



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



February 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He told them, "Let us go to the nearby villages
that I may preach there also.
For this purpose I have come."
- Mark 1: 38



Parish Office Location and Hours



115 Middlesex Street • North Chelmsford, 01863
(978) 256-2374 | www.theholyrood.org

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday • 9 am - 5 pm
Wednesday • 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Friday • 9 am - 3 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 - 2 pm • St. Margaret OLL Chapel
Thursdays • 12 pm - 9 pm • St. Mary Adoration Chapel
First Fridays at St. John OPC Adoration Chapel
1 pm - 10 pm; following Saturday 6 am - 8 am
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, February 5

Bible Study • 10 - 11:45 am • SM PC Conf Room 1
 Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • SJE Church
 SM 4 pm Choir Rehearsal • 6:30 - 8 pm • SM Hall
 SJE SVdP Meeting • 7 - 8:45 pm • SJE OPC

Tuesday, February 6

Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE Church & LIVEVIEW
 Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • SMS Church
 Rosary • 7 pm • SM Church and LIVEVIEW

Wednesday, February 7

Adoration • 9 am - 2 pm • SMS OLL Chapel
 Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3 pm • SJE Church & LIVEVIEW
 Confession • 4:30 - 5:30 pm • SM Church
 Rosary • 7 pm • SM Church and LIVEVIEW
 God, Pizza and Beer • 7 - 8:30 pm • SJE OPC
 Troop 77 Scout Meeting • 7 - 8:30 pm • SM Hall
 SM 11 am Choir/Ensemble Rehearsal • 7:30 pm • SM Church

Thursday, February 8

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
 Charismatic Prayer Group • 7 - 8 pm • SJE OPC
 Rosary • 7 pm • SM Church and LIVEVIEW

Friday, February 9

Knitting and Crocheting • 2 - 4 pm • SM Hall
 Trivia Night • 7 pm • SMS SH Hall
 Rosary • 7 pm • SM Church and LIVEVIEW

Saturday, February 10

Confessions • refer to cover
 Men's Group • 7:45 - 8:45 am • SM PC Conf Rm 1
 St. Mary Bell Choir • 2:30 - 3:30 pm • SM Choir Loft

Sunday, February 11

Family Mass • 9:30 am Mass at St. John

Closed for Staff Meeting

The Parish Offices will be closed from 1:30—3:30 pm THIS MONDAY, February 5, for our monthly Staff Meeting.

REMINDER

of Inclement Weather Policy re: daily Masses

If Lowell and/or Chelmsford public schools are cancelled or delayed due to inclement weather, **ALL daily Masses—7, 8 and 9 am— will be celebrated at St. Mary**, with the expectation that no one will be in attendance. Chances are high that the parking lot will not be plowed by the start time of Masses, and we do not wish to put anyone at risk to drive in such conditions.

All three Masses can be viewed via St. Mary LIVEVIEW.

Mass Attendance

Weekend of January 27th/28th

St. Mary		
4 pm	7 am	11 am
199	105	239

St. Margaret of Scotland		
4 pm	7:30 am	10 am
99	68	133

St. John the Evangelist			
4 pm	9:30 am	12 pm	6 pm
167	208	67	76



Why did the bear keep getting fired?

(answer on page 5)

For those staff members that have extensions listed, the number to call is (978) 256-2374. To send an email, visit our website at <https://theholyrood.org/staff>.

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Office Administration

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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.

Email submittals to christine@theholyrood.org or mail:

The Holy Rood Parish Offices/ ATTN Christine Trznadel
115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, MA, 01863

We will do our best to accommodate your request.

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:
collaborativeppc@theholyrood.org

Steve McMillan - Chair

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here's what's happening in The Holy



MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 14

St. Mary: 7 am and 4 pm
St. Margaret: 8 am and 6 pm
St. John: 9 am and 7 pm
12 pm Liturgy of the Word

SOUP AND STATIONS SCHEDULE

Stations at 6 pm, following by Soup/Fellowship

St. John: February 16* and March 8
St. Mary: February 23 and March 15
St. Margaret: March 1 and 22

*stations only,
as part of Fr. Patrick's Lenten Retreat



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Offering additional opportunities throughout Lent

In addition to our regular confession schedule—see cover—we will be offering Wednesday evening confessions as part of The Light Is On For You initiative. Each of our churches will have confession from 6:30—8 pm on the following dates:

February 21, 28/ March 6, 13, 20, 27

COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF LENTEN EVENTS TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK!



