

# Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative

Home to St. Mary and St. John the Evangelist Parish Families  
Parish Offices located at 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts, 01863  
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Just as our Blessed Mother Mary and the Evangelist, called John, came together at the foot of the Cross to serve Christ crucified, so also do the parish families bearing their names come together to serve God by serving each other and all who make up the Body of The Risen Lord.

St. Mary Church • 25 North Road • Chelmsford, 01824

St. John the Evangelist Church • 115 Middlesex Street • North Chelmsford, 01863

## \* PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Offices remain closed until further notice.  
Our phones will be answered during the following hours:  
Mondays and Wednesdays • 9 AM - 12 NOON  
Tuesdays and Thursdays • 2 PM - 5 PM  
No phone hours on Fridays. Leave messages in general voice mail.

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)

St. Mary • Saturday at 4 PM/ Sunday at 7 AM and 11 AM  
St. John • Saturday at 4 PM/ Sunday at 9:30 AM and 6 PM  
All Masses can be livestreamed

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE (RESERVATIONS NOT REQUIRED)

Monday - Friday • 7 AM at St. Mary/ 9 AM at St. John  
All Masses can be livestreamed

## \* SUNDAY CURBSIDE COMMUNION

St. John • 3:00 - 3:30 PM / St. Mary • 4:30 - 5:00 PM

## \* DAILY DEVOTIONS LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday at 3 PM • Chaplet at St. John  
Monday - Friday at 7 PM • Rosary at St. Mary

## \* SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CURBSIDE CONFESSION)

Mondays • 4:00 - 5:00 PM • St. John  
Wednesdays • 4:30 - 5:30 PM • St. Mary

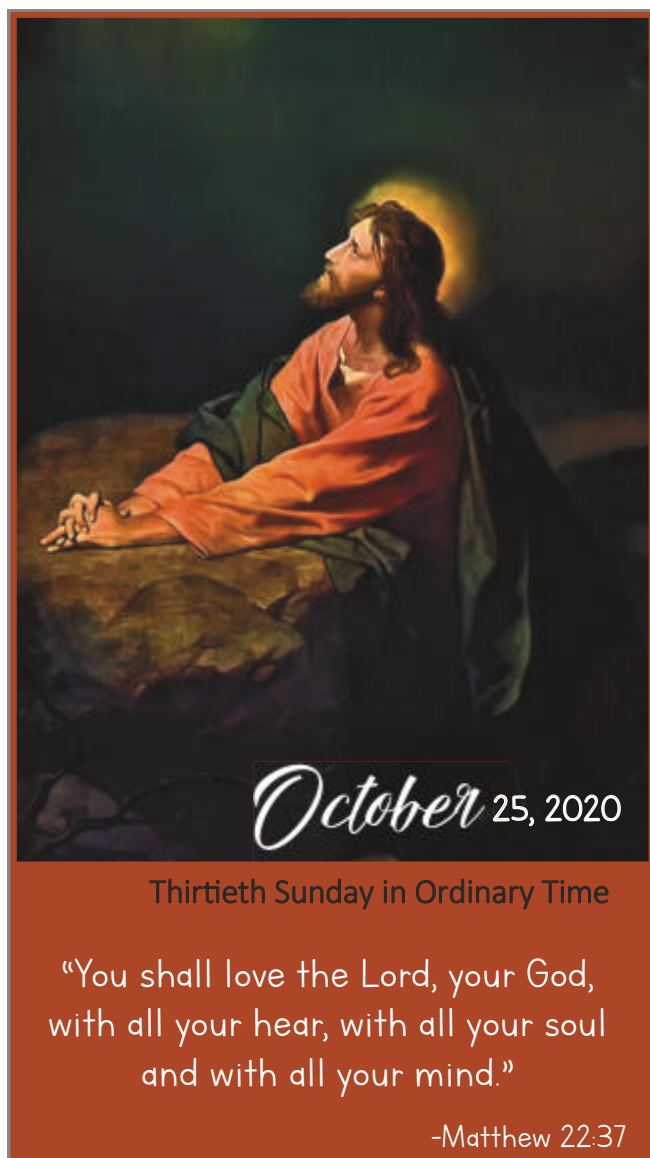
## \* EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays • 4:00 - 5:00 PM • St. John Parking Lot

## PRAYER LINE

To have prayers said for yourself or a loved one,  
call the parish office and ask for ext. 223. After hours, press 4.

