



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



June 25, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not be afraid;
you are worth more than many sparrows.”

-Matt 10: 6:31



Parish Office Location and Hours

115 Middlesex Street • North Chelmsford, 01863
(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, Sunday, 12 pm

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, June 26

Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE Church and LIVEVIEW
 Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • SJE Church
 Rosary • 7 pm • SM Church and LIVEVIEW
 St. Mary 4 pm Choir • 7 - 8 pm • SM Hall

Tuesday, June 27

Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE Church and LIVEVIEW
 Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • SMS Church
 Rosary • 7 pm • SM Church and LIVEVIEW
 SMS Choir Practice • 7 - 8:45 pm • SMS Choir Loft

Wednesday, June 28

Adoration • 9 am - 3 pm • SMS OLL Chapel
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE Church and LIVEVIEW
 Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • SM Church
 Rosary • 7 pm • SM Church and LIVEVIEW

Thursday, June 29

Charismatic Prayer Group • 10 - 11 am • ZOOM
 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 Church and LIVEVIEW
 BINGO • doors open 3:30 pm/ first game 6:45 pm • SJE Hall
 Women's ACTS Meeting • 6:45 - 8:45 pm • SJE OPC
 Rosary • 7 pm • SM Church and LIVEVIEW
 St. Mary 11 am Choir and Ensemble • 7:30 - 8:30 pm • SM Church

Friday, June 30

*** PARISH OFFICES CLOSED ***

Knitting and Crocheting • 3 - 5 pm • SM Hall
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy • CANCELLED
 Rosary • CANCELLED

Saturday, July 1

Confessions • refer to cover

Sunday, July 2

Annual African Community Liturgy • 9:30 am • SJE Church



The Parish
 Offices
 will be closed
 from Friday,
 June 30
 through
 Tuesday, July
 4th.

We will open at 9:30 am on
 Wednesday, July 5th.



Sixth Annual

Hail Mary
 challenge

May 1 - October 31, 2023

Report your Hail Mary Counts—weekly or
 monthly—via email to psidari@ymail.com or
 call into Christine at (978) 254-4406.

JUNE 12- 18	TOTAL-TO- DATE	%AGE OF GOAL
35,700	237,020	23.70%

Weekend Mass Attendance

Weekend Of June 17th/18th

St. Mary		
4 pm	7 am	11 am
185	116	249
St. Margaret of Scotland		
4 pm	7:30 am	10 am
94	81	162
St. John the Evangelist		
4 pm	9:30 am	6 pm
148	215	115



**Did you hear that
 laughing too loud
 in Hawaii is
 illegal?** (see page 4)

Clergy

Reverend Brian E. Mahoney, PASTOR
fr.brian@theholyrood.org | (978) 254-0560

Reverend Fernando Ayala, PAROCHIAL VICAR
frfernando@theholyrood.org | (978) 401-9844

Reverend Patrick Alemayo, PAROCHIAL VICAR
fr.patrickalemayo@theholyrood.org | (978) 451-6767

Reverend Arnold F. Colletti, SR. PRIEST IN RESIDENCE
frcolletti@theholyrood.org | ext 116

Reverend Raymond Benoit, SR. PRIEST IN RESIDENCE
fray@theholyrood.org | ext 115

Deacon John C. Hunt, Jr., PERMANENT DEACON
deaconjohn@theholyrood.org | (978) 254-2696

Deacon Frank Perez de Alderete, PERMANENT DEACON
deaconfrank@theholyrood.org | (978) 633-5408

Deacon Barry V. Lloyd, SR. PERMANENT DEACON
deac5@comcast.net | (978) 454-6505

Outreach & Parish Ministry

Sr. Lori Fleming, SNDdeN, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
srlori@theholyrood.org | ext 225

Business Office

Paul Firicano, COLLABORATIVE BUSINESS MANAGER
pfiricano@theholyrood.org | ext 220

Tina Sousa, FINANCE COORDINATOR
tsousa@theholyrood.org | ext 219

Family Faith Formation

Heather Hannaway, MA, DIR OF FAITH FORMATION
hhannaway@theholyrood.org | ext 226

Courtney Callanan, MA, ASST DIR OF FAITH FORMATION
courtney@theholyrood.org | ext 227

