



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



September 24, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Are you envious because I am generous?
Thus, the last will be first,
and the first will be last.”

-Matthew 20: 15-16



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
Third Sundays • 3:30 - 4:30 pm • St. Mary Church

LIVEVIEW Devotions

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

Prayer Line

(978) 256-2374, ext. 223. After hours, press 5.

*Please read entire bulletin for potential schedule changes

weekly calendar

Monday, September 25

Bible Study • 10 - 11:30 am • SM PC Conf Room 1
 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, September 26

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, September 27

Adoration • 9 am - 3 pm • SMS Our Lady of Lourdes 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
 Troop 77 Scout Meeting • 7 - 8:30 pm • SM Hall

Thursday, September 28

Charismatic Prayer Group • 10 am - 12 pm • SJE OPC
 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
 Rosary • 7 pm • SM Church and LIVEVIEW
 St. Mary 11am Choir/Ensemble Rehearsal • 7:30 pm • SM Church

Friday, September 29

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, September 30

Confessions • refer to cover
 St. Mary Bell Choir • 2:30 - 3:30 pm • SM Choir Loft

Sunday, October 1

Christmas Musical Rehearsal • 1 - 3 pm • SJE Hall
 Estate Planning Presentation • 2 - 4 pm • SM Hall

Have a great week!

The St. Mary served Table Ministry

50 in September



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.

Weekend Mass Attendance

Weekend Of September 16th/17th



St. Mary		
4 pm	7 am	11 am
175	122	225

St. Margaret of Scotland		
4 pm	7:30 am	10 am
111	53	153

St. John the Evangelist		
4 pm	9:30 am	6 pm
139	327	129



What do librarians take with them when they go fishing?

(answer on page 7)

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presented by
Atty. Annmarie Roark



Atty. Roark will offer this presentation twice, in order to accommodate various schedules. The topics addressed are as follows:

- ESTATE PLANNING: Why is it important?
- ESTATE PLANNING is no longer only for the wealthy; it is about much more than money.
- Whether you have a modest or large ESTATE, you need a plan; there is a plan for you!

The choice of dates are as follows:

(both presentations are identical,
so choose the one that best fits your schedule.)

Sunday, October 1 • 2 pm at St. Mary Hall

Tuesday, October 3 • 6 pm St. John Hall



Thank you to our Faith
Community Nursing Ministry
for bringing the event to us!



Sunday
December 17 **2:30pm**
Lowell Memorial Auditorium

Join the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra and Conductor Keith Lockhart for their sparkling and beloved Holiday Pops concert. Capturing the magic of the Christmas season and the winter charms of New England, the Boston Pops will perform their signature Sleigh Ride, as well as other Holiday classics.

There are 60 tickets available first-come,
first served basis. Tickets are \$81.

Parquet C	Rows A and B: Seats 1-10
Parquet D	Row A: Seats 1-9
	Row B and C: Seats 1-10
	Row D: Seats 1-11

Get yours before they sell out by contacting
Lynn at (978) 590-7863!

here's what's happening in The Holy

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Wednesday, October 4 at 5 pm | St. John Great Lawn

Please bring any and all pets.
Please be sure they are properly
restrained/contained...



Dogs on leash; cats in carriers; hamsters and birds
in cages; fish in bowls; snakes, lizards, and turtles in terrariums!



Monday, October 9 • depart St. Mary's at 7:30 am

Join us for our Annual Columbus Day Mass on a Mountain,
following a hike up Mount Chocorua. At the peak, Fr. Brian
will celebrate Mass!

If interested and are able to drive and/or chaperone,
please email Courtney—courtney@theholyrood.org—by
October 4 and note **Mass on a Mountain** in the subject
line.

Both of the above events are also Deep
Dive Events for our Faith Formation Families.
If you will attending as a Deep Dive, please remember to
complete the reflection at the conclusion of either of these
events. It can be found at...



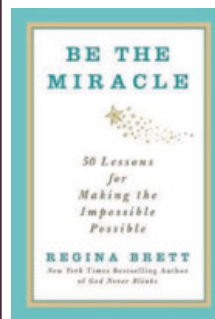
<https://theholyrood.org/dd-reflection>

Introducing a Book Club for women...