\* please read entire bulletin for potential schedule changes



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart, with all your soul  
and with all your mind."

-Matthew 22:37



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# CALENDAR

at St John at St. Mary  
RESERVATION REQUIRED  
for all weekend liturgies

## Sunday, October 25

Weekend Liturgy • 7:00 and 11 am • St. Mary  
Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am and 6 pm • St. John  
African Liturgy • 12 pm • St. John  
Curbside Communion • 3:00 - 3:30 pm  
Curbside Communion • 4:30 - 5:00 pm

## Monday, October 26

Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary  
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John  
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm  
Curbside Confessions • 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 6:30 pm  
Rosary in the Grotto • 7:00 pm  
Fr. Brian LIVEVIEW Presentation • 7:00 pm

## Tuesday, October 27

Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary  
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John  
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm  
Rosary in the Grotto • 7:00 pm  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

## Wednesday, October 28

Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary  
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John  
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm  
Curbside Confessions • 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
Rosary in the Grotto • 7:00 pm  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

## Thursday, October 29

Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary  
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John  
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm  
Rosary in the Grotto • 7:00 pm  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

## Friday, October 30

Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary  
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John  
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm  
Parking Lot Adoration • 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
Rosary in the Grotto • 7:00 pm  
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

## Saturday, October 31

Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm Mass • St. Mary  
Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm Mass • St. John

## Sunday, November 1

Weekend Liturgy • 7:00 and 11 am • St. Mary  
Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am and 6 pm • St. John  
Curbside Communion • 3:00 - 3:30 pm  
Curbside Communion • 4:30 - 5:00 pm

# Night 2 of 7 The Eucharist Monday, October 26 7 pm via St. Mary LIVEVIEW

Join us for Night two of seven THIS MONDAY! Each Monday evening presentation\*\* will begin at 7 pm and will be available to watch via St. Mary LIVEVIEW. Keep on the lookout for your weekly invitation on Monday morning, where you will find the LIVEVIEW link, from which all your questions—if any—should be asked. Mark your calendar for all future dates...

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

**\*\* IF THE TOWN OF CHELMSFORD REMAINS IN THE RED ZONE ON OCTOBER 26th, THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WILL BE REVOKED. WE WILL NOTIFY YOU VIA FLOCKNOTE.**

We are permitted to have 25 people physically attend these presentations. Reservations for these seats can be made during the same hours that phone-in Mass reservations are open...

**Monday: 9 am - 12 noon**

**Tuesday: 2 - 5 pm**

**Wednesday: 9 am - 12 noon**

**Thursday: 2 - 3 pm**

**RESERVATION and WEARING OF MASK REQUIRED**

## Are you getting Flock notes? No?

Email Christine to subscribe today.

Type **FLOCKNOTE/ ST. [MARY or JOHN]** in the subject line.

## 3RD ANNUAL HAIL MARY CHALLENGE

1,000,000 Hail Mary's in 6 Months • June 1 - November 30



Email counts to [psidari@ymail.com](mailto:psidari@ymail.com), call them into (978) 729-1677, or drop them off into the black box located parish office entrance.

Total for Month of June	73,989
Total for Month of July	124,983
Total for Month of August	182,035
Total for Month of September	249,961
Weeks: Oct 11th and 18th	73,762

Total To Date... **704,730** Hail Mary's



October is 'Respect Life Month.' Due to COVID, we will be holding our annual Baby Bottle Drive virtually to support our local Pregnancy Care Center in Lowell.

The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) offers loving, free, and confidential support to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. The goal of the PCC is to journey alongside women to let them know they are not alone. Additionally, we provide sexual integrity education, post-abortion counseling, and material assistance (baby items/food). Our services are free, thanks to support from individuals and local churches. The PCC also has locations in Haverhill and Lawrence. Thank you once again for supporting us in our efforts to help these women and their unborn children.