**Saint John the Evangelist
Saint Vincent de Paul Ministry
“HELP US TO HELP OTHERS”
Raffle Tickets will be sold after all
St. John Masses THIS weekend!**

Here is a reminder of what can be found in basket: Gift Cards from Burtons Restaurant, The Home Depot, Target, Panera, Tavern on the Square, Mrs. Nelson's Candy House and many more! Also included are various bottles of wine, lottery scratch tickets and many more items!

The winner will be drawn at the SVdP meeting this Monday, February 5th, and will be announced in next weekend's bulletin!

BAPTISM

We joyfully welcome the following children

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



BAPTIZED AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Owen Bond Beadle
Savannah Marie Gallant
Leah Furbino Heslin

LET US PRAY



This past Thursday, 16 retreatants and 33 team leaders departed from St. John's Church for a 3-day Men's ACTS Retreat! This retreat experience will conclude with the Sunday, 9:30 am Mass at St. John.

If you would like to welcome them back home, and hear about their experience, we invite you to attend this Mass. Until then, please keep them in prayer; that the Lord Jesus will touch them in such a way that their lives become a beacon of His light!



Yarn Donations Gratefully Accepted

The St. John Prayer Shawl Ministry is always in need of yarn to keep up with the demand of shawl requests. Any and all donations of yarn will be used, whether newly purchased or found in the back of a closet while spring cleaning... no yarn donations EVER go to waste! If you prefer to support this ministry via gift cards so that we can purchase yarn, we suggest Aunt Margaret's Gift Shop, Michael's or Joann Fabrics. Lastly, you can donate to our ministry via St. Mary and St. John online giving links found at <https://theholyrood.org/on-line-giving>. Choose 'Prayer Shawl Ministry' from the drop-down menu.

Rood Collaborative community

All parishioners of the collaborative are invited



trivia night
Fellowship, Fun
and Food for the Brain

THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

St. Margaret Sacred Heart Hall
Trivia begins at 7 pm

Form a team of 8, or come by yourself and join up with others! Meet new people, have a few laughs, learn some new stuff!

As space is limited, it is important that you notify Lorraine of your intention to attend. She can be reached at...

lorron2@comcast.net or (978) 937-8657

Entry into the hall is via the glass door to the chapel. The doors open at 6:30 pm for the arrival of attendees, and will lock at 7 pm for the safety of all. Cost is \$5 per person; snacks and refreshments available.

answer: he always disappeared
in the winter!



ST. JOHN'S Beautification Offering

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

Altevers Family
Danny Calnan
Egan Family
Eileen Francoeur
Elizabeth Harrington
Michael Harrington
Mr. Paul Murphy



Bishop Ruocco
Council 9275

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



latest
NEWS

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a \$1000 Scholarship to be awarded to a high-school, graduating senior from The Holy Rood Collaborative that will be attending an accredited school or institution of higher education—2 or 4-year college or trade school—in the fall of 2024.

**SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITY**

The required application, and terms of the required essay can be found at www.knights9275.com. Click on "SCHOLARSHIP INFO" in the left-hand sidebar, and this document will be downloaded to your computer.

To be considered for this scholarship, your application and essay must be received by the below deadline...

- email deadline is April 1st
- USPS deadline is March 25th

If mailing, address to:

Scholarship Chairman
Knights of Columbus, Council 9275
1521 Gorham Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Questions? email knights9275@gmail.com.



National Marriage Week USA
MARRIAGE IS WORTH IT! • EVERY FEB 7-14

The observances of National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day provide an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, "Love Beyond Words" highlights the permanent, faithful and fruitful love in a sacramental marriage is truly beyond words. Visit <https://www.nationalmarriageweekusa.org/> to check out some amazing resources!

For additional resources and the option to sign up for daily marriage tips, visit <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/>.

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 support of our community!

