



ST. JOHN
THE EVANGELIST PARISH
115 MIDDLESEX STREET
NORTH CHELMSFORD

ST. MARGARET
OF SCOTLAND PARISH
374 STEVENS STREET
LOWELL

ST. MARY PARISH
25 NORTH ROAD
CHELMSFORD



March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

The devil said to Him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve."

-Luke 4: 6a, 7-8



Parish Office Location and Hours



115 Middlesex Street • North Chelmsford, 01863
(978) 251-8571/ 454-5143/ 256-2374
www.theholyrood.org

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

Wednesdays • 9 am - 3 pm • St. Margaret OLL Chapel
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, March 7

Bible Study • 10 am - 12 pm • via ZOOM
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • St. John Church
Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • St. John
Lenten Retreat: Night 2 of 3 • 7 pm • St. John Church
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7 pm • CANCELLED

Tuesday, March 8

Tuesday Morning Coffee, following 9 am Mass • SJE Hall
Blood Pressure Clinic, following 9 am Mass • SJE Hall
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • St. John Church
LIVEVIEW Stations of the Cross following Chaplet • St. John Church
Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • St. Margaret
Lenten Retreat: Final Night • 7 pm • St. John Church
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7 pm • CANCELLED
Life in the Spirit Seminar • 7 pm • via ZOOM

Wednesday, March 9

Adoration • 9 am - 3 pm • St. Margaret Lady of Lourdes Chapel
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • St. John Church
The Light is on For You Confession • 6:30 - 8 pm • All Churches
God, Pizza and Beer • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • SJE OPC
LIVEVIEW Rosary • CANCELLED

Thursday, March 10

Charismatic Prayer Group • 10 am • via ZOOM
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 Church
BINGO • doors open 3:30 pm/ first game 6:45 pm • SJE Hall
St. Margaret Choir Rehearsal • 7 - 9 pm • SMS Church Choir Loft
Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Evening • 7 pm • St. John Church
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7 pm • St. Mary Church
St. Mary Music Ministry Rehearsal • 7:30 pm • St. Mary Church

Friday, March 11

Knitting and Crocheting • 3 - 5 pm • SM Parish Hall
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • St. John Church
Desert Experience Lenten Retreat • 5-8 pm • SJE Church
Holy Land Pre-Trip Meeting • 6:30 pm • SJE Hall
LIVEVIEW Rosary • CANCELLED
Stations of the Cross • 7 pm • St. Margaret Church

Saturday, March 12

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS: SPRING FORWARD

Catholic Men's Group • 7:45 am • SM PC Conf Room 1
Women's Lenten Retreat • 8 am - 12 pm • SMS Hall
SJE Prayer Shawl Ministry • 10:15 am • SJE Hall
Confessions
11 am - 12 pm: St. Mary/ 1- 2 pm: St. Margaret/ 3 - 3:45 pm: St. John
Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal • 2 - 3:30 pm • St. Mary Choir Loft

OUR COLLABORATIVE LENTEN RETREAT From Death into Life



Presented by...
Fr. Frederick Fraini, III

Sunday, March 6 - Tuesday, March 8 St. John the Evangelist Church

Some of you may remember Fr. Fred from our 2018 Advent Retreat and his presentation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation the following March. Many of you were moved by not only his message, but by his story-telling ability and humor, all while challenging us to grow in relationship with our Lord. You had asked if he would be able to come back and visit with us at some point in the future. Well, I am so very happy to finally answer that question with a resounding YES!

During the course of this three-day Lenten retreat, Fr. Fred will examine the spiritual hurdles we often encounter that render us lifeless. Afterwards, he will explain what necessary personal transformations must take place to afford us the ability to receive New Life in Christ!

He will begin this 3-day journey with the celebration of 6 pm Mass at St. John's on Sunday, March 6th. Immediately following, he will present part one of his message. The full schedule follows...

Sunday, March 6

6 pm Mass celebrated by Fr. Fred
7 pm Presentation:
Death in Sin, New Life in Reconciliation.

Monday, March 7

7 pm Presentation:
Faith, Hope, and Love: The most powerful weapons of virtue we have at our disposal.

Tuesday, March 8

7 pm Presentation:
Living in the shadow of the empty tomb:
How the death of Christ, foreshadows the New Life we must live.

Please join us...
you will be in for a treat, and a challenge!

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To promote communication and transparency throughout The Holy Rood Collaborative, you are encouraged to forward any comments and concerns you may have directly to our Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils.

Collaborative Parish Council

Parish Council matters can be sent to:
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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.

Email submittals to christine@theholyrood.org or mail to: Parish Offices at 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, MA, 01863, ATTN Christine. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

See a correction that needs to be made?

Contact Christine at christine@theholyrood.org
or (978) 254-4406

here's what's happening in The Holy

CLEAR PATH VIRTUAL MINI-RETREAT WORKSHOP

Reflect | Realign | Renew

WEDNESDAY MARCH 23.6 –8:30 PM
OR SATURDAY, MARCH 26.9 –11:30 AM



Want to experience something truly unique this Lenten season? Does discovering a Clear Path to becoming the person that God lovingly created you to be by participating in an innovative faith-based workshop interest you?