You can make an online donation by visiting PCC at [www.pccfriends.org/events/baby-bottle-campaign](http://www.pccfriends.org/events/baby-bottle-campaign). If you prefer to send a check, please make it payable to PCC, and mail to:

Pregnancy Care Center  
158 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA 01854



St. John's African Community  
*invites you*  
to celebrate The Mass

Mass is celebrated at St. John's by this community 3 times a month—2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday— at 12 noon.

*All are welcome to the Lord's table!*

## FALL BACK

**DON'T FORGET**  
to turn your  
**NON-SMART** clocks  
back one hour  
before you go to bed  
**NEXT SATURDAY,**  
**October 31st**



## Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



- All children/ teens, ages 5-14 years, are eligible to enter this contest
- **Deadline to submit your original artwork and entry form is December 15, 2020**
- The top three winning designs—after all levels of judging are complete—will be made into Christmas cards and sold next year (2021) by the Knights of Columbus Council 9275
- For the complete list of rules and regulations, judging schedule and the required entry form, please visit [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/poster-contest](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/poster-contest)

## Keep Christ in Christmas Christmas Card Sale

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Christmas Card sale online this year. They are hoping for your support in this much relied-upon fundraiser for their Council. To see the 2020 offerings, visit [www.knights9275.com](http://www.knights9275.com), where you will find all information needed to place your order... photos, payment and delivery information.

## Catholic Leadership Youth Essay Contest

All Catholic students in grades 8 through 12 are invited to participate in the 2020-21 KofC Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Students are encouraged to write a 500-750 word essay on the theme of **"discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it."** The contest is open to students from St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. John, and St. Mary Parishes, and children / grandchildren of council members.

First-place winners at each grade level will receive a monetary award from Bishop Ruocco Council, as well as having their essays submitted to the KofC State Council for additional judging and awards.

**Must Submit:** Entry Form with Parental Consent  
Written Essay

**Deadline:** **Post Marked by November 2, 2020**  
NO electronic submittal

**Mail To:** KofC Bishop Ruocco Council 9275  
P.O. Box 65  
Chelmsford, MA 01824-0065

To obtain an Entry Form, contact Knights of Columbus member Gene Bartos at [gene.bartos@verizon.net](mailto:gene.bartos@verizon.net)

For more information about the essay topic, please refer to the council website—[knights9275.com](http://knights9275.com)—and click on Catholic Essay Contest.



# The Financial Page

Fiscal Year 2021 runs from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Paul Firicano, Collaborative Business Manager  
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St. Mary Weekly Offertory	Weekend of October 17th/18th	Fiscal Year-To-Date October 18th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$17,140 *	\$274,240	\$17,140
Actual Received	\$13,660	\$225,531	\$14,096
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$3,480	-\$48,709	-\$3,044

St. John Weekly Offertory	Weekend of October 17th/18th	Fiscal Year-To-Date October 18th	Fiscal YTD Average/Week
Offertory Required to cover Budgeted Expenses	\$11,040 *	\$176,640	\$11,040
Actual Received	\$6,818	\$127,097	\$7,944
Shortfall/ Overage	-\$4,222	-\$49,543	-\$3,096

\* due to COVID-19, budget number is not final and subject to change

Second Collection Totals	St. Mary	St. John
Holy Father & Missionary Efforts - Collected on October 10th/11th	\$998	\$650
Catholic World Missions - Collected October 17th/18th	\$956	\$421

## ST. MARY

Online  
Giving



- Visit our website at [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org) and click on the Online Giving logo located in the right-hand sidebar on the homepage.

Or scan the above QR code with your Android or iPhone. Open your camera app. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder and you will see a notification with a link. Click on the notification to open the link. You will be taken to the St. Mary Online Giving site on your phone.

- Click on 'Set up New Account.'
- Set up your payment options, withdrawal dates, etc.
- If you prefer, there is a "Quick Give" option to make a one-time donation.