ST. MARY WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of January 27th/28th	Fiscal Year-To-Date January 28th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$14,500	\$449,500	\$14,500
Actual Received	\$15,163	\$419,915	\$13,546
Shortfall/ Overage	\$663	-\$29,585	-\$954

ST. JOHN WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of January 27th/28th	Fiscal Year-To-Date January 28th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$10,300	\$319,300	\$10,300
Actual Received	\$7,626	\$268,073	\$8,648
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$2,674	-\$51,227	-\$1,652

ST. MARGARET WEEKLY OFFERTORY	Weekend of January 27th/28th	Fiscal Year-To-Date January 28th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$4,800	\$148,800	\$4,800
Actual Received	\$3,460	\$138,014	\$4,452
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$1,340	-\$10,786	-\$348

For details about our Grand Annual, please visit
<https://theholyrood.org/grand-annual-campaign>

thank you

GRAND ANNUAL AS OF JANUARY 28

	Goal	Raised	%age of Goal
St. Mary	\$100,000	\$69,565	69.57%
St. John	\$70,000	\$38,316	54.74%
St. Margaret	\$70,000	\$43,604	62.29%



Visit our website and click on the appropriate Parish online giving logo located at the bottom of the homepage.

Family Faith Formation

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



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FEBRUARY P.L.A.N.S. PREPARE TO LEARN AWESOME! NEW Stuff

Grade 1

Lent Leads
us to Easter
*parents must attend
last 30 minutes of class*

Grade 2

In Class:
Meeting Jesus in the
Sacraments

At Home...
Follow the Blessed First
Communion Parent Guide
*parents must attend
last 30 minutes of class*

Grade 3-6

Children remain in hall and
parents separate in
Disciples Groups to learn
about reconciliation

Grade 7&8

Altaration Session 5:
"The Why's Behind
the What's"

Confirmation I

Chosen Lesson 5:
"Who is Jesus?"

Prayer: Going Deeper
with Rote Prayer

Confirmation II

Prayer: Holy Hour

GRADE 1 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

GRADE 2 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

FEBRUARY CLASS SCHEDULE

GRADE 3-6 | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 | PARENTS IN DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

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, FEBRUARY 4

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

CONFIRMATION I SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 25

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

CONFIRMATION II SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

FEBRUARY DEEP DIVES

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

St. Gianna Fun and Games: Parents Night Out (*RSVP)
Saturday, February 10 | 5—8 pm | St. Mary Church

Attendance at Ash Wednesday Mass
Wednesday, February 14 | See page 4 for schedule

Collaborative Lenten Retreat with Fr. Patrick
Friday, February 16 | 6-9 pm | St. John Church

Soup and Stations (stations at 6 pm, followed by soup/fellowship)
Friday, February 23 | St. Mary Church

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.



It has often been stated that Confirmation is a sacrament in search of a theology; in many ways, it *does* appear that this gracious gift from God has an identity crisis. A way to help us discern the true meaning and potential of

the sacrament may be understanding what is needed to grow a garden. In a real sense, this sacrament helps us grow a garden of virtues. As with any garden, we start by properly preparing our garden.

The first step in preparing our garden is to weed it. We need to get rid of preconceived notions of what Confirmation is about—what many people wrongly believe about the sacrament. Confirmation is *not* a rite of passage preparing us to become adults in the Church, nor is it about the individual making a choice as an adult to confirm their faith. These and similar misconceptions have led people astray as to what the sacrament is intended to do. We must pull these weeds out in order to prepare the soil and plant the right seeds, or ways of thinking.

The next thing we need to do is rototill the soil. Our rototiller is using the proper understanding of the sacrament. The only way to really understand Confirmation is to recognize its connection to Baptism. The core identity of this sacrament is discovered when we realize that it is about completing our baptism. When a person is baptized, the Church assumes that he or she will be confirmed, i.e., take the next step of completing their initiation into having Christ in their life. We need to understand that Baptism is not really the individual's choice, or in the case of an infant, the parents' choice. It is God who calls for the person to be baptized, and the individual or parents really are responding to that call. The same is true with Confirmation: we should understand it as God choosing to confirm himself in us. And a decision *not* to be baptized is really a rejection of God and the grace He is offering us. Rejection of God is, by definition, an act of defiance against God and is a grievous offense.

Once we accept that the theology of Confirmation can only be truly comprehended by connecting it to Baptism, we can unpack what this wondrous gift is intended to give us in our relationship with God. What we see is that Baptism is the soil in which the gifts of Confirmation are intended to grow. Confirmation brings to completion what was begun in Baptism: it strengthens the grace we have

received and gives more direction to what that grace is intended to accomplish in our life. As Christians, the primary purpose of our Baptism is to open us to live life as a person saved in Christ, and to continue the mission of Christ on earth as his instrument of grace in the lives of others. Confirmation helps us to do this through strengthening and completing our baptismal grace and by helping us recognize that our initiation in Christ never ends as we deepen our conversion to Him. We must acknowledge, therefore, that Confirmation binds us more perfectly to the Church, for that is the mission *not* just of an individual Christian, but of the entire Church.