Instead of giving up something this Lent, how about learning to more effectively give yourself to serve our Lord?

If this interests you, please join our faith-filled community for a professionally facilitated 2½ hour virtual workshop that helps you determine how you can grow in faith through gaining perspective of your unique talents, strengths, challenges and opportunities.

Each workshop participant will take that important first step along a Clear Path to greater spiritual growth by developing a personalized one-page road map that is actionable, measurable and sustainably aligned with your values.

Your written one-page road map includes a comprehensive Christ centered approach to your seasonal goals. By listening to God in your current life lessons you will outline what is good for you to start, stop and continue. In context of your personal relationship with our Lord, you will define vital guiding principles to inspire your daily activity.

To register, visit www.theholyrood.org/clear-path

In order to attend, you will need:

- ZOOM installed on your computer, tablet, smartphone
- to have your camera and microphone turned on
- to be in a quiet place
- writing materials for completing workshop exercises
- to have an open heart and mind

Upon registration, you will receive a welcome email with:

- the Zoom link
- workshop group ground rules
- a values validation exercise to complete prior to workshop if possible
- a road map template for you to print out for completion at end of workshop

Build faith filled support and compassionate accountability to inspire your vitality in living God's will.



2 am

NEXT Sunday
March 13

BAPTISM

We joyfully welcome the following children into our collaborative family. May the Lord continue to bless these children and their parents and fill their homes with the light of faith.

BAPTIZED AT ST. MARY

Grace Susan Leahy
Natalie Theresa Leary
Colin Jude Lowry



Vacation Bible Fun 2022

August 1st - 5th
2022



REGISTRATION OPENS END OF MARCH



Men's ACTS Weekend
April 22 - 24, 2022

The ACTS Retreat is a three-day Catholic based on the Gospels and teachings of the Church. It 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. Registration Forms can be found in folders on the bulletin boards at the entrances at each of our churches. They can also be conveniently downloaded from our website: www.theholyrood.org/acts.

Questions? Contact Jerry Wright at (781) 249-3199.

Rood Collaborative community

Synod Questionnaire Now Available

As stated in earlier publications, we will be offering a few options in which to answer these questions in order to accommodate individual personality style.

Individual ONLINE Surveys

The online questionnaire can be found on our website at www.theholyrood.org/synod-questions. If you have access to a computer, we kindly ask that you utilize the online form, as it is much easier for us to summarize and organize answers.

Individual HARD COPY Surveys

Hardcopy questionnaires can be found in entrances of all churches.

Small Group Gatherings

These meetings will convene within the next 2 weeks.

Town Hall Meetings

Sunday, March 13 • 2 pm at St. Margaret

Monday, March 14 • 7 pm at St. John

Tuesday, March 22 • 7 pm at St. Mary

At these meetings, we will, as a group, discuss and answer the 7 questions. Although you may watch these meetings via LIVEVIEW, questions will not be taken via this venue. If you want to be part of the discussion, you are required to attend in-person.

When answering these questions, please remember that this synod is not meant to be used as a platform to discuss issues of the Church. The goal of the Synod is that the Church can learn how to better listen to Her people.

The deadline to answer these questions is April 1. All submitted feedback will then be consolidated by our Parish Council and forwarded to the Archdiocese in order to meet the May 1 deadline.

Questions? Contact Christine at christine@theholyrood.org or (978) 254-4406.

Grand prize: \$5,000
2nd prize: \$500
3rd prize: \$500
4th prize: \$400
5th prize: \$300
6th prize: \$200
7th prize: \$100

\$5,000 BONANZA

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ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND PARISH

\$50 per ticket • No more than 500 tickets to be sold
Minimum of 400 tickets must be sold.

Purchase a ticket for yourself,
as a gift, or split it with friends!!

Join us for the Grand Prize Drawing on Friday, April 22, 2022

St. Margaret of Scotland Church Sacred Heart Hall

Raffle begins at 6:30 pm • doors open at 6 pm

Light refreshments will be served

Ticket order forms can be found on our website—
www.theholyrood.org/5000-bonanza—or at the entrances of
all our churches.

All proceeds will be used to start a savings fund for a
future kitchen renovation project.

Lenten Almsgiving

Please Support our Sister Parish During Lent

The Collaborative Social Justice Committee has taken for its International Initiative to support our Sister Parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea, in Sierra Leone, West Africa. During Lent, we are conducting an Almsgiving collection to support this Parish, which is so dedicated to serving its community through corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Your material and goods donations in years past have helped this community in a number of profound ways.

