



THE HOLY ROOD COLLABORATIVE

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



August 7, 2022 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

-Luke 12:37



Parish Office Location and Hours

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(978) 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 (Sep-Jun) • 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, August 8

Rosary before 8 am daily Mass at St. Margaret Church
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE LIVEVIEW
Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • St. John Church
Rosary • 7 pm • SM LIVEVIEW

Tuesday, August 9

Rosary before 8 am daily Mass at St. Margaret Church
Tuesday Morning Coffee, following daily Mass • St. John Hall
Blood Pressure Clinic, following daily Mass • St. John Hall
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE LIVEVIEW
Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • St. Margaret Church
Rosary • 7 pm • SM LIVEVIEW

Wednesday, August 10

Rosary before 8 am daily Mass at St. Margaret Church
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE LIVEVIEW
Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • St. Mary Church
Rosary • 7 pm • SM LIVEVIEW

Thursday, August 11

Rosary before 8 am daily Mass at St. Margaret Church
Rosary Makers • 10:30 am - 12 pm • SM PC Conf Room 2
Adoration • 12 - 9 pm • SM PC Adoration Chapel
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE LIVEVIEW
BINGO • doors open 3:30 pm/ first game 6:45 pm • SJE Hall
Rosary • 7 pm • SM LIVEVIEW

Friday, August 12

Rosary before 8 am daily Mass at St. Margaret Church
Knitting and Crocheting • 3 - 5 pm • St. Mary Hall
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE LIVEVIEW
Rosary • 7 pm • SM LIVEVIEW

Saturday, August 13

Confessions

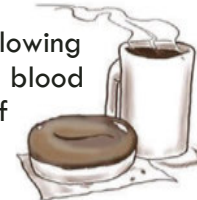
11 am - 12 pm: St. Mary Church
1 - 2 pm: St. Margaret Church
3 - 3:45 pm: St. John Church



and St. John
Tuesday
Morning
Coffee Group

are coming together THIS Tuesday, August 9 following the 9 am Mass at St. John.

Join us in the St. John Hall following the 9 am daily Mass to get a blood pressure check, grab a cup of coffee and enjoy some conversation.



Weekend Mass Attendance

Weekend Of July 9th/10th



St. Mary		
4 pm	7 am	11 am
131	109	171

St. Margaret of Scotland		
4 pm	7:30 am	10 am
89	56	140

St. John the Evangelist		
4 pm	9:30 am	6 pm
148	179	136



**What do you
call a row of
rabbits
hopping
away?**

answer on page 4

If you would like to submit a notice to be published in the bulletin, please do so no later than 12 noon, **TWO** Fridays prior to the weekend in which you would like it published. Please email your submittals to christine@theholyyood.org or mail: Parish Offices at 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, MA, 01863, ATTN Christine. We will do our best to accommodate your request.

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To allow us at The Holy Rood Collaborative to remember and honor the lives of loved ones who passed to new life during the time of COVID restrictions, the Ministry of Hope is planning a "COVID

In Memoriam"—a simple ritual to be observed at our Annual Outdoor Mass on Sunday, September 11. This ritual will provide a way for all who wish to remember the life of a loved one who passed away between March 2020 - June 2021. Ribbon banners displaying the names of our loved ones will be carried in the entrance procession of the Mass and will be placed near the altar, providing a visual reminder to keep these loved ones in prayer.

If you would like to submit the name of someone you wish to have remembered at this Mass—someone who passed to 'new life' during the time of COVID restrictions—please complete the form at: www.theholyrood.org/covid-in-memoriam. If you do not have access to a computer, you can complete the form below then place it into an envelope clearly marked CHRISTINE TRZNADEL/COVID IN MEMORIAM. Envelopes can be dropped into the offertory basket, into any of our secure black drop boxes, hand-delivered or mailed to the parish offices or mailed to the parish offices, ATTN Christine/ COVID In Memoriam.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NAMES IS NEXT
Monday, August 15th.**



Name of Person to be Remembered: _____

Date of Death: _____

Where was the Funeral Celebrated?

