



# 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



# July 9, 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Come to Me, all who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.”

-Matthew 11:28



## Parish Office Location and Hours

115 Middlesex Street • North Chelmsford, 01863  
(978) 256-2374 | [www.theholyrood.org](http://www.theholyrood.org)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday • 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday • 9:30 am - 5:00 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, July 10

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

## Tuesday, July 11

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

## Wednesday, July 12

Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE Church and LIVEVIEW  
Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • SM Church  
St. Mary Youth Choir • 4:45 - 5:45 pm • SM Hall  
Rosary • 7 pm • SM Church and LIVEVIEW

## Thursday, July 13

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

## Friday, July 14

Knitting and Crocheting • 3 - 5 pm • SM Hall  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE Church and LIVEVIEW  
Rosary • 7 pm • SM Church and LIVEVIEW

## Saturday, July 15

Confessions • refer to cover  
Backpack Attack Bin Decoration • 9 am - 12 pm • SJE Parking Lot  
Contemplative Prayer Group • 9:30 - 11 am • SJE Linehan  
St. Mary Bell Choir • 2:30 - 3:30 pm • SM Choir Loft  
Strawberry Festival, following 4 pm Mass • SJE Hall

## Sunday, July 16

Strawberry Festival, following 9:30 am Mass • SJE Hall  
Prayer Shawl Ministry • 9:30 - 11:30 am • SJE OPC  
African Community General Mtg • 1:30 - 3 pm • SJE Mariotti



## St. Margaret of Scotland

Bernie Rivera Reyes & Amie Ramos  
BANNS II



following Saturday 4 pm Mass  
following Sunday 9:30 am Mass

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

**I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.**



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

-John 6:51

### YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL

June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024

The second phase of the Eucharistic Revival will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING INFORMATION!



**Why did the lemon  
go out with  
the prune!**

(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@theholyrood.org](mailto:christine@theholyrood.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 promote communication and transparency throughout The Holy Rood Collaborative, you are encouraged to forward any comments and concerns you may have directly to the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils.

Each parish in the Archdiocese of Boston is required to have a parish pastoral council.

The PPC's role is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education and service activities within the parish.

## Collaborative Parish Council

Parish Council matters can be sent to:  
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# here's what's happening in The Holy



## 2024 Mass Intentions

The partial 2024 Mass Intention Calendar opens **THIS 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 Masses
  - ♦ Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 9:30 am St. John the Evangelist 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](http://www.theholyrood.org/remember-a-loved-one)



stay in touch!

## BE IN THE KNOW

We are able to communicate with our Collaborative family efficiently and effectively through a communications/email tool called FLOCKNOTE, to which so many of you already subscribe! Whether it be Mass readings, event schedules and reminders, video links, invitations, well-wishes, etc, etc... this is the best way to stay connected to the happenings in our parishes.

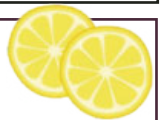
If you are not receiving FLOCKNOTE email notifications, then you are missing out on receiving the latest and greatest news in a most timely manner.

To subscribe...

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answer:  
because she couldn't  
find a date



Our St. Vincent de Paul Ministries are available to provide assistance to those in need within our parish boundaries. They typically provide short-term assistance to aid individuals and families with expenses such as rent, food, utility bills and more. If you or someone you know is in need of help, please call the parish offices at (978) 256-2374 for St. John and St. Mary or (978) 459-0175 for St. Margaret.

# Rood Collaborative community

The Holy Rood Collaborative is organizing its annual School Supply Drive for those in need RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY! All donations will be given to the Lowell Wish Project to be handed out to local students in time for their first day of school!



We are challenged to meet and exceed the generosity of last year when we stuffed 180 backpacks with 9,749 pieces of school supplies! Donation Boxes will be in place at each church beginning on the weekend of July 15th/16th and will remain in place through Sunday, July 30th. We ask that you fill them with NEW, UNOPENED items from the following list. Please don't stray from this list as these are the items that have been specifically requested for this event.

- |                                       |                    |                   |                             |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| - backpack                            | - spiral notebooks | - folders         | - 10-pack of pencils        |
| - pencil sharpener                    | - pens             | - 12" ruler       | - metal scissors            |
| - pack of markers                     | - colored pencils  | - 24-pack crayons | - pink style or cap erasers |
| - 2-3 glue sticks or 1 bottle of glue |                    |                   |                             |

And yet another option! You can purchase directly from Amazon (link below) and your purchase will be shipped directly to The Wish Project. Be sure to select "GIFT OPTION," but do not have it wrapped. In the message section state that your gift is on behalf of The Holy Rood Collaborative, allowing for tracking. **The Amazon link to be used to make your purchase can be found at <https://theholyrood.org/back-pack-attack>**

Lastly, if you wish to make a financial donation, you are asked to donate directly to The Wish Project, **whose link can also be found at <https://theholyrood.org/back-pack-attack>**. Of course, you can make a donation in any amount you wish, but here are some 'pre-packaged' options: a \$60 donation provides a backpack filled with all the needed supplies; a \$1,500 donation sponsors a classroom, providing 20 students with filled backpacks!