## ST. JOHN

WeShare



- Visit our website at [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org) and click on the WeShare logo located in the right-hand sidebar on the homepage.

Or scan the above QR code with your Android or iPhone. Open your camera app. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder and you will see a notification with a link. Click on the notification to open the link. You will be taken to the St. John's WeShare site on your phone.

- Choose your Giving Opportunity, i.e Weekly Offertory.
- Set up your payment options, withdrawal dates, etc.
- If you prefer, there is an option to make a one-time donation.

Join Deacon John, Bishop Hennessey and Fr. Corey on a

## Deluxe Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

April 3 - 13, 2022 • \$5,299 per person/ double occupancy

- First Class Hotel Accommodation
- Visit to a Market in Nazareth
- Wine Tasting at the American Colony Hotel courtyard
- Visit to the Western Wall and Jewish Quarters
- Dinners at Satya Restaurant & Wine & Cheese
- Restaurant on rooftop of Notre Dame



A flyer with ALL details can be found on our website!

# Family Faith Formation Program

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## P.L.A.N.S. FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

**PREPARE  
TO LEARN  
AWESOME!  
NEW STUFF**

### All Families

- Refer to the "Our Prayer Journal - Praying with the Holy Rosary" booklet
- Focus on Week Three: With Intercessions (page 7)
- Practice praying The Rosary with Intercessions with your family 15 minutes daily
- Track your progress on your October: Family Fundamentals Tracking page

### Grade One and Two Families

- Continue to work on understanding and learning Basic Catholic Prayers

### Grade Two Families

- Continue and complete Session 1: You are Blessed Video Sessions 1.1 through 1.6
- Continue and complete Session 1 Worksheets: "Show what you know/ Journaling with Jesus"

### Grade Seven and Eight Families

- Continue to focus on components of daily family prayer
- Attend/watch the Sunday Mass together during the month of October

### Confirmation I Families

- Complete Lessons 1&2
- Submit Chosen Lesson Reflection ([www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/chosen-lesson-reflection](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/chosen-lesson-reflection))

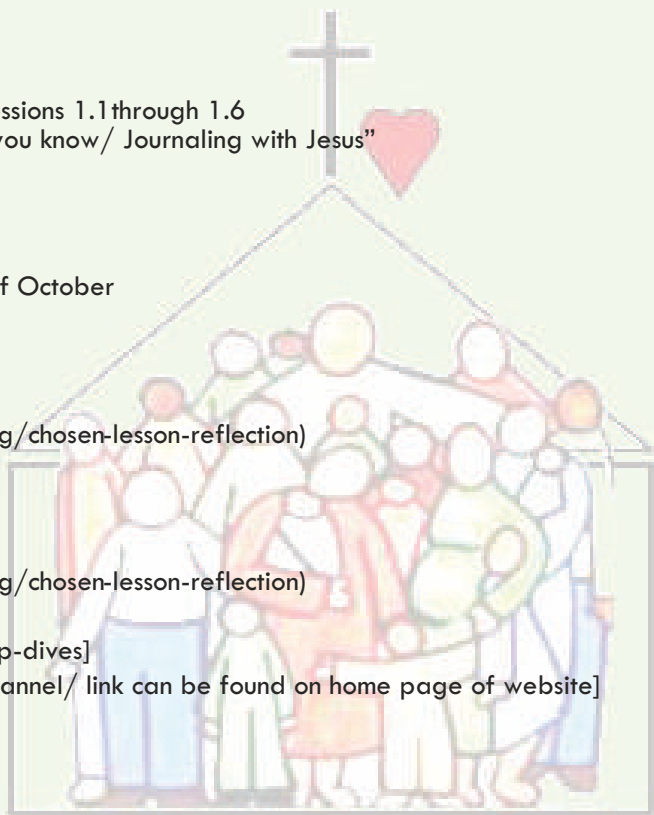
### Confirmation II Families

- Complete Lessons 13 & 14
- Submit Chosen Lesson Reflection ([www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/chosen-lesson-reflection](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/chosen-lesson-reflection))

### Upcoming Deep Dives [[www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/deep-dives](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/deep-dives)]

[all videos are on our YouTube Channel/ link can be found on home page of website]

- Sun, Oct 25th: Facts with Father - YouTube Video
- Sun, Nov 1st: Saints on Parade - Home Activity
- Sun, Nov 1st: Saintly Stories: St. Sebastian - YouTube Video
- Thu, Nov 12th: Vocation Panel via ZOOM. RSVP Required.