- ☐ St. Mary
- ☐ St. Margaret of Scotland
- ☐ St. John the Evangelist
- ☐ Other

Requested by: _____

Contact Phone Number for Clarification Purposes

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here's what's happening in The Holy

5TH ANNUAL HAIL MARY CHALLENGE

a million Hail Mary's in 6 months
May - October 2022

Record every Hail Mary that you pray, then on Monday (or at end of every month) email your count to Paul at psidari@ymail.com, call it into Christine at (978) 254-4406, or drop it into the offertory or any of our secure black drop boxes.



JUL 25- 31	TOTAL-TO-DATE	%AGE OF GOAL
43,430	483,346	48.3%

MONDAY MORNING Bible STUDY

a "guide to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ"



From the awe-inspiring Prologue of the Gospel of John, through Jesus' self-descriptions as the Light of the World and the Bread of Life, to Jesus's Farewell Discourse and His encounters with his followers, we are invited to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Him. In this study you will learn what it takes to follow Christ and discover the joy of divine friendship. You will see how God, and only God, can satisfy the deepest desires of your heart.

- Monday mornings, 10 - 11:30 am
Sept 19, 26 | Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | Nov 7
- St. Mary PC Conference Room 1
- **Registration Deadline: September 10**
- **Order Course Materials by: September 7**

To register and order materials, please visit our website:

www.theholyrood.org/bible-study

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

Grant Parker Kell
Parker Matthew Kukla
Benjamin Robert Larson
Penelope Marie Prutzer
Lincoln Nash Tomlinson



BAPTIZED AT ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Kaeto Chizu Asuzu

BAPTIZED AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Caitrin Frances Creamer Bodie Alexander MacArthur
Josie MacArthur Luca Ryan Pereira

Mark Your Calendar!

Annual Outdoor Mass
Sunday, September 11 at 10:30 am
The Great Lawn at St. John the Evangelist

Rood Collaborative community

Our Lady of Beauraing



You are invited to honor Our Lady of Beauraing at a festive Eucharist, to be celebrated on her feast day, the Queenship of Mary...

August 22 at 6:30 pm
St. Mary Magdalen Church
95 Lakeview Ave, Tyngsboro
Fr. Daniel Nassaney, O.M.I.,
will be the celebrant and
homilist.

Festivities will conclude with a procession to the outdoor statue and special blessing.

For more information, visit (978) 649-1813.

Who is Our Lady of Beauraing?

visit <https://www.ncregister.com/blog/the-golden-heart-apparition-of-our-lady-of-beauraing>



a receding hairline!

ST. JOHN'S Beautification Offering

This offering funds the beautification of St. John's Altar. Your voluntary donation can be accompanied by the request that it be "In Memory/Appreciation Of", or "For the Intentions Of" someone.

Mr and Mrs William Chase Jr
Pietro DeVita
Bill Fadden
Paul Fadden
Lucille Fortier
Eileen Francoeur
Lorraine Gower
Mary Greeley
Michael F Harrington
Elizabeth T Harrington
Mr and Mrs Joseph Palermo
Barbara A Regan

Join us for our **SECOND** of three Summer "How To" Workshops.

howTo SUMMER WORKSHOPS

These evenings are meant as a fun experience for ANYONE who is seeking to take a small step in deepening their faith and prayer life. A great evening for beginners and veterans alike!

WHO

This evening is for ALL adults in our communities and BEYOND. BRING A FRIEND!!!

WHAT

This month's theme is "How To Access the Bible"

WHEN

Wednesday, August 17 | 7 - 8:30 pm

WHERE

St. Mary Parish Center | Conference Room 1

WHY

To provide a fun experience for those seeking to take a small step in deepening their faith and/or prayer life. A great beginner-friendly evening!

AND HOW

A fellow parishioner will be our guest speaker, sharing some helpful and practical tips, including:

- seeing the bible as a library
- reading the bible with purpose
- why the bible? why me? why now?

We have games, challenges and activities planned in order to reinforce what we have learned.

Our final session in September will be How To Discern Your Mission (yes, you have one!)