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our kids in need and The Wish Project.

**It is YOU who can make a difference;**

**one glue stick... one folder... one crayon at a time!**



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Box Decorators

We are looking for some help in decorating the (8) collection boxes that will be placed in all our churches into which donations can be placed. JUST SHOW UP!

**WHO:** Adults and Kids... **DATE:** Saturday, July 15... **TIME:** 9 am... **WHERE:** St. John Parking Lot

### Sorters and Stuffers

We are looking for some help in sorting all donations then stuffing them into the backpacks.

**WHO:** Adults and Kids... **DATE:** Saturday, August 5... **TIME:** 4 pm, for approximately 2-3 hours

**WHERE:** Wish Project Parking Lot/ 166 Middlesex Street/ North Chelmsford, MA 01863

**To sign up, please visit [www.theholyrood.org/back-pack-attack](http://www.theholyrood.org/back-pack-attack)**

# the Financial Page

Paul Firicano, Business Manager  
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Fiscal Year 2022: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

To view this and ALL past financial reports, visit  
[www.theholyrood.org](http://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.

**Due to early submittal to the printer because of the 4th of July celebration, the offertory report for the weekend of July 1st/2nd will be reported in next weekend's bulletin (July 15th/16th) alongside the July 8th/9th offertory.**

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 26**

	Goal	Pledged	%age of Goal
St. Mary	\$66,931	\$81,118	121.20
St. John	\$44,343	\$56,413	127.22%
St. Margaret	\$29,548	\$35,042	118.59%

We ask anyone who has not had a chance to donate, please consider doing so. Please visit [www.theholyrood.org/grand-annual-campaign-2023](http://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 25**

	Goal	Raised	%age of Goal
St. Mary	\$100,000	\$83,165	83.17%
St. John	\$70,000	\$58,351	83.36%
St. Margaret	\$65,000	\$62,272	95.80%

*thank you*

**FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISHES**



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# Family Faith Formation

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



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## It's not too soon to look for school supplies that our Faith Formation Program needs.

### CLASS SUPPLIES NEEDED!

We specifically need:

- WASHABLE Marker packs that include *any color of PINK*
- Red, Green & Blue Dry-Erase markers



Beginning July 22<sup>nd</sup>, designated Family Faith Formation bins will be located in the St. John New Parish Center, St. Mary Parish Hall, and at the St. Margaret of Scotland main entrance.

if you haven't already...

## REGISTER NOW

at [www.holyrood.org/faith-formation-registration](http://www.holyrood.org/faith-formation-registration)

\$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

Volunteer as a Facilitator for a table of students at any of our grade-levels. Any confirmed adult—with or without children in the program—are welcome! The only requirement is a willingness to share your Catholic faith to foster the growth of the next generation of the Church; you will not be asked to plan any lessons! Confirmed students are very welcome to be Co-Facilitators for Grades 1 – 6.

If you prefer working with adults, consider volunteering as a Mentor to facilitate Discipleship Groups. This is mostly a once per month commitment. BONUS! If you have children in the program, you receive a \$125 discount off your family's registration fees for either of these volunteer positions.

Interested? Visit [www.theholyrood.org/intent-to-volunteer](http://www.theholyrood.org/intent-to-volunteer) to fill out the form, and a staff member will reach out to you. Questions? Kindly get in touch with a Faith Formation staff member via the above contact information.



## Might you Consider Being a Tuition Angel?

Tuition Angels 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. Make checks payable to the parish in which you wish to donate and note SCHOLARSHIP FUND on the memo line. You can drop off your donation in person to the parish offices or into any of our secure black drop boxes, or mail it to the parish offices, ATTN: FAITH FORMATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Thank you!





Last week we saw that 'praying through scripture' is one way to establish a prayer life. The use of scripture in prayer is ancient. And when we use scripture we do not have to guess whether we are

hearing God, because the Bible is God's very word proclaimed to us. The power of the scriptures is grounded in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit ensured that the scriptures would never contain an error when it comes to faith and morals. The Holy Spirit gives us the insight to understand the wisdom contained in the scriptures. Last week we focused on a simple way to meditate on God's word through scripture. But, in a prayer life there are many different ways to make use of the Bible.