St. Mary's is blessed with the patronage of our Mother Mary and a beautiful Marian Grotto.

During the month of October, the Month of The Most Holy Rosary, we will gather Monday - Friday at 7:00 pm to pray this beautiful prayer together as a community. As The Rosary is a Family Prayer, we encourage families to come and pray with us! In the event of inclement weather, the recitation of the Rosary will be cancelled. **DON'T FORGET** to turn in your Hail Mary counts—53 per each Rosary prayed—to the Hail Mary Challenge (see page 2).

## Evening Rosary at St. Mary Grotto



## From Our Pastor

How does one put a well-formed conscience into practice? Obviously, it begins with prayer. Only by allowing God to begin to direct our hearts can we discern the right way to act. As I said in last week's column, it also means seeking to understand the scriptures, the teaching of the Church, and oneself. The process of developing a well-formed conscience takes time and patience. I remember having a conversation one day with someone about this issue. When I detailed all that we have spoken about and what it takes to develop a *real* conscience, they responded, "That's way too hard. There's no way I would do that." I believe this is *not* an unusual response. Most people simply want an easy way to decide. They are looking for the cliff notes version for their answers. But to live life to the full takes dedication, persistence, and determination to know the truth.

Actually, I think most people have a more difficult time trying to know themselves than trying to understand the scriptures and Church teaching. Why you believe what you believe is essential to determining why you might disagree with Church teaching. It is not enough to simply say, I do not agree. We must also realize that if we cannot agree with a teaching, we may still be acting in accord with our conscience; but we cannot publicly disagree with the Church and lead another into error. The importance of growing in self-understanding and an understanding of our faith is essential to any choices we make.

So, when it comes to voting for an individual, what do we need to do? One must first realize it is essential to know the person's stances on the most important issues. It is necessary to know what *they* say about themselves and *not* what others say. Fortunately, in this day and age—with the internet—it is easy to find out. You simply need to go to the person's website and look at their position on the issues. There are also non-partisan guides that will help you know where each candidate stands on particular issues. Then, it is necessary to prioritize the issues.

As Catholics we believe that not *all* issues have equal value. Some issues are so fundamental that they take precedence over all others. We cannot

weigh them and place them on a scale and say that because there are so many issues I can ignore the most fundamental ones. Obviously, for human beings, issues concerning the very basics of life are our most fundamental choices. It is impossible to overstate this truth. Now, that does not mean you must vote for a particular candidate based on one issue. In the past, if I found both major candidates morally problematic, I wrote in a different person's name. Of course, people have told me that I wasted my vote. I, of course, disagree—I prayed about it. I looked to the teachings of the Church and the scriptures, and determined that neither candidate was consistent with the Gospel, to such a degree that I could not in good conscience vote for either candidate. I take my conscience very seriously and will not act in a way that violates it.

I am not here to tell you who to vote for, or to advocate for a particular person or political party. Rather, I hope I have helped you understand how to make good choices, by voting with a well-formed conscience and allowing God to help guide your choice. And the truth is, for Catholics, what is true of voting is true of every moral decision a person must make.

My column over the last few weeks was not simply about the moment we are in, but rather, about a well-lived life. We simply need to hold fast to what the scriptures teach us:

*"Choose life,*

*then, by loving the LORD, your God,  
heeding his voice, and holding fast to him."*

cf Deuteronomy 30:20

If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to ask me directly, or email me at [fr.brian@chelmsfordcatholic.org](mailto:fr.brian@chelmsfordcatholic.org).