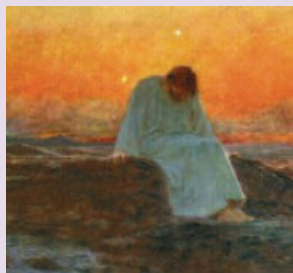
This year, you may donate via online giving, available through all of our churches. If you would like to donate by check, please make checks payable to either St. John the Evangelist, St. Mary or St. Margaret of Scotland and note 'Lenten Almsgiving' in the memo. Please do NOT make check out to The Holy Rood Collaborative as it is not a financial entity.



celebrate Lent

A Desert Experience

Sponsored by the St. John African Community



Friday, March 11 • 5 - 8 pm
St. John the Evangelist Church

Exposition and Benediction,
Rosary, Confession, Stations of the
Cross, Holy Mass

Speaker Presentation by Rev. Fr. Patrick O. Alemayo

“Come and Have a Desert Experience with The Lord”

Based on Mark 1: 12-20

Stations of the

Fridays of Lent at 7 pm

at St. John: March 4, March 25

at St. Margaret: March 11, April 1

at St. Mary: March 18, April 8



The Stations will also be prayed via St. John
LIVEVIEW on Tuesdays of Lent following Divine Mercy Chaplet

Lenten Confession Schedule



The Light is on For You: Wednesday Evenings

6:30 - 8:00 pm at all three churches

March 9, 16, 23, 30/April 6, 13

Our regular confession schedule will continue
throughout Lent with the exception of Wednesday,
St. Mary Confessions being CANCELLED due to
The Light Is On For You.

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Margaret of Scotland Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel
Wednesdays • 9 am - 3 pm



St. Mary Parish Center Adoration Chapel
Thursdays • 12 - 9 pm

St. John the Evangelist OPC Adoration Chapel
First Fridays [March 4, April 1] • 3 - 9 pm

Growing in Discipleship with Mary

Presented by Fr. Brian



Mondays Evenings
March 21, 28 and April 4
7 pm • St. Mary Church
in-person or via LIVEVIEW

The purpose of Lent is to grow as we live out our
baptismal promises, and Mary is the best example
of how to do that. Fr. Brian will guide us through
scripture and the teachings on Mary as we explore
what true discipleship means.

Lenten Scripture and Song



7 pm • Tuesday, March 29
St. John the Evangelist Church

7 pm • Tuesday, April 5 • St. Mary Church

This beautiful prayer service is meant to assist us in
preparing our hearts for the Easter Resurrection.
Lasting approximately 30 minutes, it is just enough
time for us to sit in stillness and reflect through word
and music of the Lenten Season.

Palm Sunday Cantata

2 pm • Sunday, April 10
St. Margaret of Scotland Church

A cantata is a medium-length narrative piece of
music for voices with instrumental accompaniment,
typically with solos, chorus, and orchestra. In
layperson's terms, it is songs with narrative interludes.
The Palm Sunday Cantata will naturally be focused
on the themes of Holy Week.

Tenebrae Service

a service of shadows

St. Mary Church
Wednesday, April 13
7 pm

Tenebrae takes its name
from the Latin word for
darkness as it is
characterized by the
gradual extinguishing
of candles



Archdiocesan happenings

Open House to Benefit Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

NEXT Sunday, March 13 at 2 pm

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
558 South Avenue, Weston, MA 02493

Since 1964, Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary has been acclaimed for offering a quality formation program for men answering the call to priesthood later in life. More than 700 alumni serve throughout the world.



The Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir will perform a concert of uplifting and spiritual music followed by a reception. Come join us for the concert and learn more about this unique Seminary by meeting and speaking to our seminarians, staff, faculty and alumni.

For more information, visit psjs.edu.

catholic community events

HOPE
CONFERENCES, INC.
FEARLESS

April 30 . 8:30 am - 6 pm
Cathedral of the Holy Cross



Feeling anxious and defeated by the social and personal upheaval all around you in these days? There is a courageous response to this current mayhem, but it involves our direct participation. Join us at this year's powerful Hope Conference to learn about the freedom of being FEARLESS in this present turmoil. Come and soak in the profound witness of on-fire speakers, fellowship in a community of Spirit-filled prayer warriors, and bask in the glory of praise and worship.

Tickets are priced at \$30 and \$40. To order, visit <https://www.simpletix.com/e/fearless-hope-conference-2022-tickets-99104>.

Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, April 2, 2022
Assumption University . Worcester

Men of all ages—including teens and college students—are invited to attend this well-known annual conference. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Fr. Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle.

Visit www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 21, 2022; afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

For further information please email Angelo Guadagno at angelo0527@gmail.com or call Elaine Ford at (774) 253-2996.

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,
click on the stewardship tab on our
homepage, www.theholyrood.org.

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 which 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.

ST. MARY WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of February 27/28	Fiscal Year-To-Date February 28th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$15,000	\$525,000	\$15,000
Actual Received	\$13,621	\$496,282	\$14,179
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$1,379	-\$28,718	-\$821

ST. JOHN WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of February 27/28	Fiscal Year-To-Date February 28th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$9,500	\$332,500	\$9,500
Actual Received	\$8,156	\$331,916	\$9,483
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$1,344	-\$584	-\$17

ST. MARGARET WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of February 27/28	Fiscal Year-To-Date February 28th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$4,630 **	\$162,050	\$4,630
Actual Received	\$2,691	\$148,030	\$4,229
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$1,939	-\$14,020	-\$401

**Please note the change in the weekly offertory budget number.

This number is strictly offertory and does not include the second collections, such as energy/fuel, church maintenance, etc.