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 July 30th/31st	Fiscal Year-To-Date July 31st	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$15,000	\$75,000	\$15,000
Actual Received	\$14,108	\$64,348	\$12,870
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$892	-\$10,652	-\$2,130

ST. JOHN WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of July 30th/31st	Fiscal Year-To-Date July 31st	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$9,500	\$47,500	\$9,500
Actual Received	\$10,277	\$40,289	\$8,058
Shortfall/ Overage	\$777	-\$7,211	-\$1,442

ST. MARGARET WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of July 30th/31st	Fiscal Year-To-Date July 31st	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$4,630	\$23,150	\$4,630
Actual Received	\$3,461	\$18,396	\$3,679
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$1,169	-\$4,754	-\$951



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We're HIRING FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

This part-time position provides administrative support to the Business Manager in regard to the financial management of our three-parish collaborative. Prospective candidate must have excellent people skills, be able to multitask and prioritize in a busy environment and must be able to work well with staff and various demographic groups. Candidate must have excellent computer proficiencies in Microsoft 365, electronic calendars, data base software, Sage Intacct and other leading office software programs. For the full job description visit www.theholyrood.org/job-opportunities. Please provide cover letter and resume to Paul Firicano, Business Manager, at pfiricano@theholyrood.org or by mail to 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, MA 01863.

Family Faith Formation

Uniting the Heart of the Church with the Heart of the Home



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Catholic Dream Destination



IF you could go ANYWHERE in the world that would help to reinforce your Catholic beliefs, where would it be?

Across the big blue pond to Rome (Hello, Fr. Fernando!)? To Greece, to follow in the footsteps of Paul with Deacon John and Fr. Fernando? A pilgrimage to The Holy Land? Or maybe something a little closer to home like the National Shrine of Divine Mercy?

Have you ever visited any of your Catholic Dream Destinations? If so... Where did you go? Would you go again? What did you do there? What was the weather and landscape like? How did it help you experience your faith? Did it help you grow in your faith? If so, how?

Our Catholic Heritage is in large part passed on to us through the telling of stories and handing down of traditions... So, you can probably guess where this is leading :). We would LOVE to hear your story. It is most likely to provide inspiration to one, two, maybe many more readers! And who knows... maybe the beginning of a new tradition for others.

Send your 'story' to hhannaway@theholyrood.org and let us know if we can share it with our parish family. We can publish anonymously if you would prefer... we just want to get your story out there!



Tuition Angels give their wings to others so they can be lifted in their faith journey. They are those generous individuals who make our Scholarship Fund possible... the fund that is used to assist in the covering of registration costs for those families who are not in the position to do so on their own. Might you consider being one? If so, your donation can be made online via any of our churches giving links that can be found at...

www.theholyrood.org/on-line-giving

If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to the parish in which you wish to donate and note SCHOLARSHIP FUND on the memo line. Your donation can be...

- hand-delivered to the parish offices
- dropped into any of our secure black drop boxes
- mailed to the parish offices, ATTN: FAITH FORMATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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for school supplies

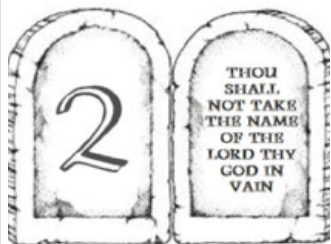
Pink WASHABLE Magic Markers* | SMALL glue sticks | packs of COLORED pencils

Collection Bins are located at...

St. John NPC Lobby | St. Mary Parish Hall | St. Margaret Church Main Entrance

*can be found in the Crayola® broad-line WASHABLE TROPICAL COLORS pack

TEN COMMANDMENT ARTICLE SERIES



by Fr. Brian

Two weeks ago, I got a phone call from a person who had the wrong number. The person asked for someone by name, and when I told them they had

the wrong number, they asked me my name. I, of course, refused to give it. I was not about to give my name to someone I did not know: that is something really personal. It speaks at some level to the kind of relationship you have with them. I remember as a kid that we always called adults by their last name unless we had a very close relationship with them—almost at the level of family. How ingrained this was for me came out at a funeral I did a few years ago for a friend's mother. The mother's name was Penny, but even as an adult I always called her Mrs. Visconti. Well, at the funeral I obviously used her first name in the prayer petitions, but when I went to preach the homily, I said I needed to call her Mrs. Visconti because that is what I always called her.