Please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ,  
Fr. Brian





## Follow-Up to Fr. Brian's October 19th Eucharist Talk

It is impossible to say all that can be said about the Eucharist in a short exposition about the subject. To be honest, it would take an eternity to speak fully about the mystery, and still we would never comprehend completely the totality of its



meaning. The word Eucharist comes from the Greek *eucharistia*, which means thanksgiving. That simple definition begins to touch upon the reality that the Eucharist is not *simply* about the presence of Christ, but speaks also to an attitude we are called to have in regard to God's saving mission in our lives. The very idea of thanksgiving, which this great sacrament calls forth from us, is to lead us away from self-centeredness to a desire to center our lives into communion with God. It seeks to drive from us sinful desires and unthankfulness to a desire for true love of God. Therefore, the Eucharist is at the heart of God's plan of salvation.

The Eucharist is centered in the Hebraic Passover theme. God seeks to liberate us from slavery which, in the Christian context, is freedom from sin and death through our Passover, and Jesus' death and resurrection. Formed through our baptism, we are called into communion, to be united in thanking our God for his saving mercy that finds its consummation in Christ. We are called then to join together with Christ to express our gratitude to the Father. The Eucharist is at the heart of a life that is centered in an attitude of complete gratitude. It will be helpful then to unpack how we can grow in this attitude, by looking at certain themes or paradigms. These paradigms do not, in anyway, exhaust all that we could say about the Eucharist, but they will help us understand how we can grow in that attitude of gratitude and deepen our communion in Christ, leading us to the Father.

Ultimately, as we seek to understand the meaning of the Eucharist, we will come to understand the purpose of the Eucharist. Its purpose is—as all Christian life is—about salvation. We are called to be a people united and saved in Christ. We recognize the truth that salvation is only possible through Christ. And since we encounter Christ himself in the Eucharist, we encounter the reality of our salvation. With each encounter, when we are truly open, we grow in the reality of our salvation. This leads to the second purpose which is growing in our relationship with Christ. Christ gives us his very self, not simply for us to know things about Him, but to know Him personally and deeply. As we get to know Christ, we will discover more deeply who we are as a person, and we will come to know more fully the person God created us to be. The third purpose is to know God's plan for my life, both in the general sense of the universal call to holiness and salvation, and how He calls me to accomplish his plan for my life. If I am truly living out God's plan for my life, it will create in me a desire to give Him true praise and thanksgiving. It will not be a one-time thing, but rather, a constant, lived reality. It will prepare me for heaven with the desire to praise and thank the Lord for all eternity.

## FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR Fr. Corey Bassett-Tirrell

The month of October is annually observed by the Catholic Church in the United States as Respect Life Month. We are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from conception until natural death and at every point in between.

As we are in the midst of Respect Life Month, our hearts are heavy with revelations of how those who should be most trustworthy have not only failed in this regard but have inflicted immense evil. As USCCB President Cardinal Daniel DiNardo expressed, "The Body of Christ is lacerated."

At such a time as this, we become even more aware of the need for messengers of God's love and instruments of His healing. We realize again, with renewed urgency, our personal call to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love and to defend the sanctity of every person's life, at every stage and in every circumstance.

All of our rights come from the first and primary right, which is the right to life. We have nothing else if we have not the primary right to life. But as Catholics we don't stop there. We care for all from conception to natural death. To truly be a people of life and understand more fully Catholic social teaching, we protect life in the womb, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, care for the imprisoned and take care of the ill. We care for each other at all stages of life. This is the very essence of our social concern as Catholics.

But, primary to all of these things, we can never be complicit with the abomination of euthanasia and abortion either directly or tacitly. Saint Mother Teresa once said: "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so we may live as we wish." She was right to call it a poverty. When sin and evil are being done, everyone—the child, the parents, and society as a whole—suffers.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul tells us, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. ...If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it" (1 Cor 12:12,26).

It was once said that all that is required for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing. Our Catholic faith compels us to continue to strive to build a culture of life, in our homes, in our communities, in our government and in the world.

We are called and sent to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. The Body of Christ needs you. The world needs you. Do not be afraid to speak up for what is right, good, and true. God bless you all.