GRAND ANNUAL AS OF FEBRUARY 27

	Goal	Raised	%age of Goal
St. Mary	\$90,000	\$81,913	91.01%
St. John	\$78,000	\$44,161	56.62%
St. Margaret	\$85,000	\$47,256	55.60%

THANK
you

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

THIS WEEKEND IS THE CATHOLIC APPEAL KICK-OFF WEEKEND!

Faith into Action



Supporting the Catholic Appeal is the most effective way to carry out the work of the Church, both within and beyond our parish boundaries. Please prayerfully consider making a gift by mailing back your pledge card or making an online gift at www.bostoncatholicappeal.com/donate-now. Your gift will help put **faith into action** in countless and far-reaching ways.

Faith

IN ACTION

IT ALL STARTS WITH

You



My Dear Friends in Christ:

In Matthew's gospel we are told, "You are the light of the world ... Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

I am reminded of that light every day as I witness the countless ways that our brothers and sisters throughout the Catholic community support one another. From organizing and staffing food pantries, to providing outstanding education to children, to serving as spiritual companions to those affected by addiction, I am inspired by the way our parishes and parishioners put faith into action.

These good deeds, and so many others, that help bring the light of Christ to those throughout our communities are made possible through your generous support for the annual Catholic Appeal. **At this time, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to the 2022 Catholic Appeal so that together we may continue to strengthen our faith and our communities while serving our brothers and sisters in need.**

Please know of my gratitude for your consideration of this request. Your generosity helps to put faith into action in so many greatly needed and very meaningful ways.

Asking God's blessings upon you and all whom you hold dear, I remain,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ Sean, OFMcap

Archbishop of Boston



By participating in the Catholic Appeal, you are helping put faith into action to serve those who turn to the Church for assistance. Your generosity helps to change lives through countless programs and ministries, including:

ADDICTION RECOVERY

The iThirst initiative empowers volunteers at 24 of our parishes to be a spiritual resource for those suffering from addiction, as well as for their families. The Archdiocese of Boston was the first diocese to implement this program, which has now grown into a worldwide ministry. iThirst provides formation for laity and clergy to equip them as Certified Spiritual Companions to accompany addicted individuals and their families along the road to recovery.

Your support of the Catholic Appeal allows the Addiction Recovery Ministry and Opioid Task Force to find and implement life-changing faith-inspired support and programs to anyone affected by addiction.

"We walk with people as two pilgrims, understanding and listening to a vulnerable and marginalized population that has largely gone unheard and underserved."

Keaton Douglas, Founder, iThirst



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our 100 Catholic schools help 31,000 students go further with faith, providing them with an outstanding education while inspiring them to realize their innate God-given potential. Mission Grammar School (MGS) in Roxbury serves children as young as three months old, offering a support system for families in an underserved community. MGS is an extraordinary example of how our schools encourage students to live the gospel and put them on the road to higher education and a successful life built on a foundation of faith.



"We know that a high-quality education surrounded in a faith-filled community is a way for access and opportunity, equity and possibility for our scholars."

Aliece Dutson, President, Mission Grammar School

Your support of the Catholic Appeal assists our Catholic Schools Office in ensuring our schools continue to be beacons of light in their communities, creating opportunities for success for students from early education through high school.

PARISH FOOD PANTRIES

Many parishes in our Archdiocese operate food pantries that provide nourishment and support for thousands of families in need. Harvest on Vine, the food pantry run out of St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Charlestown serves more than 300 local families each month. This food pantry, along with others across the Archdiocese, are more important now than ever, as the number of those suffering from food insecurity increased by 55% during the pandemic.

"In any community, there are always some folks who are simply, as Jesus would say, the neediest, the ones who everyone doesn't notice. We serve those people."

Fr. James Ronan, Pastor, St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish

Your support of the Catholic Appeal provides ongoing and wide-ranging operational support and assistance to our parishes as they do what they do best: carry out Christ's mission to help those most in need.



The Catholic Appeal helps fund the Central Ministries of the Archdiocese, which make programs and services possible both within and beyond the walls of your parish. Here is a breakdown of how funds raised through the Appeal were allocated in 2021.

■ Parish & Operational Support

Includes serving the 260 parishes across our Archdiocese, from offering support for wide-ranging operational needs to assisting with property damage and other maintenance.