Join us for 6 Wednesday evenings as we
read and discuss the book Be The Miracle: 50
Lessons for Making the Impossible Possible
by Regina Brett. The book can be purchased via
Amazon. Registration and book are required
to attend. The link for each can be found at
www.theholyrood.org/womens-book-group.

Mark your calendar with the following
meeting dates:



October 11, 18, 25
November 1, 15, 29

6:30 - 8 pm
St. Margaret of Scotland
Sacred Heart Hall

Questions:

call Donna Gambon at (978) 256-2374.

The Bible is full of passages about angels who are sent to accomplish God's will. Angels speak for God, direct the course of nations, and protect God's people. They worship God and deliver God's judgment. In *Angels in the Bible*, George Smiga examines some of the Bible's most fascinating passages about angels, exploring their ministry on God's behalf and drawing insights for our own spiritual lives. Because angels are mediators of God's presence and action, studying angels is studying God. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures are included.

- Tuesdays, 7-9 pm in SJE New Parish Center (Broderick/O'Brien Room)
- October 17, 24, 31 | November 7, 14, 21, 28
- **Registration Deadline: October 10**
- **Order Course Materials by October 10**

To register and order materials, please visit our website...

www.theholyrood.org/adult-bible-study-current



Rood Collaborative community



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.

SEPT 11- 17	TOTAL-TO-DATE	%AGE OF GOAL
55,131	923,119	92.31%



trivia night
Fellowship, Fun and Food for the Brain!

Congratulations to DONALD'S DUCKLINGS, the winners of our First Trivia Night of the Season held on September 8th.



Donald's Ducklings

Sitting (l to r) Ron Freitas, Don Denomme, Barbara Gross, John Hagg
Standing (l to r) Dave Pelletier, Karin Duarte, Elaine Hagg

One category that was particularly difficult for all teams was 'hybrid' vegetables. Answering those questions will forever make our food shopping trips into our produce departments more interesting!



Maybe you weren't married in the Catholic Church but are now reconsidering that choice. Maybe you want to enter into a Sacramental Marriage but are not sure if that is even possible. Maybe God—through the below invitation—is telling you that it IS possible and is inviting you to learn more about next steps!

Come and See

Please join Fr. Brian and Fr. Fernando for an informal evening of information gathering; to learn what this process—called convalidation—is all about and how it works.

Join us on either of the following dates:

Tuesday, October 17th or 24th at 7 pm

St. Margaret Sacred Heart Hall | 374 Stevens Street, Lowell

Until then, here is a brief summary...

A convalidation is a religious ceremony by which a civil marriage is blessed—thereby recognized—by the Catholic Church. The word convalidation comes from the Latin word meaning "to firm up" or "to strengthen."

Marriage in the Church brings about many spiritual gifts and benefits. It brings peace of heart, fullness of the sacraments and God's divine grace upon your union. It forms an unbreakable bond between you and your spouse and gives your marriage strength, because you are not in it all alone... God is in the middle!

Since this is a great blessing and also a great gift, God wants to extend it to as many as possible. Please join us!

Questions? Contact...

- Fr. Brian at (978) 254-0560 or fr.brian@theholyrood.org
- Fr. Fernando at (978) 401-9844 or frfernando@theholyrood.org

**If sending an email,
please note CONVALIDATION in the subject line.**

the Financial Page

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Fiscal Year 2024: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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. As always, thank you for your generous financial and prayerful support of our community!

Please remember that your generous and consistent giving is needed and greatly appreciated as the offertory is our main source of funds for paying our daily operating expenses. *may change once FY24 budget is finalized.

ST. MARY WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of September 16th/17th	Fiscal Year-To-Date September 17th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$15,000*	\$180,000	\$15,000
Actual Received	\$13,528	\$145,699	\$12,142
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$1,472	-\$34,301	-\$2,858

ST. JOHN WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of September 16th/17th	Fiscal Year-To-Date September 17th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$10,300*	\$123,600	\$10,300
Actual Received	\$8,104	\$100,517	\$8,376
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$2,196	-\$23,083	-\$1,924

ST. MARGARET WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of September 16th/17th	Fiscal Year-To-Date September 17th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$4,800*	\$57,600	\$4,800
Actual Received	\$3,904	\$49,237	\$4,103
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$896	-\$8,363	-\$697

SECOND COLLECTION	St. Mary	St. John	St. Margaret
Maui Relief (September 10)	\$2,671	\$3,084	\$1,794



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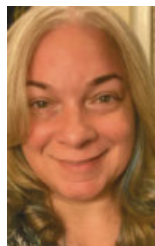


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Introducing...