Christ, in a real sense, becomes the water and sun for our new garden that Confirmation is trying to create for us. And the Holy Spirit becomes our fertilizer, helping to ensure, if we are open to it, that the garden will have the proper nutrients it needs. Hence, at its core it ratifies what our baptism has already done for us, and like baptism, it is a character sacrament that imprints itself on our very soul. In other words, our very being is now impacted by Confirmation as it wraps us even more fully in the work, power, and grace of the Holy Spirit. We contemplate the Pentecost event as the Holy Spirit overwhelms a group of disciples who, in fear, were hiding in the upper room. The Holy Spirit pours his gifts into their hearts, endowing them through those gifts to exhibit the fruits in action. The disciples continue the mission of Christ, proclaiming the Kingdom of God and baptizing 3,000. The story is simple, and yet it speaks to who we are called to be through the gifts and fruits of the Spirit. As our relationship with the Spirit grows through Confirmation, we are strengthened in order to grow more fully in our relationship with Christ and be more perfectly conformed to Him.

As our life becomes more centered in Christ, we are called to a life of service, but not just *any* service. Christian service is not simply about making people feel better or meeting their personal and material needs. We feed the poor, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, comfort the ill, etc., for a definitive purpose—to make Christ present. In and through our baptism we are called to serve, and Confirmation strengthens that indwelling truth. In our service, we act to continue Christ's mission of bringing the message of salvation to the whole world. We are intended to be Christ's instrument and bear witness to Him in the lives of others.

As our lives come to be more centered in serving Christ, we also realize that Christ lived a life of perpetual thanksgiving. Christ's entire being was directed towards worship and so should ours. Confirmation, therefore, helps to perfect our common priesthood and orients us toward a life of praise and thanksgiving. It strengthens us to be part of "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Pt. 2:9)

As we live out our Confirmation, it makes us more completely dedicated to our baptismal vocation and helps us recognize that it is not something we do, but the way we live. We come to understand that Christ lived his life centered in fulfilling his Father's will. As we seek to do the same, we become more fully an image of Christ in the world; through our words and actions, we work to build up the body of Christ to its fullness here and now. We become more deeply rooted in our divine filiation and embrace more deeply that we are truly adopted daughters and sons of God through our connection to Christ. So, we come to participate in and proclaim the truth of Christ in how we live our life. The message of Christ is not about some future time. It is intended to be embodied in our lives *now*, and Confirmation strengthens and orients our lives to this reality.

If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to call me at (978) 254-0560.

If you prefer to email, please visit...

<https://theholyrood.org/email-fr-brian>.

Please keep me in your prayers.



From our Asst Dir of Faith Formation

Courtney Callanan

On Friday we celebrated the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast is also sometimes known as Candlemas, as traditionally this is the day that candles were blessed for the year. As though these two things were not enough, February 2nd is also the annual World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. At first glance this may seem like a haphazard collection of observances. What does Joseph and Mary presenting Jesus at the temple have to do with candles? And what do candles have to do with religious life? Upon further reflection, however, one can discover the threads tying these three things together.

The Feast of the Presentation commemorates Joseph and Mary bringing Jesus to the temple to dedicate Him to the Lord as Mosaic law prescribed for all firstborn sons. While there, they encounter Simeon who is described as being, "righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, [with] the Holy Spirit upon him." Upon seeing Jesus in His parents' arms Simeon declares, "...my eyes have seen [the Lord's] salvation, which [He] prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for [His] people Israel." (cf. Luke 2:22-38)

Like the Jewish Joseph and Mary, Catholic Christian parents also dedicate their children to the Lord, though not at the Temple, redeeming them with two turtle-doves but at a church asking for the graces of baptism. As part of the baptismal rite an individual candle is lit for the child from the Paschal Candle. The light of this candle represents the light of Christ that has come to dwell in that child, and that through his/her baptism s/he has been brought into the Paschal mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus. "We who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (cf. Romans 6:3-4)

When a man or woman enters religious life they similarly die to the world in order to live for Christ in an even more pronounced way. They present themselves fully and with a desire to dedicate themselves entirely to Christ and His Church. Just as the candles blessed on the feast day symbolize Christ who is the light of the world, so too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Christ Jesus to all peoples.