■ Education

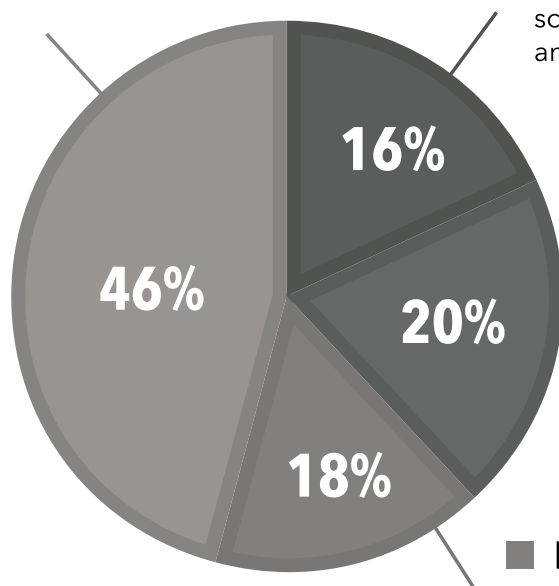
Includes supporting students and faculty at our 100 Catholic schools and providing education and guidance to future priests.

■ Service to Others

Includes offering support to those affected by addiction and training chaplains to work in hospitals and prisons across Greater Boston.

■ Faith & Formation

Includes providing vibrant religious education programs for all ages and overseeing campus ministry programs at more than 25 colleges and universities.



If you have received Cardinal Seán's letter in the mail and already made your gift or pledge, **thank you!** If not, here are the ways you can participate in the 2022 Catholic Appeal:

- Use the in-pew envelope found at your parish to make a gift or pledge.
- Make a donation online or learn more about the benefits of giving by Donor Advised Funds, stock, or IRA contributions by visiting our secure website **bostoncatholicappeal.org**.



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ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND PARISH(#227) THROUGH 2ND QUARTER FYE 2022

	7/1-12/31/21 <u>Actuals</u>	7/1-12/31/21 <u>Budget Plan</u>	Variance to <u>Budget Plan</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Offertory	115,956	120,380	-4,424	236,130
Offertory Monthly-Energy/Fuel, R&R, etc	28,588	23,920	4,668	46,920
Gifts, Bequests, Donations	31,508	17,250	14,258	33,500
Sacramental Offerings	16,690	11,750	4,940	23,300
Interest, Dividend & Investments	18,611	40,000	-21,389	80,000
All Other Income	23,425	12,526	10,899	108,151
Total Income	234,778	225,826	8,952	528,001
<u>Expenses</u>				
Clergy/Lay Compensation & Benefits	171,408	175,555	-4,147	351,101
Pastoral/Liturgical & Program Expenses	16,280	23,300	-7,020	54,200
Utilities, Heat, Maintenance	47,811	68,425	-20,614	119,150
Central Ministry Tithe	20,355	20,355	0	40,710
All Other Operating Expenses	68,291	48,440	19,851	92,475
Total Expenses	324,145	336,075	-11,930	657,636
NET INCOME/-LOSS	-89,367	-110,249	20,882	-129,635

Summary

As you can see, the Offertory is the primary source of income and is needed to sustain our parish and its ministries. Our actual Offertory for the 1st and 2nd quarters was a total of \$115,956, an average of \$4,460 per week. Our Offertory budget plan is \$4,630 per week and therefore we are falling short by \$170 per week. The Monthly Offertory, which includes 2nd collections such as Energy/Fuel, Church Maintenance, Renew & Renovation (R&R), etc. is above the budget plan through the 2nd quarter.

Please consider using Vanco Online Giving to make your donations to our church. This is a very convenient and secure option and helps the parish with cash flow. Visit our website (www.theholyrood.org) and click on the Vanco logo on the homepage to get more information and to sign up. If you need assistance with signing up or have any questions, please reach out to Paul Firicano in the parish office and he will gladly assist you.

Through the 2nd quarter, most expenses are following expectations and are actually below budget by \$11,930. We work extremely hard to keep expenses down, as they are carefully monitored. We will continue to review and analyze better ways to use the financial resources entrusted to us by the parishioners. Please also note that a payment of almost \$6,000 in insurance coverage is expected to be received soon to help offset some of the expenses that we have incurred from the damages during the lightning strike last July. Thank you for your continued prayers and support to our parish.

Respectfully submitted:
Fr. Brian Mahoney, Pastor and Paul Firicano, Collaborative Business Manager
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Family Faith Formation

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CLASS SCHEDULE

GRADES 1-6 SUNDAY, MARCH 6 FAMILIES GATHER TOGETHER

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

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 FAMILIES GATHER TOGETHER

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

CATECHISTS CHECK-IN SUNDAY, MARCH 20

2:00- 3:00 pm
via ZOOM

FIRST EUCHARIST PREP SUNDAY, MARCH 20

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

GRADES 7-8 SUNDAY, MARCH 20

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

CONFIRMATION I SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 20

4:15 - 5:45 PM
St. John Parish Hall

CONFIRMATION II SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 27

4:15 - 5:45 PM
St. John Parish Hall

MARCH DEEP DIVES

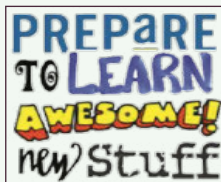
Stations of The Cross • Fridays at 7 pm
March 4 and 25 at St. John / March 18 at St. Mary
March 11 at St. Margaret

Teaching Baptism
Saturday, March 5
1:00 - 2:30 pm at St. John Church

Capuchin Mobile Ministry
Thursday, March 24 (RSVP required)
6:30 - 8:30 pm at St. Margaret Church