When we want to develop a relationship, one of the most important elements is coming to know the person with whom we desire to have a relationship. God understands our need to know Him. We were created to be in relationship with God, and so we are only truly grounded when we have a real relationship with Him. Like all others, that relationship is built upon trust, fidelity, mutuality, and real communication.

Once humanity wrecked our relationship with God, God decided to fix it. He had a plan for how our salvation would work. It took time, for God wanted to prepare the way for our salvation. He helped us experience the truth of salvation through being on a journey—a journey that needed a roadmap. God knew that we could not achieve salvation on our own; in fact we can never achieve salvation. So, the Father sent Jesus to do that for us.

Many people have their own ideas about who Christ is. And quite frankly, many of their ideas are simply wrong. They try to box Jesus into a nice, neat little package so that they can live their lives without really being challenged. Yet, that is why Christ came. He came to challenge us and help us find that roadmap. Basically, Jesus *is* the roadmap because He is the only way to salvation. If we want to learn how to read the roadmap, we need to understand how the roadmap works. We can only discover that through a real relationship with Christ. And we can only have a real relationship with Christ when we make use of the scriptures. As Saint Jerome wrote, "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Last week we presented a simple way of meditating on the scriptures; this week I would like to take a slightly different track. Saint Ignatius of Loyola developed this method as he came into a real relationship with Christ. He believed in using our imagination to place us into the scripture stories. The use of imagination can make some people uncomfortable, but it is a powerful way to make the Gospel stories come more alive for us.

I would like to propose the following steps to begin praying with and through the scriptures.

1. Find a quiet place to sit and relax.
2. Take a deep breath and hold it for a few seconds and then release.
3. Pray a prayer to the Holy Spirit for guidance (something like the following):
4. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill my heart with Your holy gifts. Open my heart to hear Your voice and to respond."
5. Then say "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."
6. Select a passage from one of the Gospels in which Jesus is interacting with others.
7. Recall what you are doing in engaging with the Word of God and what you desire from this encounter. God is present and because God is present, you need only rely on God.
8. Read the Gospel passage twice so that the story and details of the story become familiar to you.
9. Close your eyes and reconstruct the scene in your imagination. See what is going on and watch the men and women in the scene. What does Jesus look like? How do the others react to Him? What are the people saying to one another? What emotions fill their words? Is Jesus touching someone? As you enter into the scene, sometimes there is the desire to be there. So, you can place yourself in the scene, perhaps as an observer, or as one lining up for healing, or as one helping others to approach Jesus.
10. Some people's imaginations are very active and so they construct a movie-like scenario with a Gospel passage. Others will enter the scene with verbal imagination, reflecting on the scene and mulling over the actions. Vividness is not a criteria for this kind of prayer to be effective, but engagement is necessary to gain a more interior knowledge of Jesus.
11. As you finish this time of prayer, you should take a moment to speak person to person with Christ, saying what comes from the heart.

From *Finding God in All Things*

- See more at: <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-what-how-why-of-prayer/praying-with-scripture/#sthash.JRFmmlOU.dpuf>

My presentation next week will be on how to pray the rosary.

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](mailto:fr.brian@theholyrood.org), or call me at (978) 254-0560.

Please keep me in your prayers.



### From our Pastoral Associate

Sr. Lori Fleming, SNDdeN

I read a eulogy that used the card game “Fish” as a metaphor for how to live a life developing relationships rooted in the principles of cooperation and interdependence. Living a model of Christ-centered community based on the Christian values of unity and justice demands that we ask for what we need. Simply put, this ‘asking’ is prayer.

“Fish” or “Go Fish” is an easy game for all God’s children old enough to play—maybe ages two and up (‘and up’ implying a lifetime of learning; we are all God’s little ones). Take the cards you receive, look at your “hand” to see what you have and what you are missing—that is what you need, and ask for it. It is really an easy game!

Fish is a “both-and” game. When we play this game, we learn not only to ask for what we need, but we practice the Gospel response—if you have what another player needs, and the other player asks for it, you give it to them. Perhaps some of us have had the experience of teaching others how to play Fish and we anticipated their need with the purpose of modeling how to play with good spirit. Wanting the common good—anticipating another’s need.

Growing up as children of our Good God we discover what makes us happy or miserable, confident or fearful, troubled or at peace. This insight into what we need, and our ability to ask for help from others we meet on our journey through this life to eternal life, enables us to ask on behalf of others and to give a hand when we see that we have what another needs.