Shaun Bradley, FAITH FORMATION ASSOCIATE
sbradley@theholyrood.org | ext 232

Elaine Kindler, FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
ekindler@theholyrood.org | ext 216

Lynn Anne LaDuke, FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR
lynnanne@theholyrood.org | ext 240

Office Administration

Sue Beechin, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
sue@theholyrood.org | ext 236

Jamie Brown, PART-TIME SCHEDULING COORDINATOR
jbrown@theholyrood.org | ext 239

Donna Gambon, PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
dgambon@theholyrood.org | ext 248

Rae Russo, PART-TIME FUNERAL COORDINATOR
rae@theholyrood.org | (978) 306-5882

Facilities

Dan Heider, FACILITIES MANAGER
dheider@theholyrood.org | ext 213

Chris Goglia, FACILITIES SPECIALIST
chris@theholyrood.org | ext 233

Bulletin, Website, Social Media

Christine Trznadel, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
christine@theholyrood.org | (978) 254-4406

2024 Mass Intentions



The partial 2024 Mass Intention Calendar opens Monday, July 10 at 9 am. We are only able to schedule intentions for the time period of January 1 - May 31, 2024, as we anticipate the potential June 2024 change in Mass Schedule.

You can contact the parish offices during regular business hours at (978) 256-2374. **Mass intentions cannot be requested via voicemail or email message.**

A donation of \$10 per intention is suggested to be made at the time that you schedule your intention, and it/they will be published in the bulletin if scheduled with enough advance notice to meet the bulletin submittal deadline.

THE BELOW GUIDELINES APPLY TO MULTIPLE MASS WEEKENDS, which are earmarked for the first weekend (Friday through Sunday) of every month. If your intention request falls within this timeframe, we ask that you please familiarize yourself with the following guidelines before calling to schedule:

- Up to 10 intentions will be scheduled per each of the following Masses...
 - ♦ Friday 7 am St. Mary; 8 am St. Margaret of Scotland; and 9 am St. John the Evangelist daily Masses
 - ♦ Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 11 am St. Mary weekend Masses
 - ♦ Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 9:30 am St. John the Evangelist weekend Masses
 - ♦ Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 10 am St. Margaret of Scotland weekend Masses
- There is no stipend required for these Mass intentions
- The following Sunday Masses are strictly reserved for the People of the Parish...
 - ♦ St. Mary 7 am Mass
 - ♦ St. Margaret of Scotland 7:30 am Mass
 - ♦ St. John the Evangelist 6 pm Mass



NEW TO THE CALENDAR THIS YEAR!

In addition to St. Mary, Altar Flower Intentions will now be available at St. Margaret of Scotland and St. John. The cost of this intention is \$40. For additional ways in which to remember a loved one, please refer to the last page of the bulletin, or www.theholyrood.org/remember-a-loved-one

here's what's happening in The Holy



Thank you to everyone who participated in ALL our Mass Time Surveys. During this last round, there were a number of questions asked and comments made that I look forward to addressing in a bulletin article upon my return from vacation.

Again, thank you for your participation!

Fr. Ben

Next Saturday,
July 1st, The Holy
Rood Collaborative
celebrates it's
SECOND BIRTHDAY!

July 1, 2021,
St. John the Evangelist,
St. Margaret of

Scotland and St. Mary parishes joined
together to form what we think we can all
agree is a thriving and growing community!

Happy Birthday to Us!



et-woj-b wolle l'uo l'et...

VACATION BIBLE FUN 2023

July 31–August 4

WE NEED YOU!

- (1) adult group guide for 3rd or 4th graders
- (4) youth—2 male/2 female—to be part of bible drama team
- (2) youth to be part of snack team
- (2) 8th -10th graders to be group guides

Register by clicking on the VBF link on the homepage of our website or enter this link into your browser...

<https://theholyrood.org/vacation-bible-fun>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 7!



PRAYER IS A TOOL TOO

It is a tool used by each and every one of us at many different points in our life. We pray for health and healing, for a reprieve from stress and anxiety, for a job, for safe travel, and maybe even for a parking space.... and on and on the list of prayer petitions go!



