the Baby Jesus this Christmas morning, I will think of the Eucharist, the food of eternal life, and I pray that you will too.

## From our Parochial Vicar

Fr. Fernando Ayala

### To Gather Crowds Around Us or to Save Souls?

This past Friday of the First Week of Advent we heard in the Gospel that Jesus cured two blind men and then told them to "See that no one knows about this."

Why would our Lord perform miracles and then ask people to tell no one?

Theologians still debate the proper meaning of these words. However, they think it may be one of the three following reasons.

Jesus was always on the move and when He performed miracles people gathered around Him. For instance, see Mark 1:45 and Matthew 8:18. At one point, it says that the crowds were so big that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. It may be that our Lord commanded the people who received these miracles to tell no one, so that He would be able to enter a town openly and without many people gathering around Him.

Another reason could be that He knew the word was spreading quickly and that more and more people were coming to see His miracles. It may have been the case that He was trying to help people see that His main job was not to be a miracle worker/dispenser but to be a savior of souls. Miracles only aided His mission. Hence, He would close this door of temptation before the Devil would use it to creep into His true mission.

Lastly, in the Gospel of Mark 1:45, we read that our Lord tells the leper to go and tell no one but the priest. Maybe He wanted to legitimize the role of the priest, even though He is the true High Priest; or maybe He wanted to show the priest that He indeed is the Son of God.

Whatever His true reason may have been, it invites us to reflect on our own life and the true meaning behind our good, holy works for the Church or people. Do we do them for fame? To be recognized? To gather crowds around us? Or, to save souls? Let this advent be about the Lord and not us. Let it be a time for opening our hearts to God so that He may work through us and not us through Him.



## 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 intention is requested to be made at the time you schedule your intention.

### St. John the Evangelist

<b>SAT, DEC 11</b>	4:00 pm:	Robert Gosselin: Memorial
<b>SUN, DEC 12</b>	9:30 am:	People of the Parish
	6:00 pm:	Bradi Family: Memorial
<b>TUE, DEC 14</b>	9:00 am:	Josephine and Marchellin Gallant: Memorial
<b>WED, DEC 15</b>	9:00 am:	Mass of Thanksgiving
<b>THU, DEC 16</b>	9:00 am:	William O'Connell: Memorial
<b>FRI, DEC 17</b>	9:00 am:	For those whose funerals celebrated at St. John's this past month
<b>SAT, DEC 18</b>	4:00 pm:	Thomas, Paul and Kathleen "Betty" Kelleher: Memorial
<b>SUN, DEC 19</b>	9:30 am:	In Memoriam
	6:00 pm:	People of the Parish

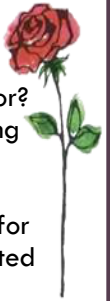
### St. Margaret of Scotland

<b>SAT, DEC 11</b>	4:00 pm:	Zachary Maillet: 44th Anniversary
<b>SUN, DEC 12</b>	7:30 am:	Marie Lessard: Memorial
	10:00 am:	People of the Parish
<b>MON, DEC 13</b>	8:00 am:	Ryan Michael Connell: Memorial
<b>TUE, DEC 14</b>	8:00 am:	Members of St. Mary Spiritual Society
<b>WED, DEC 15</b>	8:00 am:	Frank LaPan: Memorial
<b>THU, DEC 16</b>	8:00 am:	For those whose funerals celebrated at St. Margaret's this past month
<b>FRI, DEC 17</b>	8:00 am:	Patricia A. Clark: Birthday Memorial
<b>SAT, DEC 18</b>	4:00 pm:	Jean Krystof: Memorial
<b>SUN, DEC 19</b>	7:30 am:	People of the Parish
	10:00 am:	Thomas Neylon: 15th Anniversary

### St. Mary Parish

<b>SAT, DEC 11</b>	4:00 pm:	Dorothe McGee: 2nd Anniversary
<b>SUN, DEC 12</b>	7:00 am:	People of the Parish
	11:00 am:	Carmen Stella: 9th Anniversary
<b>FRI, DEC 17</b>	9:00 am:	For those whose funerals celebrated at St. Mary's this past month
<b>SAT, DEC 18</b>	4:00 pm:	Raymond and Lillian Russeau: Memorial
<b>SUN, DEC 19</b>	7:00 am:	Anna Petullo and Douglas Petullo: 10th Anniversary
	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 at either St. John or St. Mary, 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:  
Robert Hall Jr. and Gay McEvoy  
In Thanksgiving ...



## St. Mary 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.



## St. Margaret Lamps

St. Margaret offers the opportunity to have one of three lamps in the church burn In Memory of a loved one. The stipend is \$25, and the dedication will be published in the weekly bulletin.

## St. Margaret Bells



The steeple bells at St. Margaret toll daily at 12 noon and 6 pm, followed by the ringing of the Angelus bell and 2 hymns. At 3 pm, they play 2 hymns, and 15 minutes prior to each "weekend Mass, the bells toll a 'call to worship.' If you would like to dedicate the Ringing of the Bells In Memory/In Honor of someone, please contact the parish offices. The stipend is \$25, and your dedication will be published in the weekly bulletin.

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## Funeral Recently Celebrated

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



Earl Batson, Jr.  
Friday, December 3 • St. Mary