In addition to the six new members, we also would like to introduce another member who we missed in our original round of introductions...



Alba Kuilan-Lambo, along with her husband and 2 children, has been a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Parish since 2019. Prior to that, she was a lifelong member of the Hispanic Catholic Community in Lowell.

Alba serves as the coordinator of the St. John Arts and Environment Ministry. She is a member of ACTS CORE, a Faith Formation Facilitator and a Lector.



Come and learn how millions of Catholics have experienced new power, excitement, hope, and joy in their faith through openness to the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis urges all Catholics to know this "Current of Grace."

Join us from 7 - 9 pm on seven consecutive Fridays in St. John Church Hall.

October 6, 13, 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17

The cost is \$20 per person.



For more information and/or to register online, visit bit.ly/45QEXVN, scan the QR code to the left, or pick up a registration form at our church entrances.

Questions?

Call Catherine Duggan at (860) 481-0959.

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



The role of the PPC 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. The PPC serves in an advisory role and the pastor takes into serious account their opinions and recommendations. The PPC should be an important means by which the pastor will hear the voice of the parish. Through its deliberations and consultation with the pastor, the PPC helps to unite the pastor and the parishioners. Together they discern the pastoral needs of the parish and ways in which those needs can be addressed.

Collaborative Parish Council

Parish Council matters can be sent to:
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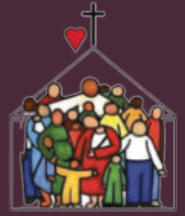


Answers: a bookworm!



Family Faith Formation

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



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OCTOBER P.L.A.N.S. PREPARE TO LEARN AWESOME! new Stuff

Grade 1

I am a child of God and a Member of His Church!

Grade 2

First Reconciliation and I am a child of God!

Grade 3-6

Families remain together in the Parish Hall for an overview of the Sacraments.

Grade 7&8

Altaration Session 1
"More than Meets the Eye"

Confirmation I

Chosen Lesson 1
"Why am I here?"
and Chosen Lesson 2
"What makes me happy?"

At least one parent must attend this class session.

Prayer:
Planning for Prayer

Confirmation II

Prayer:
Priorities—How can we put God first in our lives?

At least one parent must attend this class session.

GRADE 1 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

Parents Attend last 30 Minutes of Class

GRADE 2 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

OCTOBER CLASS SCHEDULE

GRADE 3-6 | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 | FAMILIES GATHER TOGETHER

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

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

SESSION A
10:45 AM - 12:15 AM
St. John Hall

GRADE 7&8 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

CONFIRMATION I SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 & 22

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

CONFIRMATION II SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

Rosary at 7 pm
Monday-Friday
Month of October
St. Mary Grotto

Blessing of Animals
Tuesday, October 4
5:00 pm
St. John Great Lawn

First Friday Adoration
Friday, October 6
7:00 - 8:00 pm
St. John Church

Mass on a Mountain
Monday, October 9
7:30 am
RSVP Required

Rosary Procession
Saturday, October 14
1:00 pm
Meet at St. Mary

Bonfire (RSVP)
Saturday, October 14
5:00 - 7:00 pm
St. John Great Lawn

OCTOBER DEEP DIVES

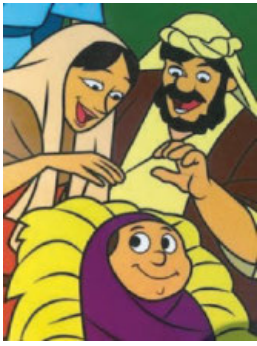
details for each deep dive can be found at
<https://theholyyood.org/deep-dives>

Living Rosary (RSVP)
Thursday, October 19
6:30 - 8:00 pm
St. Mary Church

NEW FOR 2023!

The link for ALL Deep Dive Events that require an RSVP can now be found at a single location. Visit <https://bit.ly/3PKbNmN> and select the tab of the event you are interested in attending. Or, scan the QR code.