TOOLS 4TEENS

A Catholic Heart Workcamp Fundraiser

Some of us pray daily: some in the morning, some in the evening, some in the car while driving to work, appointments or the grocery store. Some of us pray the Rosary and other rote prayers, some of us prayer with scripture and some pray as they look to nature, in awe and appreciation of the song of the birds, the newly formed buds on a tree, or the perfect design of a spider web in the crook of a towering tree... all that could only have been created by the hands of a loving God. No matter how often we pray; no matter our method of prayer, we all do it!

While we are extremely grateful to have received such positive and generous monetary response to our TOOLS4TEENS campaign, we are also in need of prayers. As the money fuels the vans, prayer fuels the spirit!

Next time you pass the toolbox at any of our churches, we ask that you consider taking a prayer envelope—marked by the picture of Rosary beads (no, you are not required to pray the Rosary)—so that the spirits of our teens, chaperones and clergy may be lifted up in order to lift those whom they will be serving.

We thank you for your continued and generous support!

TOOLS SOLD/ MONEY RAISED-TO-DATE

\$ GOAL	# TOOLS SOLD	\$ RAISED	%AGE OF \$ GOAL
\$8,000	135 OF 289	\$5,085	63.56%

Rood Collaborative community

Strawberry FESTIVAL



St. John Church Hall
Saturday, July 15 following 4 pm Mass
Sunday, July 16 following 9:30 am Mass

- Strawberry Shortcake
- Strawberry Lemonade and Tea
- A wine/scratch ticket raffle basket
- Corn-Hole board... just for fun



ANNUAL AFRICAN LITURGY

ALL are invited to this wonderful, faith-filled celebration of African Culture and Catholic Liturgy.

Sunday, July 2 • 9:30 am St. John Mass

Following Mass, join us for food and fellowship

Please Note: Mass may be extended in length by no more than 15 minutes, with a possible end time of 10:45 am

QUESTIONS?

- Fr. Patrick Alemayo at (978) 451-6767
- Dr. Daniel Okyere at (508) 405-6293

Through a tree we were made debtors to God;
so through a tree we have our debt canceled."

- Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Father of the Church

Knight of the Year

On May 25th, the Bishop Ruocco Council Knights of Columbus held an anniversary dinner in honor and celebration of 37 years of



dedicated service to church and community. At this event, Grand Knight Lou Soracco presented the Knight of the Year Award to Adam Whitehouse, for all his outstanding work over the year.



Join us in congratulating Adam, a faithful St. Mary Parishioner, on this recognition of his dedicated and selfless service.



Congratulations Adam!



ATTN: MINISTRIES!

If you require the use of facility space at any time from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, you can now begin submitting reservation requests at...

www.theholyrood.org/reserve-a-room

The entire 'how-to' process is outlined on this webpage, so in order to minimize questions that would potentially cause a delay in the processing of your request, we suggest that you familiarize yourself with this information before completing and submitting the form.

All requests will be considered on a first-come/first-served basis and processed **ONLY AFTER** the staff meets in early June to finalize the parish event calendar.

For those who do not have access to a computer, please contact Jamie at ext 239.

the Financial Page

Paul Firicano, Business Manager
ext 220 or pfiricano@theholyrood.org

Fiscal Year 2022: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

To view this and ALL past financial reports, visit
www.theholyrood.org; click on the stewardship tab

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO DONORS

If you make your offertory or any other donation via check, it is extremely important that the check is made 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. To eliminate your need to re-write a new check, and to allow timely processing of your donation, please be sure to make note of this directive.

ST. MARY WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of June 17th/18th	Fiscal Year-To-Date June 18th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$15,000	\$735,000	\$15,000
Actual Received	\$13,581	\$693,504	\$14,153
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$1,419	-\$41,496	-\$847

ST. JOHN WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of June 17th/18th	Fiscal Year-To-Date June 18th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$10,300	\$504,700	\$10,300
Actual Received	\$6,586	\$445,471	\$9,091
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$3,714	-\$59,229	-\$1,209

ST. MARGARET WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of June 17th/18th	Fiscal Year-To-Date June 18th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$4,800	\$235,200	\$4,800
Actual Received	\$3,304	\$215,599	\$4,400
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$1,496	-\$19,601	-\$400

To learn more about this year's appeal, visit <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/> then please prayerfully consider making a gift by mailing back your pledge card or making an online gift at <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/ways-to-give/>. Your gift will help put **faith into action** in countless and far-reaching ways.