*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.”*

During these summer months, when we take time to play games together, may we pray for one another. Pray that we take quiet time to look at what we have, to see what we are missing, and to turn to our loving God in prayer to ask for what we need, knowing God always gives us what we need. And, of course, take time to ask—to pray—on behalf of others. Anticipate their needs.

Go Fish!

### From our Sr. Priest in Residence

Fr. Arnold Colletti

In the World or in the Spirit?

We often hear today people say, “I’m not religious but I’m spiritual.” I suppose that “I’m not religious” means I do not belong to any organized religion. And I suppose that “I’m spiritual” means I believe in God, I pray often, and I live to high moral standards. But, after interviewing many of these people, I find they do not know what it means to be spiritual.

The real dichotomy is “to be in the world or to be in the Spirit.” Saint John in his first letter says, “Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love these things you show that you do not really love God. For all worldly things: evil desires, the craze for sex, the ambition to buy everything that appeals to you, and the pride that comes from wealth and importance, are not from God. They are from the evil world itself. And this world is fading away, and these evil, forbidden things will go with it, but whoever keeps doing the will of God will live forever.”

Again, John writes, “Dear children, don’t let anyone deceive you about this. If you are constantly doing what is good, it is because you are good, even as God is. But if you keep on sinning, it shows that you belong to Satan, who since he first began to sin has kept steadily at it. So now we can tell who is a child of God and who belongs to Satan. Whoever is living a life of sin and doesn’t love his brother shows that he is not in God’s family, for the message to us from the beginning has been that we should love one another.”



**This is the  
day that the  
Lord has  
made; let  
us rejoice  
and be glad  
in it!**

**Psalms 118:24**

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## 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

<b>SAT, JUL 8</b>	4:00 pm:	People of the Parish
<b>SUN, JUL 9</b>	9:30 am:	Eleanor Mello: Memorial
	6:00 pm:	Rose Serra: Memorial
<b>MON, JUL 10</b>	9:00 am:	Frederick Holt: Memorial
<b>TUE, JUL 11</b>	9:00 am:	Lucille Fortier: Memorial
<b>WED, JUL 12</b>	9:00 am:	LIVING INTENTION: Jerry and Julie Wright 10 year Wedding Anniversary
<b>THU, JUL 13</b>	9:00 am:	LIVING INTENTION: Lauren and Family
<b>FRI, JUL 14</b>	9:00 am:	Dan and Bonnie: Wedding Anniversary Memorial
<b>SAT, JUL 15</b>	4:00 pm:	Joseph E Colbert: Memorial
<b>SUN, JUL 16</b>	9:30 am:	People of the Parish
	6:00 pm:	Catherine and Patrick Barrett: Memorial

### St. Margaret of Scotland

<b>SAT, JUL 8</b>	4:00 pm:	Stephen and Mary Botto: Memorial
<b>SUN, JUL 9</b>	7:30 am:	Rev John Walsh: Memorial
	10:00 am:	People of the Parish
<b>MON, JUL 10</b>	8:00 am:	Fr Paul Manning: Memorial
<b>TUE, JUL 11</b>	8:00 am:	Rita Doherty: Memorial
<b>WED, JUL 12</b>	8:00 am:	Vincent Latham: Memorial
<b>SAT, JUL 15</b>	4:00 pm:	People of the Parish
<b>SUN, JUL 16</b>	7:30 am:	Kyle William Dietz: 3rd Anniversary
	10:00 am:	Ellen McGuire: 1st Anniversary

### St. Mary Parish

<b>SAT, JUL 8</b>	4:00 pm:	Doris Couture: Memorial
<b>SUN, JUL 9</b>	7:00 am:	Monte Gallozzi: 25th Anniversary
	11:00 am:	People of the Parish
<b>MON, JUL 10</b>	7:00 am:	Joseph LoPresti: 10th Anniversary
<b>TUE, JUL 11</b>	7:00 am:	Richard Malloy: 3rd Anniversary
<b>WED, JUL 12</b>	7:00 am:	Raymond Cohen: Memorial
<b>SAT, JUL 15</b>	4:00 pm:	People of the Parish
<b>SUN, JUL 16</b>	7:00 am:	Catherine Frink: Memorial
	11:00 am:	For Those Who Have No One to Pray for Them

## 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.



## 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:**  
**Kathleen Martin Whittaker**

## Recent Funerals

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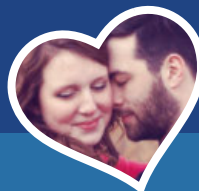


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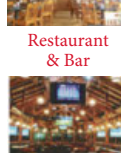
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