COMING ATTRACTION

All About That Baby

a Christmas Musical

Calling all shepherds, sheep, angels, and wise men... and Mary and Joseph, of course!

It's time to start preparing for our 2nd Collaborative Christmas Musical! This is a fun show full of great songs and dances. It will be presented in St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall on Saturday, December 9th at 6:30 pm.

All kids and youth who want to be in this lively version of the Nativity Story are invited to join us. Please come to our first rehearsal scheduled for...

**THIS SUNDAY, September 24th
1- 3 pm at St. Mary Parish Hall**

We'll begin with an orientation for both parents and youth to explain what the production entails. Then parents are free to leave and come back, or stay as I work with the youth.

Please call me if your child(ren) is interested so that I can collect information before the meeting/rehearsal.

Spread the word to anyone who loves to be in shows!
This is our Christmas gift to Jesus and our Collaborative.

Otie Doldt-Harpin | (978) 677-1273



stay in
touch!

We are able to communicate with our Collaborative family efficiently and effectively through an email tool called FLOCKNOTE, to which so many of you already subscribe! Whether it be 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 our FLOCKNOTE email notifications, then you are missing out on receiving collaborative news in a most timely manner.

To subscribe, email christine@theholyrood.org noting FLOCKNOTES in the subject line. Within the body of the email, include your first and last name, the parish in which you are registered and the email at which you would like to receive FLOCKNOTES. We'll get you set up so you are in "THE KNOW!" For more information visit...

www.theholyrood.org/subscribe-to-flocknote.

CONGRATULATIONS

Over the summer, our Faith Formation Associate, Shaun Bradley, completed his M.A. in Theology, graduating Summa Cum Laude from the Augustine Institute in Denver, Colorado.



Let's hear directly from him...

"Back in the summer of 2019, I got an email from the Augustine Institute—the organization behind Formed.org—advertising a webinar for prospective students for their Distance Education Program. I had been considering grad school for theology for a while but had never found the right program for me. I decided to at least give them a chance and logged on for the webinar only to be blown away by what I heard.

The program was exactly what I had been looking for without even realizing it: a school that saw theology not as an academic discipline to be kept in an ivory tower, but as something to be used at the service of the Church's mission. The aim of the program was to show faithful Catholics the depth and richness of what we believe, and to prepare us to share this beauty with others. Within six weeks of that initial webinar, I had applied, been accepted, and was taking my first course.

After four long years, I have finished this incredible program. I have been blessed with wonderful professors and have learned so much, especially from the numerous Scripture courses I have taken. When I started the program, I simply wanted to learn more about our faith so I could one day, in the future, share it with others. For the past two years, I have been blessed to be able to do just that; sharing all I have learned with you here at the Collaborative. Now that I have finished the program, I know that I want nothing more than to continue sharing the faith with all of you."

-Shaun

Congratulations, Shaun!

We look forward to all you will share with us!



As I said last week, Fr. David and I rode cross country on our motorcycles this past summer. As we traveled through Iowa, we began to see signs for the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and

Museum, and we decided to stop because we are both history buffs. It was one of those stops that was truly amazing. I learned so much about this man that really changed my sense of who he was and what he truly accomplished in his life.

Most people probably know very little about Herbert Hoover. If they do, it is most likely limited to his being President of the United States when the Great Depression hit, and that a big dam was named after him. But there is so much more to his life. He grew up in a small town in Iowa where his father was a blacksmith. He was raised a Quaker and lost both his parents at the age of ten. He eventually moved to Oregon to live with an uncle. Though he was not a great student in his early life, he would be in the first class to attend Stanford University and eventually majored in geology.

When he graduated from college, because of the economic situation in the US, he took a job with a London firm and moved to Western Australia. He did well there and the company would eventually move him to their China plant. Through this work, Hoover became wealthy and was able to open his own consulting firm, which increased his wealth. He was very much a self-made man. He was in Europe at the beginning of World War I when there were about 100,000 Americans stuck in war zones. At this time America was still a neutral country. Hoover, with the help of some friends, put up \$1.5 million to get the people home. (Equivalent to almost \$46 million today) They were repaid all but \$500. After Germany invaded Belgium, the people in German-occupied areas were in desperate situations and close to starvation. Herbert Hoover stepped in and, using US funds and other contributions, was able to get the people fed. He would do something similar in the US after we entered the war. After the war he returned to Europe to help feed the millions of people still suffering from the devastating effects of the war.