Today let us pray for all religious who have dedicated themselves to the Lord in this way, that they may continue to shine with the Lord's light in the world. Let us pray for those considering consecrated life, that they may offer themselves to the Lord without reservation and respond to whatever His call on their life may be. Let us pray for ourselves that we may remember that we too have the light of Christ within us and we may rededicate ourselves to tending that light within and commit to sharing it with all the nations.

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. Please note that a **2-week notice is required for scheduling all intentions.**



St. John the Evangelist

SAT, FEB 3	4 pm	LIVING: Healing for Meredith MEMORIAL: Gerald P Moran
SUN, FEB 4	930 am	MEMORIAL: Theresa Dixon, Francis Shaughnessy, John Shaughnessy, Mauricio Valencia ANNIVERSARY: Angela O'Keeffe (6th)
	6 pm	People of the Parish
MON, FEB 5	9 am	LIVING INTENTION: Francis Bulman
TUE, FEB 6	9 am	Sebastian Poondikulam: 8th Anniversary
WED, FEB 7	9 am	Valerie Ouellette: Memorial
THU, FEB 8	9 am	Edward Comeau: Memorial
FRI, FEB 9	9 am	Thomas Muldoon: 7th Anniversary
SAT, FEB 10	4 pm	Jim Dolan Sr: 1st Anniversary
SUN, FEB 11	930 am	Gus Skamarycz and Edward J Locke: Memorial
	6 pm	People of the Parish

St. Margaret of Scotland

SAT, FEB 3	4 pm	MEMORIAL: Rose Dowling, Jack Kelley, Ann M Langan, Daniel Neveux, Roland Neveux ANNIVERSARY: Maurice Bergeron (11th) Rita Lessieur (20th)
SUN, FEB 4	730 am	People of the Parish
	10 am	MEMORIAL: Nicholas Lehoullier ANNIVERSARY: Edward 'Bucky' Boehm (8th), Mary Boehm (18th), Daniel Boehm Sullivan (25th), Daniel F Sullivan Jr (28th)
MON, FEB 5	8 am	Collaborative Members of Spiritual Society and Renewal Fund
TUE, FEB 6	8 am	Rita Doherty: Memorial
WED, FEB 7	8 am	Regina Baraskus: Memorial
THU, FEB 8	8 am	Clara E Stupakewicz: 5th Anniversary
FRI, FEB 9	8 am	Vincent Latham: Memorial
SAT, FEB 10	4 pm	Ann M Langan: 1st Anniversary
SUN, FEB 11	730 am	Richard J Foley: 21st Anniversary
	10 am	People of the Parish

St. Mary Parish

SAT, FEB 3	4 pm	LIVING: Robert and Rae Russo 40th Wedding Anniversary MEMORIAL: Elizabeth Arnold, Mercedes Patricia Healy, Walter Patrick Healy, Louise LaChance, Frank and Edna Lezotte, Fr Kenneth Loftus SJ, Alice Martin, Helene Mulholland, Mary Ann Zampell ANNIVERSARY: Tina Lee Ann Ducharme (1st)
SUN, FEB 4	7 am	People of the Parish
	11 am	MEMORIAL: Elizabeth Anderson, Jean Tucker, Elizabeth Yenolemtz, Frank Yenolemtz, John Yenolemtz ANNIVERSARY: James Elwood (1st), Kenneth Hall (10th), Thomas D Kelleher (5th)
TUE, FEB 6	7 am	Ann L Knower: Birthday Memorial
WED, FEB 7	7 am	Living Members of the Albin A Hastbacka Family
THU, FEB 8	7 am	Irene Gatti: 6th Anniversary
FRI, FEB 9	7 am	Robert and Irene Crudale: Memorial
SAT, FEB 10	4 pm	Raymond Anstiss Sr: 14th Anniversary
SUN, FEB 11	11 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.

St. Mary Altar Flowers
Birthday Blessings for Michael Bean



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.



St. Margaret Bells

The steeple bells at St. Margaret toll daily at 12 and 6 pm, followed by the ringing of the Angelus bell and 2 hymns. At 3 pm, they play 2 hymns, and 15 minutes prior to each weekend Mass, the bells toll a 'call to worship.' We invite you to dedicate the Ringing of the Bells in Memory/In Honor of someone.

**In Memory of
Roland and Daniel Neveux**



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