# Meet Our Staff

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In order to promote communication and transparency throughout the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative, you are encouraged to forward any comments and concerns you may have directly to the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils.

## COLLABORATIVE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish council matters can be sent to:  
[CollaborativePPC@chelmsfordcatholic.org](mailto:CollaborativePPC@chelmsfordcatholic.org)

Current Council Members are ...

### St. John Members

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Ray Wagner  
Mike Condor  
Katrina Horan  
Beth Jacavano  
Drew Jubinville  
Angela McMaster  
Ellen St. George  
Augustine Tweneh

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If you would like to submit a notice for the bulletin, please do so no later than 12 NOON, TWO Fridays prior to the weekend in which you would like it published. Submittals should be emailed to [christine@chelmsfordcatholic.org](mailto:christine@chelmsfordcatholic.org) or via US Mail to the Parish Offices at 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, MA, 01863, ATTN Christine. We will do our best to accommodate your request.



**WOULD LIKE  
TO SHARE  
MY 'GO-TO'  
PRAYER**

Send your favorite "Go To" Prayer with us! Email to Christine, noting GO TO PRAYER in subject line.

Enjoy this weeks submission!

Trudy Desfosse shares...

In July 1943, the #1 song on the Billboard was "Comin' in on a Wing and a Prayer". That is how I had arrived a few years earlier – perhaps on angel's wings but certainly on prayer. I was born the 5<sup>th</sup> child of six children. As my mother told the story, she believed she knew just when "the" baby would arrive and would be delivered at home by the doctor. I guess I was anxious to get here and decided to arrive early. My father called the doctor, and my mother's best friend who lived upstairs on the second floor to come down and help. My mother said she and Mae were really scared and concerned that the birth would go well since her last delivery did not. My brother who was 3 years older than me had been born with birth trauma (the cord was around his neck several times). She said that it was all up to God and the Blessed Mother. She and Mae decided the best solution would be to pray the Memorare' over and over and they did. Everything went well, my birth was easy, and the doctor was pleased when he arrived. Thus, I learned this prayer and a great devotion to our Blessed Mother as a young child.

The Memorare 'is my "Go-To" Prayer. I always call upon Mary's intercession through this prayer when I am confused, frightened, worried, sad, and need to make an important decision. I especially pray it before I need to speak with someone about an important or difficult matter. I pray for the guidance to choose the right words to be understood and not hurt or upset the other person. It is a prayer that gives me strength, peace, and trust.

### The Memorare

Remember, most gracious Virgin Mary,  
never was it known  
that anyone who fled to thy protection,  
implored thy help  
or sought thy intercession,  
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee,  
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;  
to thee do I come, before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful;

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions,  
but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## St. John's Beautification Offering

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

All those who are Fighting COVID-19  
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## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Social Justice Convocation

Racial Injustice: What Can We Do?

**JOIN US VIRTUALLY...**

November 7 • 10 am—12:30 pm

### Program Highlights:

- 10 am: Holy Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley
- 11 am: Rev. Oscar Pratt, Pastor, St. Katharine Drexel Parish  
"Are You Aware?"
- 11:30 am: Prof. Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University  
"Are You Committed?"
- 12 pm: Update on Social Justice Ministry  
Preview of 2021 Planned Events  
Resources for Parishes

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[www.chelmsfordcatholic.org](http://www.chelmsfordcatholic.org)

click on parish life, then community/archdiocese events

He Who Has Hope Lives  
*differently*  
-Pope Benedict XVI



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 Mass intention is requested to be made at the time you schedule your intention.