There are many different things he accomplished prior to his ascension to the presidency in 1928—too many to really talk about here. Let us just say that he became very popular due to his charitable acts, especially helping out the people in the south devastated by a major flood along the Mississippi River. But, of course, disaster struck in 1929 during

his presidency and his political and economic framework limited what he felt the government could do. As a result, he massively lost reelection. After World War II he again helped feed Europe and worked with the Truman administration on certain projects. President Kennedy also invited him to work with his administration but he refused.

What I can say about Herbert Hoover is that his presidency was a disaster, but let's not focus on the worst moment of a person's life and allow that moment to define their life. Hoover was so much more than that: he may *not* have been a great president, but I would say that he was a great American. He sought to serve because he knew it was the right thing to do. He saved millions of people's lives by ensuring that they received adequate food, clothing, medicine, and the like. He was willing to put his own money up to get people home when they were caught in a horrible war situation. He was a great humanitarian and that counts for far more than not being able to handle a very difficult situation; I am quite sure that most people could not have done any better.

How we choose to see a person says as much about us as it does about the person. What will we choose to focus on? What is most important to us? We live in a society that is getting more and more fractured. And that fracturing is based on these simple questions: Are we seeking to see what separates us from the other? Are we trying to discover what is wrong with them? Are we more interested in what makes them "bad"? Are we seeking to build up or tear down?

At the time of Christ, people had a hard time accepting Him because they focused on what they saw as negative. And that stopped them from seeing the truth—the whole picture. As they listened to his teaching, they walked away from Him: it was too hard to listen to. In a sense, that is why Christ gets fractured. People are determining who Jesus should be by making Him into *their* own image. That does not work well. They focus on one aspect of his teaching or the way they view Him, and they lose the totality of Christ. May we seek *not* to make Christ into *our* image but come to open up to the full truth of Christ. May we *not* simply see a snapshot of Christ, but get the total picture of Him.

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 Pastoral Associate

Sr. Lori Fleming, SNDdeN

Get it. Got it. Don't forget it.

Today, this might be termed a mindset mantra: "Back in the day". Some teachers used this phrasing to verify that learning had taken place—students understood a concept and would commit it to memory—meaning they had *learned it by heart*.

Jesus was (is) a teacher and the Gospels continue to be one of the primary and life-long learning resources he uses to determine if we still "Get it." Learning by heart.

Some of our recent Sunday Gospel readings have focused on who Jesus is to us—the familiar and essential *who do you say that I am* questions. Essential—because if Jesus' identity is not known to us, can we truly accept him as Son of God, Savior, friend, companion? Can we introduce Jesus to others if we do not know who Jesus is to us personally?

In harmony with these *who do you say that I am* questions, do we give attention to who Jesus tells us *we* are? We might want to consider and nurture a deeper understanding of who Jesus says we are—our identity.

Sentence punctuation is one of the keys often used to open wider the meaning hidden in a sentence. We may be familiar with Matt 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world." Yet, if we add a simple comma to make this a "direct address" sentence, we get an awesome reality. Jesus is telling us something essential about our personal identity. Read this sentence hearing Jesus, the teacher, directing it to you: "**You**, are the light of the world." Jesus is saying this to you, to me!

Get it. Got it. Don't forget it.

Of course, another mindset mantra that continues to hold true for learning is: "Practice. Practice. Practice."

Jesus, who loves us and calls us to holiness—to know and to be close to Father, Son, and Spirit, in all we think, say, and do, might phrase it as "Follow me."

Might we return to singing with all the earnestness of our child-like hearts—"This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine." Let us pray with and for one another that each one of us learn personally to sing this by heart.

From our Sr. Priest in Residence

Fr. Arnold Colletti

Handing on the Faith

Many mothers and grandmothers come to the priests almost crying because their children and grandchildren no longer practice their religion. The desire to pass on the faith in a world that no longer supports that goal makes parents feel like failures.