Faith into Action

CATHOLIC APPEAL AS OF JUNE 12

	Goal	Pledged	%age of Goal
St. Mary	\$66,931	\$63,075	94.24%
St. John	\$44,343	\$54,863	123.72%
St. Margaret	\$29,548	\$34,232	115.85%

We ask anyone who has not had a chance to donate, please consider doing so. Please visit www.theholyrood.org/grand-annual-campaign-2023 for updates on how the collection is progressing, summaries on how the funds will be used, and to donate using Online Giving as an easy and convenient option.

GRAND ANNUAL AS OF JUNE 18

	Goal	Raised	%age of Goal
St. Mary	\$100,000	\$82,855	82.86%
St. John	\$70,000	\$57,961	82.80%
St. Margaret	\$65,000	\$62,222	95.73%

Family Faith Formation

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



Heather Hannaway, MA • Director of Faith Formation • hhannaway@theholyrood.org • ext 226
Courtney Callanan, MA • Assistant Director of Faith Formation • courtney@theholyrood.org • ext 227
Shaun Bradley • Faith Formation Associate • sbradley@theholyrood.org • ext 232
Elaine Kindler • Faith Formation Program Administrator • ekindler@theholyrood.org • ext 216
Lynn Anne LaDuke • Faith Formation Coordinator • lynnanne@theholyrood.org • ext 240

Register your Child(ren) TODAY!

\$175* for 1 child/ \$260* for 2 children/ \$290* for 3 or more children

**Please add \$50 to First Eucharist, Confirmation I and Confirmation II registrations.*

When registering, please remember that Sacramental years—First Eucharist and Confirmation—are 2-year programs, regardless of your child's grade in either public or Catholic school.



Please do not delay in registration due to finances. No deposit required. Payment plans can **always** be arranged, and financial aid **may** be available

scan the qr code or visit us at... www.holyrood.org/faith-formation-registration



Thank you to everyone who has given support to the Ukrainian family! They arrived in the US two weeks ago and are doing well with grateful hearts and the right attitude for new experiences. Not only were we able to raise enough money to cover their plane tickets, we also received a lot of help in the way of logistical needs. We are so thankful to our collaborative community for standing behind this effort, and for God's Providence in bringing together two

families who are well matched. Truly we are blessed as well as them.

With the help of Allen Beebe, Oleksandr was able to choose and fix up a road bike for himself at the Bike Connector in Lowell, similar to the one he had to leave behind in Kyiv. He was very pleased! Thank you Allen!

And with the help of Pregnancy Care Center Northeast, the family was blessed for the first time to see their baby on ultrasound, confirm a healthy pregnancy, and have other people share in their joy without judgment! Both mom and dad were deeply touched by the invaluable support that this organization provides no matter what the situation. It was a wonderful gift.

Our next step is to ask if anyone has an old car. Perhaps you have one that you are thinking of "retiring," trading-in, or donating. Please consider donating it to this family, since having their own transportation will become especially important when their new baby is born in December. If you don't have such a car, but would like to help with potential savings for a car, please donate using the GoFundMe link below.

Keep the prayers coming! God is so good!

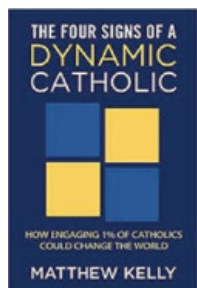
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-for-ukrainian-family-in-billerica>





A few years ago, I read the book **The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic** by Matthew Kelly. It is a book I highly recommend to you.

The first sign he speaks about is prayer and its necessity in any disciple's life. We cannot truly have a real relationship with Jesus/God without a real prayer life. The most essential element of growing in that relationship is giving ourselves the space in our life to have a real conversation with God. But Matthew Kelly points out that we are often



telling people about the necessity of prayer without giving them the tools for prayer. I believe most Christians know they need to pray, but (as the book makes clear) many try but fail to develop a real prayer life. And part of that failure occurs not out of lack of desire, but frustration in not knowing what to do. They attempt many times to develop a prayer life but do not have a clear sense of how to go about it.