*Due to November 1st being a Holy Day of Obligation, there are no Mass Intentions scheduled for the weekend of October 31st/ November 1st*

## St. John

**SAT, OCT 24** 4:00 pm: Theresa Patrie, James H. Sullivan and James C. Sullivan: Memorial

**SUN, OCT 25** 9:30 am: Debby Camacho: 1st Anniversary  
12:00 pm: LIVING INTENTION: Mary Edith and Damian Amafo on the Occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary  
6:00 pm: For the People of the Parish

**MON, OCT 26** 9:00 am: Sean P. Nagle: Memorial

**THU, OCT 29** 9:00 am: For the People of the Parish

## St. Mary

**SAT, OCT 24** 4:00 pm: Walter Rowe: 18th Anniversary

**SUN, OCT 25** 7:00 am: For the People of the Parish  
11:00 am: Christopher & Nora Gambon and Michael Mokrzycki: Memorial

**TUE, OCT 27** 7:00 am: 40 Days Life Initiative

**WED, OCT 28** 7:00 am: Michele Cullen: 20th Anniversary

**FRI, OCT 30** 7:00 am: For the People of the Parish

## Rose for Life

Someone special you'd like to honor? You can do that by having a rose signifying your intention placed in either church, as well as having your intention published in the bulletin. To book a Rose for Life, contact the parish office. The suggested offering is \$5.00.



This week's St. John Rose for Life:  
**In Memory Of Rita Leo**  
From the Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

St. John Rose provided by Blossoms Florist

This week's St. Mary Rose for Life:  
**Healing Prayers for Francine**

St. Mary Rose provided by JuJu Buds

## St. Mary Memorial 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 includes an acknowledgement in the bulletin. If you would like to donate altar flowers, call the parish office. Please note that we require a 2-week notice for your flower order.

This week's St. Mary Altar Flowers:  
**Edward and Krista Murphy • Special Intention**

**"YOUR WORD IS A  
LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND  
A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH"**  
-PSALM 119:105

### MONDAY, OCT 26

Ephesians 4:32—5:8  
Psalm 1  
Luke 13: 10-17

### TUESDAY, OCT 27

Ephesians 5: 21-23  
Psalm 128  
Luke 13: 18-21

### WEDNESDAY, OCT 28

Ephesians 2: 19-22  
Psalm 19  
Luke 6: 12-16

### THURSDAY, OCT 29

Ephesians 6: 10-20  
Psalm 144  
Luke 13: 31-35

### FRIDAY, OCT 30

Philippians 1: 1-11  
Psalm 11  
Luke 14: 1-6

### SATURDAY, OCT 31

Philippians 1: 18-26  
Psalm 42  
Luke 14: 1, 7-11

### SUNDAY, NOV 1

Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14  
Psalm 24  
1 John 3: 1-3  
Matthew 5: 1-12

"The souls of the just are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace." - Wisdom 3: 1-3



## FUNERALS RECENTLY CELEBRATED

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

*Mary McHugh • October 24 at St. Mary*



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## Patricia "Pattie" L. Gauthier of Tyngsboro

Patricia "Pattie" Lee Gauthier, 64, a longtime resident of Tyngsboro, MA died Monday, August 24, 2020 at Westford House in Westford, MA.

She was married to Paul Gauthier with whom he would have celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 18, 2020.

Born in Lowell, she was the daughter of the late William and Claire (Burt) Kirane.

She graduated from Lowell High School with the class of 1974, and retired from A. Zabbo Realty of Tyngsboro.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in N. Chelmsford, MA.

She enjoyed walking, cycling, playing Bingo and loved animals especially birds. Pattie's favorite saying was "Everything happens for a reason", and her favorite foods were shepherd's pie, pizza and seafood.

Besides her husband, she is survived by her three

daughters, Amy Gauthier of Nashua, NH, Alison Gauthier of Fitchburg, MA, and Andrea Gauthier of Nashua, a sister, Susan Sullivan of Lowell, as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late William Kirane Jr.

Pattie's message to all of her loving family and friends "I love you all. I'll always be with you no matter where you are or where you go."

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend her calling hours on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 Pm at the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME, 106 MIDDLESEX ST., CHELMSFORD. Her Funeral was Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 10AM from the Dolan Funeral Home, with a funeral Mass at 11AM at St. John the Evangelist in N. Chelmsford. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery, Lowell. Memorials in her name may be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452. Online guest book is available at [www.dolanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dolanfuneralhome.com).

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