Christine Smith, in Handing Down the Faith speaks to this very problem. She gives us three things to think about:

1. Parenting Style

Parents who most successfully raise religious children exhibit an authoritarian style, that is, they consistently hold their children to clear and demanding standards, and they relate to them with warmth, support and expressive care.

2. Routinely Talking about Religion

During the week parents talk with their children about religious things—what they believe and practice and why it matters to them. It is part of "who we are and what we care about."

3. Channeling for Internalization

Of course parents are the most influential passers-on of the faith but they need help. Parents channel their children into involvements and relationships that reinforce parental influence. Having a child attend parish activities provides the child with non-family adults who know the children well and can engage them in talk on serious topics. The parish becomes a community or an extended family.

Remember that nothing about this process is guaranteed. Life is complicated and children are the agents of their own development. May all of us pray for our families.

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 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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Prayer Shawls are a tangible sign of God's love and the prayers of a community. They are the result of the love and prayer put forth by a dedicated group of women.

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- there is no charge for a prayer shawl

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<https://theholyrood.org/request-a-prayer-shawl>

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If you prefer to support this ministry via gift cards so that we can purchase yarn, we suggest the following retailers:

- Aunt Margaret's Gift Shop
- Michaels
- Joann Fabrics

Lastly, if easier for you, you can make an online donation to our ministry via both St. Mary and St. John online giving links found at...

<https://theholyrood.org/on-line-giving>.

From the drop-down menu, please choose 'Prayer Shawl Ministry.'

Knights of Columbus

events

Rosary Procession

Saturday, October 14 at 1 pm

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Join us as we honor Our Blessed Mother during this special month with a Rosary Procession.



We will gather in St. Mary parking lot at 1 pm then proceed to the Gazebo, where we will prayerfully recite the rosary and sing Marian Hymns. **In the event of inclement weather, this event will take place inside St. Mary Church.**

This event is also a Deep Dive Event for our Faith Formation Families. If you will attending this as a Deep Dive, please remember to complete the reflection at the conclusion of the procession. It can be found at...

<https://theholyrood.org/dd-reflection>



Sunday, October 15

Walk for Life in Support of

Pregnancy Care Center
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Meet us in the St. Mary Parking lot at 1 pm where we will walk in support of Life during Respect Life Month, which the Catholic Church celebrates every October. Our 2 mile route will both begin and conclude at St. Mary.

Each walker is asked to make a donation of \$20 on the day of the walk. If writing a check, please make it **payable to KOC Council 9275 and note PCC Walk for Life on the memo line.** If you are unable to walk, but would still like to make a donation, you may drop it into the offertory basket, in an envelope marked "KOC Walk for Life."

Boston Archdiocese Culture of Life Mass



All supporters of the Sanctity of Life from the moment of conception until natural death are invited to the Culture of Life Mass. Please attend with your family, friends and fellow parishioners to pray and show your support of life.

Sunday, October 29 at 11:30 am
Cathedral of The Holy Cross

1400 Washington Street | Boston



42nd Annual Lawn Party to benefit Seminarians

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston is hosting its Annual Lawn Party on...

Wednesday, September 27 | 6 pm
558 South Ave, Weston, MA 0249

This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap.

The evening will include a cocktail reception and dinner with music.

Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates—men over the age of 30—for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable.

For ticket information, please call the Pope St. John XXIII Development Office at (781) 899-5500, or visit their website <https://www.psjs.edu/lawn-party>.

You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.

Below are photos of three familiar faces—taken at the 2019 Lawn Party—each of them 2nd vocation ordinations through Pope St. John XXIII Seminary.



Fr. Ren

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Fr. Corey



5th Annual Worcester Catholic Women's Conference Saturday, October 7th

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Join us for this year's Catholic Women's Conference where you can rediscover and renew your faith! There will be wonderful talks by great national speakers and opportunities to meet them and make new friends. There will be time for fellowship, confession, and to celebrate the Eucharist... many opportunities to strengthen your Catholic identity!

Registration and Exhibitors open at 7 am.

The Conference concludes with the celebration of Mass at 5 pm.

Speakers: Fr. Derek Mobilio Dr. Deborah Savage
Patricia Sandoval Fr. Colin Blatchford
Dr. Christopher Klofft

Visit <https://wcwconference.com/> for ALL the details, including speaker bios and the day's schedule.

All women are welcome! Bring a friend or two!