Matthew Kelly gives a very simple plan for how to pray, which I would like to share with you. The first step is to find a place where you will feel comfortable and then follow these seven steps:

In The Prayer Process we take time—a minute, two minutes, or maybe ten minutes—to spend time with the Lord every day. Pick a specific time when you will pray: for example, Morning Prayer or Night Prayer. It is an intentional way that we grow in our faith. The seven steps of The Prayer Process are as follows:

1. **Gratitude:** Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.
2. **Awareness:** Revisit the times of the past twenty-four hours when you were, and were not, the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
3. **Significant Moments:** Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

4. **Peace:** Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
5. **Freedom:** Speak with God about how He is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.
6. **Others:** Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.
7. Finish by praying the Our Father.

What Matthew Kelly shares with us is a very simple and straightforward way to approach a prayer life. And it has all the essential elements for really growing in our conversation with God. I would like to challenge everyone in the parish to take seriously the need to pray daily. I really believe that if we can become a parish that prays well, we will see dramatic and dynamic changes in our community.

I also know that we do not all pray in the same way, and so over the next few weeks I would like to offer some other ways that we can pray. The most important reality of prayer is not *how* we do it but *that* we do it. We need to pray both liturgically as a community and privately/devotionally as an individual. In a sense we have two prayer lungs, and to breathe in the Spirit of God fully we need both lungs working. It is not enough to simply come to Mass, nor is it enough to simply pray by oneself. Christ prayed both with his community and privately, and we need to live our lives following his example. Let us then take up the challenge of growing in our prayer life on a daily basis and getting both of our lungs working.

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

Please keep me in your prayers.

From our Faith Formation Program Associate
Shaun Bradley

Every society throughout history has had its own creation “myth;” the story that explains how the world and the cosmos came to be. These stories are much more than just fairy tales though, as they have a profound impact on how society is structured and how people behave. Take for example the myth of the ancient Babylonians, which claimed that the world was the result of a war between the gods, and that planet earth was nothing more than the carcass of a dragon slain in that war. As cool as this may sound (planet earth is a dragon husk?!), it came with negative consequences for the people of Babylon because this myth was used as a justification for a brutal and tyrannical monarchy. Since the planet was a dead dragon, any life that came from it (ie humans) were just as monstrous as the thing from which they were born. As a result, the king of Babylon had to rule with an iron fist—the only way to tame his monstrous subjects.

The same is true of our prevailing creation “myths” today: the Big Bang and evolution. Billions of years ago, an explosion sent matter hurtling through space in the ever-expanding universe. Luckily, some of that matter wound up the perfect distance away from a star of the perfect size so that water could exist in its liquid state; the requirement for life to flourish. From there, single cell organisms began to populate the planet, and over the course of millions of years, they would slowly mutate, with some of these mutations being for the better. They would turn into multi-cell organisms, and eventually, they would gain sentience. Over the last 10,000 years or so, those sentient creatures would come to be known as humans. Ultimately, we humans are just lucky to be alive. We’re happy accidents in an uncaring universe, where nothing has any meaning beyond “getting lucky” with the laws of nature. Is it any surprise then that the societies with this “myth” feature some of the most desperate and desolate people? If we exist by pure chance and are just lucky to be alive, what can that lead to, other than despair?

Thankfully, approximately 2500 years ago, a group of foreigners living under the yoke of the tyrant king of Babylon wrote down their creation “myth.” Their myth did not start from the violence of the gods, nor did it include the unintended consequences of a war. Instead, their myth described a God who created in an orderly fashion, stopping at each step along the way affirming that what He created was good. And when this God finally created humans, He saw not monsters to be ruled and tamed by force, but creatures that were “very good.” Today, we need that “myth” just as much as when it was first written down. We need the story of creation that does not contradict science but completes it. We need the “myth” that tells us the Big Bang and evolution were intentionally planned and caused. Most of all, we need the good news that human beings are not happy accidents, but creatures made “in His image, after His likeness.”