From a Biblical perspective, a name was not randomly chosen but had a deep significance. A family's history of names was an important factor, as it is today, but the definition of the name was also important. It spoke of the hope or desires that the family had for the new child. The use of the person's name, hence, had deep significance. We can see this same truth in the Second Commandment which states: "You shall not invoke the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished anyone who invokes his name in vain." (Deut. 5:11) This commandment is a reminder that we must take seriously the name of the Lord. It is not *just* a "name;" rather it is the holy of holies in our midst to which we give voice. Giving voice to the name of God, or speaking of Him, should never be taken lightly; instead, we must always have a sense of awe and a desire to express our love for God when speaking his name.

When Moses asked the Lord for his name at the burning bush, "God replied to Moses: 'I am who I am.' Then He added: 'This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.'" (Ex. 3:14) God, by naming himself "I AM" (or Yahweh) revealed a truth about himself—that He is the uncreated who creates. This name comes to have deep significance for both the people of Israel and for Christians. This injunction of not using the Lord's name in vain was something the Chosen People took very seriously. Over time the name written in Hebrew as יהוה (YHWH) was not even spoken in religious context, out of fear of misusing the Lord's name. The high priest would pronounce the name once a year in the sanctuary of the Holy of Holies at Yom Kippur. In the scriptures they started to use titles for God like: Elohim (God, or authority), El (mighty one), El Shaddai (almighty), Adonai (master), Elyon (highest), Avinu (our father). The use of titles ensured that a person did not inadvertently use the Lord's name in vain.

Jesus himself speaks of the importance of the name of the Lord when, in the Our Father, He calls us to pray "hallowed be thy name." Jesus is not telling us to make God's name holy, but rather, that it *is* holy, and we must respect that truth. Therefore, as Christians, we are bound to uphold the Second Commandment and when we do *not* do that, it could constitute a mortal sin. When we are disrespectful of the name of the Lord, it speaks to our relationship with God in that moment. Such disrespect can lead to a break in that relationship.

What does it mean to make proper use of the name of God, or Jesus Christ? As Christians we do not generally use the name Yahweh when we speak of God. We simply say 'God.' Though the term God is not a proper name for God in a technical sense, in how we have come to use it is essentially what God's name has become. Therefore, when we use the name of God in a way that is not expressing our adoration for the Lord, then we have entered the realm of sin. How many will say "O God!" or even "Jesus Christ!" simply to be emphatic? Every time we do that, we have used the Lord's name in vain. People will, of course, ask why God would care about this? It is simple: we are called to always treat God with awe and reverence. When we use God's name in any other way, then we are not being truly humble before the Lord. The only time we should use the name of the Lord is in prayer or speaking about our faith. Any other use of his name is breaking the Second Commandment.

Another way we show reverence for God's name is our willingness to share our faith. When I worked at Digital, people knew what my faith was. They knew I was a Catholic and quite proud of that fact. In sharing my faith, I never forced it on anyone, but when the time was appropriate and the discussion allowed for it, I spoke about what I believed to be true. Many times, people would ask me why I thought the way I did, and the discussion would follow a new path. When they were no longer interested, I stopped pursuing the conversation. But my faith was shared, and I hoped seeds were planted. We hallow God's name by sharing the great gift He has given us, our faith, which leads to our salvation.

Ultimately, the Second Commandment is not simply about words said or religious actions taken. It is about living a life centered wholly and completely in Christ. When we do that, we are giving honor and glory to the name of God; anything else is breaking the commandment. As we hear from the prophet Micah: "You have been told, O mortal, what is good and what the LORD requires of you—only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8) If we live this out each day, we will be living out the Second Commandment, for a faith lived out is hallowing the name of God.

If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to ask me directly, or send your questions to me at fr.brian@theholyyood.org, or if easier please call me at (978) 254-0560.

Please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ,

From our Pastoral Associate

Sr. Lori Fleming, SNDdeN

Make Time for a Heart Check-up

Learn from Me, for I am Meek and Humble of Heart

Part of it might come from the observing and picking up of heart-shaped rocks as one walks the beach. Part of it might come from reflecting on the collection of heart-shaped rocks in a prayer corner. Hopefully, the greatest part comes from listening to the familiar psalm refrain – *“If today you hear my voice, harden not your heart.”* Today just might be a good day to make time for a heart check-up.