When we think of healing, often our first thought is physical healing from an illness, injury, or pain. In addition, there are other ways people suffer and they might benefit from a healing service. Some examples are: mental health, anxiety, depression, addiction, insomnia, fear, finding peace from the loss of a loved one or a broken relationship; spiritual healing from a broken relationship with God, from spiritual attacks, or living a faithless life.

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Wednesday, October 18 | beginning at 6 pm

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Rev Tom Riley, Rev Jilson George, Rev Vincent Gianni,
Rev Charles Hughes, Jurgen Liias, Rev Michael Mbuwir, Rev Ed Riley

For more information, visit www.healingshrine.org/healing

For details on all available ways to remember a loved one, visit us at www.theholyrood.org/remember-a-loved-one



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.

NOTE: A 2-week notice is required for scheduling all intentions.

St. John the Evangelist

SAT, SEP 23	4:00 pm:	LIVING INTENTION: Ed and Lorraine Cormier 60th Wedding Anniversary
SUN, SEP 24	9:30 am:	Robert Shields: Memorial
	12:00 pm:	LIVING INTENTION: Rosaline Willie-Bonglo 70th Birthday
	6:00 pm:	Matthew Phillip Cox: Memorial
MON, SEP 25	9:00 am:	People of the Parish
TUE, SEP 26	9:00 am:	LIVING INTENTION: Healing and Full Recovery for Declan Lyons
WED, SEP 27	9:00 am:	Ralph Melchionda: Month's Mind
THU, SEP 28	9:00 am:	Fern and Joseph Sevigny: Memorial
FRI, SEP 29	9:00 am:	Roy Griffin: Birthday Memorial Mary Jane Busser: 3rd Anniversary
SAT, SEP 30	4:00 pm:	Norman DuBois: 19th Anniversary
SUN, OCT 1	9:30 am:	People of the Parish
	6:00 pm:	Edward Clancy: Memorial

St. Margaret of Scotland

SAT, SEP 23	4:00 pm:	Mary Kay McNeil: Memorial
SUN, SEP 24	7:30 am:	People of the Parish
	10:00 am:	Stephen J Gilbride and Carey Eithel Posey: Memorial
MON, SEP 25	8:00 am:	Vincent Latham: Memorial
TUE, SEP 26	8:00 am:	Cindy Dolly: 2nd Anniversary
WED, SEP 27	8:00 am:	Rita Doherty: Memorial
FRI, SEP 29	8:00 am:	Fr. Paul F Manning: Memorial
SAT, SEP 30	4:00 pm:	Shaun W McCarty: Memorial
SUN, OCT 1	7:30 am:	John McCormick: Memorial
	10:00 am:	People of the Parish

St. Mary Parish

SAT, SEP 23	4:00 pm:	LIVING INTENTION: Healing for Jose Mario Vargas
SUN, SEP 24	7:00 am:	People of the Parish
	11:00 am:	Margaret W Cole: 6th Anniversary
FRI, SEP 29	7:00 am:	Michael Sarno: 13th Anniversary
SAT, SEP 30	4:00 pm:	Robert DiMartino: Memorial
SUN, OCT 1	7:00 am:	Ann M Sousa: 2nd Anniversary
	11:00 am:	People of the Parish

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

At any of our churches, you can request that the sanctuary lamp 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 will be published in the bulletin.

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& Andrew Daly Wedding**

Recent Funerals

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



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Mary Hirbour

Thursday, September 21 • St. Margaret

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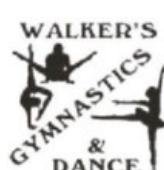
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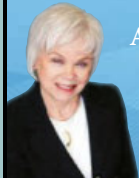
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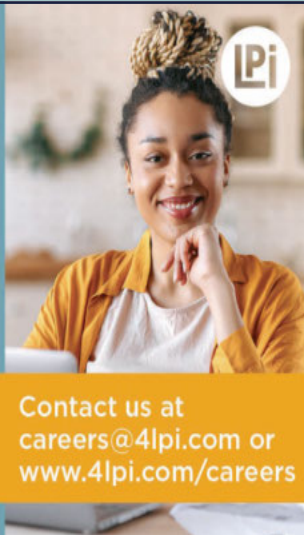
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