Teaching Mass • Sunday, March 27
1:00 - 2:30 pm at St. Mary Church

Lenten Scripture and Song • Tuesday, March 29
7 pm at St. John Church



P.L.A.N.S. FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

ALL FAMILIES ... should Pray together daily, Attend Mass weekly, Attend Class/ Disciple Group Monthly, & Complete one Deep Dive per Month

GRADE 1-6 STUDENTS ... will be staying in the church hall for a Family Gathering Session on the Stations of the Cross

GRADE 7&8 STUDENTS ... will be completing Altaration: Session 5: The "why's" behind the "what's?" - part A

CONFIRMATION I STUDENTS ... will be completing Chosen Lesson 7: Where am I going? and Chosen Lesson 8: How do I get there?

CONFIRMATION II STUDENTS...

will be completing Chosen Lesson 21: Do I have what I takes? and Chosen Lesson 22: Why Wait?

...youth events

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Jesus takes the world's view and turns it upside down.

Worldly authorities seek power, prestige, beauty and winning at all cost. Jesus' counter-cultural message however, is a call to turn the social ladder upside-down.

Scripture is filled with upside-down paradoxical statements.

"In order to gain life you must lose it" or "God's power is made perfect in weakness." Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be first will be last and the servant of all in the kingdom of God." Mark 10:43 states whoever wants to become great must be a servant.

Jesus demonstrated radical opposition to the dominant culture by serving and making friends with those in need.

He was a servant who triumphed by losing. He traded victory and power for hanging out with the poor and forgiving his enemies. His approach is not measured by what people have but on what they give. God's ways are not our ways, they are better.

Join us this summer to further discover what God's upside down approach to life looks like.



This year, our Collaborative will be welcoming 7 individuals into the Church at the Easter Vigil through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

As we enter the Season of Lent these 7 individuals will be entering the final phases of their preparation to become Catholic

Christians. We ask that you keep them in prayer, along with several adults who are preparing to come into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation.



So we can pray for them by name, please note below...

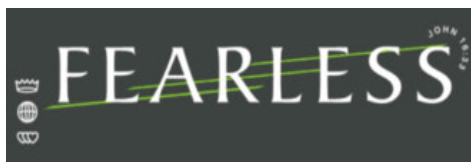
**Bruce, David, Dylan,
Estella, Gabriel, Katie, Nick, Owen,
Pedro and Rachel**

On this First Sunday of Lent, at the St. Mary 11 am Mass, they will participate in The **Rite of Sending**. This Rite "affords the parish community the opportunity to express its approval, to rejoice in the decision of these individuals to receive the sacraments of initiation, and to assure the Catechumens and Candidates of the community's care and support."

Following the celebration of this Rite, the Catechumens will travel to the Cathedral to participate in the **Rite of Election**. At the Rite of Election, the Catechumens will become the Elect, as this rite takes its name from the fact that here, "acting in God's name, the Church makes its 'election,' that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the dispositions that make them fit to take part in the Sacraments of Initiation."

Later in the Lenten Season, the Elect will participate in the 3 Scrutinies. More on that next week...

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COST: \$300—Scholarships are available... contact Courtney

"I have told you this that you might have peace in me.
In the world, you will have trouble, but take courage,
I have conquered the world." -John 16: 33



Right after I was born, my mom was able to stay in the hospital for a week. While she was in the hospital, my grandmother—my mother's mom—offered to take care of my brothers and sister so that dad could go to work.

The day they were bringing me home, my grandmother decided that she could help out some more by putting my crib together. When we got home they brought me into my room, placed me in my crib, and then left the room. About 10 minutes later they heard a tremendous crash coming from my room: the crib had completely fallen apart, and I was on the floor with some of the crib on top of me. The reason: my grandmother had managed to put my crib together without using a single screw. Fortunately, nothing happened to me.

What can happen many times in our lives is that we can—in a sense—do the same thing. We can start putting our lives together, but we can be missing something that is truly essential. The problem is that we don't realize it until things kind of fall apart. Lent is a good time for us to begin looking for what is missing from our lives before everything falls apart. It's a time to figure out what that missing screw is. The purpose of the three pillars of Lent—fasting, prayer, and almsgiving—is to help us take a really good look at our lives. Each pillar can guide us in seeing what is truly essential that may be missing as we seek to live out our life in Christ.

Fasting acts as a remedy for the temptations of the body. When we fast we are called to remember that our body is a gift from God. We fast from bodily pleasures to reinforce the notion that our body is not our own. Let us remember what Christ said to Satan as He hungered: we do not live by bread alone but by the very Word of God. We live in a world that has forgotten about the sins of gluttony and lust, and do not believe they are really sinful. How I eat is determined by what I decided is good to place in my body. Beyond the health issues, we are not really treating our bodies as temples of the Lord. Overeating is an abuse of our body. We also believe we should have a right to use our sexuality in whatever way we want. The vast majority of people in our country—including Catholics—believe sex outside of marriage is perfectly fine as long as it occurs between two consenting adults. The scriptures are quite clear that this is *not* true—God's very word puts the lie to this thinking. Many people see nothing wrong with pornography even though it is wholly and completely exploitive. For many it is simply about an individual person receiving sexual pleasure. But, when we make use of our sexuality, it *must* be other-centered—and that's the problem

with pornography. Yes, there should be pleasure in the use of our sexuality but that cannot be the driving force; it is intended to be about intimacy and self-offering. Fasting reminds us that our bodies are intended for more than just ourselves.