From our Permanent Deacon
Deacon Frank Perez de Alderete

My desk at work—and at home—play host to a variety of random objects that are there for the purpose of letting me think. Like many people, I do my best thinking when I’m engaged in something that doesn’t require a lot of thought, like doing the dishes or mowing a lawn. Since neither of these are options in the workplace, I have strange things like river rocks, Silly Putty, toy cars, and Legos. Now before you think I sit at my desk making ‘vroom vroom’ sounds, I don’t actually ‘play’ with them; I just hold them. It’s a bit like putting on the TV so the kids won’t bother you while you get that report done—only the kid I’m distracting is my inner child.

The Gospel today put me in mind of my favorite one of these objects: an aluminum slug no bigger than a pocket knife with a simple phrase milled into one side. I acquired it when I was helping my son clean up a lab at the university where students practiced machining. As I was sweeping up the metal shavings, I found the discarded chunk of aluminum. Its weight surprised me, and I asked to keep it for my desk. The heavy little thing went into my pocket to join my collection. I didn’t really pay much attention to it at the time, but when I pulled it out of my pocket later and turned it over, I read what the student had carefully milled into its surface: “What would you do if you knew you could not fail?” In an absolute pinnacle of irony, the question mark at the end of the sentence was wonky, so the student had opted to toss the slug rather than mill it to whatever its final form was intended to be. But it did make me think: What *would* I do if I knew I couldn’t fail?

Every morning I’d see the little silver block asking me the question and it gave me a little bit of encouragement. If I could not fail, then I could focus on my journey rather than the destination. With fear of failure off the table, minor setbacks became just that—minor. I knew I wouldn’t reach the finish line today or tomorrow, but I could move confidently towards it knowing that eventually, I would get there.

How much more then, do the words of today’s Gospel compel us to live our faith bravely and joyfully. Jesus tells us: *“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted.”*

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”



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 when you schedule your intention.

St. John the Evangelist

SAT, JUN 24	4:00 pm:	Fran Hassett: Memorial
SUN, JUN 25	9:30 am:	Walter John Lisien: Memorial
	6:00 pm:	People of the Parish
MON, JUN 26	9:00 am:	Patrick John Cannon: Memorial
TUE, JUN 27	9:00 am:	Meghan Sullivan: Memorial
WED, JUN 28	9:00 am:	Judith Pigeon: 2nd Anniversary
SAT, JUL 1	4:00 pm:	Normand DuBois: 20th Anniversary Peggy Lorrey: Memorial Paul McMeniman: 6-Month Anniversary Eleanor Mello: Memorial Delores Perry: Memorial Grace M Steed: Memorial Martin J Steed Sr: Memorial Mary Blanche Steed: Memorial Robert and Dolores Wilson: Memorial
SUN, JUL 2	6:00 pm:	People of the Parish

St. Margaret of Scotland

SAT, JUN 24	4:00 pm:	Charles J Heslin: 10th Anniversary
SUN, JUN 25	7:30 am:	People of the Parish
	10:00 am:	James Carolan: Memorial
MON, JUN 26	8:00 am:	Rita Doherty: Memorial
TUE, JUN 27	8:00 am:	Yvette Cote: Memorial
WED, JUN 28	8:00 am:	Aline Paquin: Memorial
THUR, JUN 29	8:00 am:	Helen A Scanlon: Memorial
FRI, JUN 30	8:00 am:	LIVING INTENTION: In Honor of Siobhan and Michael Kalenoski 1st Wedding Anniversary
SAT, JUL 1	4:00 pm:	LIVING INTENTION: John Loftus Special Intention Conrad and Gladys Rock: 15th Anniversary
SUN, JUL 2	7:30 am:	People of the Parish
	10:00 am:	Elaine Holland: Memorial Alice C Roark: 20th Anniversary William P Ryan: 24th Anniversary

St. Mary Parish

SAT, JUN 24	4:00 pm:	Don Ayer: Memorial
SUN, JUN 25	7:00 am:	People of the Parish
	11:00 am:	James J O'Reilly: 38th Anniversary
MON, JUN 26	7:00 am:	Julia Orna: Memorial
WED, JUN 28	7:00 am:	All Deceased Members of the Albin A Hastbacka Family
SAT, JUL 1	4:00 pm:	Louise LaChance: Memorial Alice Martin: 1st Anniversary Barbara Theriault: 16th Anniversary
SUN, JUL 2	7:00 am:	People of the Parish
	11:00 am:	Peter Eric Sutter: 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.