Recently one of the Gospels for daily Mass was one that many find comforting—*Come to me all you who labor and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest. Take up your yoke and learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart.* We might often settle into the quiet and comfort of the first line—just come to me, give it over to me—let it go, and rest—just be with me. How often might we take time and the stillness to let the other words speak—*learn from me.* What does Jesus want to teach me—what do I need to learn—what am I open to learn?

Meek - Jesus identifies with this word and even names it as a blessing in the Sermon on the Mount. Meek is being able to endure injury with patience and without resentment.

Humble of Heart - A heart that feels its beat in the Heart of Jesus is compassionate, caring, merciful, and forgiving. It pulses Love.

Learning from the Heart of Jesus involves coming to Him; recognizing God's presence within and without me, and taking up the yoke of Practice, Practice, Practice.

Heart health is improved and maintained by healthy eating and regular exercise.

A diet of intentional reflection on the Word of God in Scripture and from spiritual writers whets our appetite and increases a deep inner desire to grow closer to our God. We name this holiness – walking always as a Child of the Light, a call we each received in Baptism.

Some words for a heart-pondering diet:

With all vigilance guard your heart,
for in it are the sources of life. -Proverbs 4:23

A Heart full of Love always has something to give.
-St. Pope John XXIII

Lift up your hearts. We have lifted them up to the Lord.
-Eucharistic Prayer

Heart exercises produce an energy boost when they involve the whole body and keep us moving.

Nothing we don't know – only need to take the time to do:

- Morning and evening prayer
- Gratitude journal
- Breathing in, recognizing and appreciating God's presence in people and the world around me.
- Participating in the Sacrifice of the Mass and being nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.

If Love is the heart of your life, you are a happy and healthy believer and witness to Christ.

From our Senior Priest in Residence

Fr. Ray Benoit

Trusting in God and Doing Our Best in All Things

The Christian way of life is not immune from becoming *unexciting*. Our task—so-to-speak—is to let God replace the *weariness* of life with the *enthusiasm* of grace. A parishioner asked a priest of many years when was it that he had decided to be a priest. He paused, and then said he had decided that morning to be a priest and that he does so every morning. This daily openness to God helped to keep his priesthood vibrant. My friends, this is the kind of enthusiasm for which we all should strive. Several themes flow through today's Scripture readings. When blended together, they make for a harmonious recipe that can restore flavor—that is, *enthusiasm*—to the Christian way of life.

In today's first reading, the author of the Book of Wisdom presents one of the popular religious themes of his day to remind the people of God's faithfulness to their ancestors, and, therefore, God's faithfulness to them. He speaks of the *Exodus* event as brought to life in the Passover meal. His eloquent teaching on God's great deeds was his banner of hope for his oppressed people. For the Israelites, it was through the rituals of the Passover meal that God became present to them in his great deeds of salvation, giving freedom to those in slavery. *God saved!* The people cooperated by entering into the saving acts of God!

In today's second reading, St. Paul speaks of faith as an awareness of what cannot be seen, yet is the source and object of our hope. He says that for Abraham, the evidence was seen once he had reached the Promised Land after a long and difficult journey into the unknown. In his old age, both he and his wife Sarah saw the evidence of the unseen in her miraculous pregnancy. Abraham was obedient to God's call to venture out into that which could not be seen. His faith was strong. St. Paul says that by faith, our ancestors overcame obstacles to belief, such as complacency and weariness.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to not be afraid, that the Father is pleased to give them the Kingdom and that they should be ready to open the door when the Master knocks. The disciples could see neither the Kingdom nor the Master, nor can we see that which Jesus desires for us. The disciples must call on faith to realize what is hoped for, but nonetheless remains *unseen*. They have seen some evidence of the kingdom—healings and miracles. Peter asks Jesus if these sayings are meant for them or for everyone. Maybe he is hoping for an easy out. Faith will require a lot of work on his part.

Trusting in God is not always easy, my friends, especially when there are doubts raised by voices that tell us we are wrong to believe in the things of God that cannot be seen. As with the priest who decides each morning to be a priest, so it can be with each of us if we renew our intentions every morning to our Christian way of life. Then weariness will not be able to make a permanent home in our life.

Shalom! Peace be with you!