Prayer acts as remedy for seeing the world as revolving around *me*. Remember that prayer is not about telling God what needs to happen: prayer is about having a dialogue with God and growing in true communication. It is intended to lead us in growing in our understanding of God's will for us. Instead, most of us believe that, "I should have the freedom to do whatever I want, and if God really loves me He will make it all work out." We essentially are jumping off buildings when we think we can tell God to now catch us. Christ tells us that we cannot put the Lord, our God, to the test. Rather, Christ's prayer was, "Not my will, but your will be done." True prayer leads us to seek the life that God intends for us and *not* our desires. Prayer becomes more and more centered in not simply loving God, but coming to fall *in love* with God. It becomes the surest antidote to self-centeredness. I know in my own life that the more I pray, the more I recognize my self-centered ways, and the more I need confession. Prayer draws me closer to my true self and therefore closer to God.

Almsgiving acts as a remedy for focusing our lives on the material world. It is very easy to lose sight of what is truly important when we begin to live a life centered on what I can achieve materially. And if we are honest, the more that I consume, the more I desire. Our focus is centered on being more and more successful according to the ways of the world. We start to believe that the norms of the world are compatible with those of Christ—they are *not*! The act of consumption, in essence, becomes an idol that we worship. We pay more attention to our purchases than we do to our relationship with God. Almsgiving reminds us that all we achieve is really a gift from God and is intended to be used to promote the Kingdom. It reminds us that we are not called to be successful, but to be faithful and to worship God alone. We give *not* simply to help others, but to lead others through our giving to recognize the God who loves them.

My we truly use this Lent through the three pillars to recognize what is truly missing from our lives with 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@theholyrood.org.

Please keep me in your prayers.

From our Pastoral Associate

Sr. Lori Fleming SNDdeN

Make time to be nourished by the leftovers .

They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full . Then he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?”

-Mark 8:8; 21

What happened to the leftovers? Are we missing the continuation of the lesson Jesus was teaching? Do I make time to be nourished by the leftovers

Leftovers of:

Communion—sharing in the breaking of the bread; building community with others—those I agree with, those I don’t agree with, those I’ve never talked with.

Memories shared in conversations, revisited in reflection time spent in quiet and solitude, or recreated in mind or reality, times past that yet warm your heart in the present. Pondered times have nurturing morsels.

Anticipation—promise—looking forward to going there again, being in the presence of a loved one, the passion—powerful desire to be satisfied with goodness, to stay put in the presence of God.

Service—reaching out to others in their need—in my own need—to truly be with others; volunteering time; corporal works of mercy; spiritual works of mercy.

Actions for social justice—solidarity as a people living the Gospel mandates, working with others that we may all be respected, that all may be One.

Gratitude for blessings recognized and accepted; the Beatitudes; *Laudato Si*—Praise Be to You—Our Common Home.

Prayer time, Sacraments, and Devotions—personal and communal; God’s Word in the Bible; spiritual reading.

Family and friend time—enjoying the gift of belonging, the comfort of being with others who share values, faith, interests, pastimes.

Ongoing dreams—goals, plans, desires that stay alive within and motivate growth, inner calls to repentance and conversion; acknowledging and accepting the broken pieces.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst... those who look for and are nurtured by partaking of the leftovers. And who don’t forget to share them—they multiply when shared—they continue the teachings of Jesus.

There is nourishment. Do we understand what is freely given and freely shared?

From our Parochial Vicar

Fr. Fernando Ayala

Dying to Self

“You are dust and unto dust you shall return.” Those are the words we hear from the priest on Ash Wednesday, as he draws a cross on our foreheads. Is there a greater reminder of our mortality than this one? Death itself is staring at us, recalling each moment of our life when we truly felt alive. But why—why would death be part of such a life-giving season, the season of Lent? The season of Lent is about dying to oneself to give life to a new one—a new and transformed self. It is a season of change and a season of transforming bad habits into good ones. It is also a season to accompany those entering the Church during the Easter Vigil.

We die to ourself and we accompany those entering the Church in multiple ways; but the Church encourages three pillars. These pillars are: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Prayer is dying to self-reliance (or relying on oneself). In prayer we put our trust in the Trinity; thanking Him, praising Him, asking Him and befriending Him. We establish a relationship of trust with our God and our creator, allowing Him to work through us, and not us through Him. Fasting is dying to our bodies. In fasting we die to the pleasures of the flesh. Fasting is not just about food but also about dying to carnal pleasure. It is about mastering one of our biggest enemies, ourselves. Almsgiving is dying to material attachment and giving to those who need it most. Almsgiving is not just about money or how much we give but *what* we give to others. Do we give our time? Do we give our love? Do we give our friendship, our heart, our mind? Am I physically, psychologically, emotionally detached from earthly possessions? Am I attached to a particular unhealthy relationship? Am I attached to a particular unhealthy state of mind?