In Memory of James J O'Reilly
38th Anniversary



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 Blessed Mother Lamp and the Sacred Heart Lamp. The stipend for any of these lamps is \$25, and your dedication will be published in the bulletin.

St. Margaret Bells

The steeple bells at St. Margaret toll daily at 12 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. Your dedication published in the bulletin.



In Memory of:
William and Anne Walker

Recent Funerals

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



Astrid VanDermeer

Thursday, June 22 • St. Mary

William Catania

Friday, June 23 • St. Mary

Bartholomew Mullen Jr

Friday, June 23 • St. Margaret

David Jensen

Saturday, June 24 • St. John

Deborah Perciballi

Saturday, June 24 • St. Mary

**ST. JOSEPH
CEMETERY**
96 Riverneck Rd.
E. Chelmsford, MA 01824-2942
(978)458-4851

 **CrossPoint Financial
Advisors, LLC**
Mark Lefebvre, CLU, ChFC
Kenneth Levesque, CLU, ChFC, CFP
Investment Services • Financial Planning • Insurance
One Oldie North Rd Ste 303 • Chelmsford, MA 01824
Phone: 978-256-4700 • Fax: 978-256-4790
ken@cpfinancialadvisors.com • mark@cpfinancialadvisors.com
Securities and Advisory Services Offered Through LPL Financial, a Registered Investment Advisor. Member FINRA/SIPC

[illegible]

**CHELMSFORD
ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

 *Pawsitively Great Care*

 RSPCA
REGISTERED
VETERINARY PRACTICE

www.chelmsfordanimalhospital.com

catholicmatch®
Massachusetts



CatholicMatch.com/MA

**FENOCHETTI
REMODELING**
Windows • Bath • Porches
Additions • Decks • Basements
Entryways • Kitchens • Repair Work
4th Generation Remodeling Co.
David Fenochetti CSL #58149 HIC#159334
Office: 978-256-8150 Cell: 508-265-6775

 **PAYROLL**
106 Tyngsborough Road • North Chelmsford
Patricia DeFreitas, Owner
978-251-3003 ext 204
pat@abcpayroll.net www.abcpayroll.net

T·D·D
THOMAS DOHERTY DOYLE
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW, PC
ADMITTED IN MASS. & NEW HAMPSHIRE
978-677-1019
5 Fletcher Street, Unit 2A, Chelmsford, MA
www.lawddoyle.com • tdd@lawddoyle.com



LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Mac Economy

meconomy@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6442

EB
**Enterprise
Bank**
20 Drum Hill Road
656-5585
185 Littleton Road
442-5588 Member **FDIC**

Got Faith in Your Finances?

In bull markets, people lose their faith. In bear markets, people lose their faith. It can be a long, arduous journey. We can help guide you through it.

Who is your trusted family advisor?

Larry Eppolito, MBA
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™
President, EFS

One Meeting House Rd. Suite 14
Chelmsford, MA 01824
(978)-455-7799
Larry.Eppolito@RaymondJames.com
www.EppolitoFinancial.com

EPPOLITO
FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

Eppolito Financial Services, LLC is not a registered broker-dealer and is a independent of Raymond James Financial Services Securities advised through Raymond James Financial Services Inc. Member (SIPC) SEC Registered Investment Advisor. Services offered through Raymond James Financial Services Advisors, Inc. Certified Financial Planner of Standards Inc. owns the certification marks CFP®, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® and Individual Financial Consultant®. The use of these marks by individuals who have successfully completed CFP® initial and ongoing certification requirements.