Father Ray



Mass Intentions

If you would like to request that a Mass be celebrated for a specific intention or person, call the parish office. A donation of \$10 per intention is requested when you schedule your intention.

St. John the Evangelist

SAT, AUG 6	4:00 pm:	Brendan Corkery: 1st Anniversary Pietro Devita: 6th Anniversary Cesario and Scarpelli Families: Memorial LIVING INTENTION: Joyce and Bob Strength to deal with illness
SUN, AUG 7	9:30 am:	Mauricio Valencia: Memorial LIVING INTENTION: Gus and Peggy Skamarycz Birthdays
	6:00 pm:	People of the Parish
MON, AUG 8	9:00 am:	Kathleen Wright: Memorial
TUE, AUG 9	9:00 am:	Mark Gadbois: Memorial
THU, AUG 11	9:00 am:	Lucille Fortier: Memorial
FRI, AUG 12	9:00 am:	Marsha Lannquist: 2nd Anniversary
SAT, AUG 13	4:00 pm:	People of the Parish
SUN, AUG 14	9:30 am:	Catherine and George McDonough: Memorial
	6:00 pm:	Pamela Genest: Memorial

St. Margaret of Scotland

SAT, AUG 6	4:00 pm:	Jean Krystof: Memorial
SUN, AUG 7	7:30 am:	People of the Parish
	10:00 am:	Wayne Fairbrother: 41st Anniversary
MON, AUG 8	7:00 am:	Paul LeBel: Memorial
TUE, AUG 9	7:00 am:	Albert Wheeler: 5th Anniversary
WED, AUG 10	7:00 am:	Barbara Cesarz: Memorial
THU, AUG 11	7:00 am:	Joanne Zamorski: Memorial
SAT, AUG 13	4:00 pm:	Mary Kay McNeil: 5th Anniversary
SUN, AUG 14	7:30 am:	Daniel J MacMaster: 14th Anniversary
	10:00 am:	People of the Parish

St. Mary Parish

SAT, AUG 6	4:00 pm:	Irene Bernadette Cooke: 2nd Anniversary Marguerite Farley: 5th Anniversary John O'Neill Sr: Month's Mind
SUN, AUG 7	7:00 am:	People of the Parish
	11:00 am:	Paul Clark: 15th Anniversary
MON, AUG 8	7:00 am:	William L Kelley: 1st Anniversary
SAT, AUG 13	4:00 pm:	George Sorbello: 1st Anniversary
SUN, AUG 14	7:00 am:	People of the Parish
	11:00 am:	Michael McDonald: 6th Anniversary and 30th Birthday Memorial



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 and the dedication will be published in the weekly bulletin. If you would like to donate altar flowers, call the parish office. A 2-week notice is required for your order.



Lamps

Each of our churches offers the opportunity to have the sanctuary lamps burn in Memory of a loved one. St. Margaret also has two additional lamps. 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 6pm, followed by the ringing of the Angelus bell and 2 hymns. At 3pm, 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 \$25 stipend includes your dedication being published in the bulletin.



Wayne Fairbrother: 41st Anniversary

Recent Funerals

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



Alice Santos

Monday, August 1 • St. Margaret

Kevin Shield

Monday, August 1 • St. Mary

Christina Manolopoulos

Tuesday, August 2 • St. John

Joanne Normandie

Thursday, August 4 • St. Margaret

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The Chaplet to the Divine Mercy

Our Lord revealed to Saint Faustina a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say- the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Promising extraordinary graces to those who would recite this special prayer.

Our Lord said to Saint Faustina: *Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given you... Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death... When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior... I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy... through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.*

Prayers of the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy:

1. The sign of the Cross
2. Opening Prayers (optional): You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushes forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us (Diary, 1319).

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You! (Three times) (Diary, 84).

- 3. The Our Father
 - 4. The Hail Mary
 - 5. The Apostles' Creed
6. On the "Our Father" bead before each decade: **Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world (Diary, 476).**
 7. On the "Hail Mary" beads of each decade: **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**
 8. Repeat **"Eternal Father"** and **"For the Sake of His sorrowful Passion"**.
 9. After 5 decades, the concluding doxology (three times) **Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**
 10. Closing Prayer (Optional): **Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen (Diary, 950)**