Ultimately we do this not to challenge ourselves as if it were a competition, but as the engine that starts new change. We observe these practices so that they become seeds of new life. They are the seeds now germinating in those who are entering the Church during the Easter Vigil. It is only through dying to self that the paradox of death produces new life through the Cross of our Lord.

It is then, in the victory of the Cross, that we are able to tell death staring at us: “Death, O death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory?”

Weekly Mass Intentions

St. John the Evangelist

SAT, MAR 5	4:00 pm:	David Lee Hayden: Memorial Daniel Joseph Mullane: Memorial
SUN, MAR 6	9:30 am:	Norman Reynolds: 18th Anniversary Mauricio Valencia: Memorial
	6:00 pm:	People of the Parish
MON, MAR 7	9:00 am:	Fern and Joseph Sevigny: Memorial
THU, MAR 10	9:00 am:	Christopher L. Gambon: Memorial
FRI, MAR 11	9:00 am:	Lucille Fortier: Memorial
SAT, MAR 12	4:00 pm:	People of the Parish
SUN, MAR 13	9:30 am:	Maurice Pontbriant, Sr: Memorial
	6:00 pm:	John Ryan: 3rd Anniversary

St. Margaret of Scotland

SAT, MAR 5	4:00 pm:	Stephen Botto: Memorial Gertrude Brooks: Memorial Rose Dowling: 4th Anniversary Frank LaPan: Memorial Rita Lessieur: 18th Anniversary Daniel and Grace Moynihan: Memorial Patricia Brooks Youngblood: 1st Anniversary
SUN, MAR 6	7:30 am:	People of the Parish
	10:00 am:	Elizabeth Ann St Peter: 3rd Anniversary
MON, MAR 7	8:00 am:	Members of The Holy Rood Collaborative Spiritual Society and Renewal/Renovation Fund
TUE, MAR 8	8:00 am:	Michael Jarek: Memorial
WED, MAR 9	8:00 am:	Gerald A Gendron: Memorial
THU, MAR 10	8:00 am:	Jack Bomil: Memorial
FRI, MAR 11	8:00 am:	Michale Romanowski: Memorial
SAT, MAR 12	4:00 pm:	Robert Zaim: 7th Anniversary
SUN, MAR 13	7:30 am:	Jack Connell: 3rd Anniversary
	10:00 am:	People of the Parish

St. Mary Parish

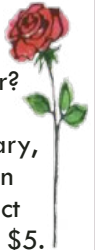
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SUN, MAR 6	7:00 am:	People of the Parish
	11:00 am:	Susan Rose Hammond: Memorial Edna and Frank Lezotte: Memorial Fr. Ken Loftus SJ: Memorial James Sullivan: Memorial Robert James Sullivan: 22nd Anniversary MaryAnn Zampell: Memorial
TUE, MAR 8	7:00 am:	Jack Sheehan: 9th Anniversary
THU, MAR 10	7:00 am:	Judith Ellen MacPhee: 8th Anniversary
FRI, MAR 11	7:00 am:	Marguerite Farley: Memorial
SAT, MAR 12	4:00 pm:	Daniel Daley: 3rd Anniversary
SUN, MAR 13	7:00 am:	Marguerite Farley: Memorial
	11:00 am:	People of the Parish

For details on all available ways to remember a loved one, visit:

www.theholyrood.org/remember-a-loved-one

NOTE: Flowers are not permitted to be displayed during the Lenten Season

Rose for Life



Is there someone special you'd like to honor? Consider 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.

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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May the souls of the faithful departed,
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-Amen

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Wednesday, March 2 • St. John

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**Ethel Kenney
of Chelmsford, MA**

Ethel Kenney, 79, of Chelmsford, MA died Sunday, December 26, 2021 at Lowell General Hospital.

She was married to the late John Kenney who passed away July 12, 2005.

Born in Lowell, MA, she was the daughter of the late George Furtado and Margaret (Morris) Schoellerman.

Ethel graduated with a GED. She retired from Raytheon of Lowell and S. Andover after 25 years.

She enjoyed traveling to Foxwoods and playing Bingo. She was a very faithful and devoted Catholic and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Chelmsford.

Ethel is survived by sons James Kenney and his wife Patricia of Hampton, NH, Timothy Kenney of Lowell, MA, William Kenney of Lowell, MA, John Kenney of Westford, MA, brother "Sonny" John Furtado

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of Chester, NH, sisters Eleanor Stout of N. Chelmsford, MA, Mary and her husband Henry Clark, of Osteen, FL., nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and many nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Ronald Furtado and Anita Mowatt.

Her visiting hours were Friday, December 31, 2021 from 10 – 11 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church in North Chelmsford, MA with funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Lowell. Memorials may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; www.stjude.org/give. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com.

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