J.P. RIVARD Trailer Sales Inc.
NEW & USED TRAILERS
TRAILER & TRUCK REPAIRS
& MAINTENANCE
978-251-9953
15 WESTFORD ROAD, AYER, MA





BLAKE CHELMSFORD FUNERAL HOME

Chelmsford's Funeral Home Since 1956



FUNERALS • CREMATIONS • CELEBRATIONS

Paul A. Hardy, Jr. & Jennifer Lebaropoulos Hardy
Owners & Funeral Directors Type III

Elizabeth Amodio, Matthew Crowley
Funeral Directors Type VI

chelmsfordfuneralhome.com **978.256.5251** 24 WORTHEN STREET
CHELMSFORD

MILLTOWN
PLUMBING • HEATING • AC • DRAIN CLEANING



(978) 654-6994

*"If you judge people, you
have no time to love them."*

-Mother Teresa

The Parlee Family

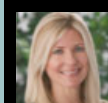


978-251-0444
112 Middlesex St.
No Chelmsford
(across from
St. John)

ANSTISS

CERTIFIED
PUBLIC
ACCOUNTANTS

Since 1964
AUDIT, TAX AND ADVISORY SERVICES
6 Omni Way Ste 201 • Chelmsford, MA 01824
(978) 452-2500 • www.Anstisscpa.com



Wendy Crandall
REALTOR®

617-359-5969
wendy.crandall@compass.com
21 Central Square
Chelmsford



HENRY'S

Professional Cleaning Services
**Commercial Janitorial
Cleaning Service**
978-596-6565
FULLY INSURED & BONDED

Michael
OLENCHAK
HOME
IMPROVEMENTS

Finish Carpentry • Remodeling
Interior & Exterior Repairs • Small Jobs
Decks/Porches • Handyman Services
(978) 251-4215
CHELMSFORD, MA



MICHAEOLENCHAKHOMEIMPROVEMENTS.COM • EMAIL: M.OLENCHAK@YAHOO.COM • LICENSED & INSURED



Janet Veino, Agent

978-853-5749

Janet.Veino@NNEMoves.com
realestatebylaurab.com

MA License #9527606 Office License #8064
NH License #69317



Balance Therapy
Orthopedic Rehabilitation
Vertigo & Dizziness
Treatment

978-456-5450

201 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford
www.fyzical.com/Chelmsford

SUNSHINE
CARPET & FLOORING

978-251-8825 • www.sunshinecarpetflooring.com



DOLAN
FUNERAL HOME

Active Supporters & Parishioners
of the Holy Rood Collaborative

978-256-4040

Or visit us at **www.dolanfuneralhome.com**

106 Middlesex St. Chelmsford

Type 3 Funeral Directors:

Jim Dolan & Andrew Dolan

Type 6 Funeral Directors:

Dennis Graham, Fred Healy &

Michael Coppa

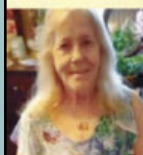


Recent Funeral at St. Mary's

Mary Ellen McGrath

of Lowell, MA

Scan to read Mary's obituary.



JOANN B WYNKOOP

MA Certified General R.E. Appraiser #75350

978-866-7599

jbwynkoop@affinityappraisals.com

affinityappraisals.com

119 Drum Hill Road #187

Chelmsford, MA 01824



The Establishment

restaurant - bar - functions

eatestablishment.com

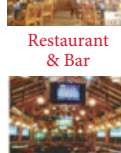
75 Princeton Street, North Chelmsford, MA • 978-455-3111



**Restaurant
& Bar**



The Tuscan Room



The Banquet Room

Host your next function at The Establishment.

We offer a variety of settings for your event.

From our bright dining room to the two private rooms, our rustic mill location is perfect for weddings, showers, baptisms, first communions, mercy meals, birthday parties, anniversaries and more.

Email Dawn at
dzanazzo@yahoo.com
for information

NEED MEDICARE HELP?

AEP - TURNING 65 - RETIRING

**I DO NOT
CHARGE
ANY FEES**

Let's compare health & prescription drug plans costs & benefits together.
How do you choose? Which is better for you? When can you switch plans?
Compare Medicare Advantage, Medigap & PDP supplement plans

Call or Email to Schedule Meeting with me **978-314-3760 • debhaleyinsurance@gmail.com**

We do not offer every plan available in your area. Any information we provide is limited to those plans we offer in your area. Please contact MEDICARE.gov or 1-800-MEDICARE to get information on all your options.

Deb Haley
Certified Enrollment Broker/Agent MA, NH, ME, VT, ME & FL
Licensed Health Insurance Broker - NPN#18509337



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Church Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

Holy Rood Collaborative

03-0756