



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. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
115 MIDDLESEX STREET
NORTH CHELMSFORD

ST. MARY
25 NORTH ROAD
CHELMSFORD

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday • 4:00 PM	Saturday • 4:00 PM
Sunday • 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM	Sunday • 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday • 9:00 AM	Monday - Friday • 7:00 AM
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Saturday 9:00 am Mass alternates between parishes. Refer to calendars.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday • 3:00 - 3:45 PM or by appointment	Saturday • 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM or by appointment
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month •	Thursday • 3:00 - 9:00 PM
Monday - Wednesday •	Friday • 7:30 AM - 6:30 PM
9:30 - 11:30 am in OPC Chapel	Saturday • 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday Evenings •	in the Parish Center Chapel
6:30 - 8:30 pm in OPC Chapel	

MASSSES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVE STREAM

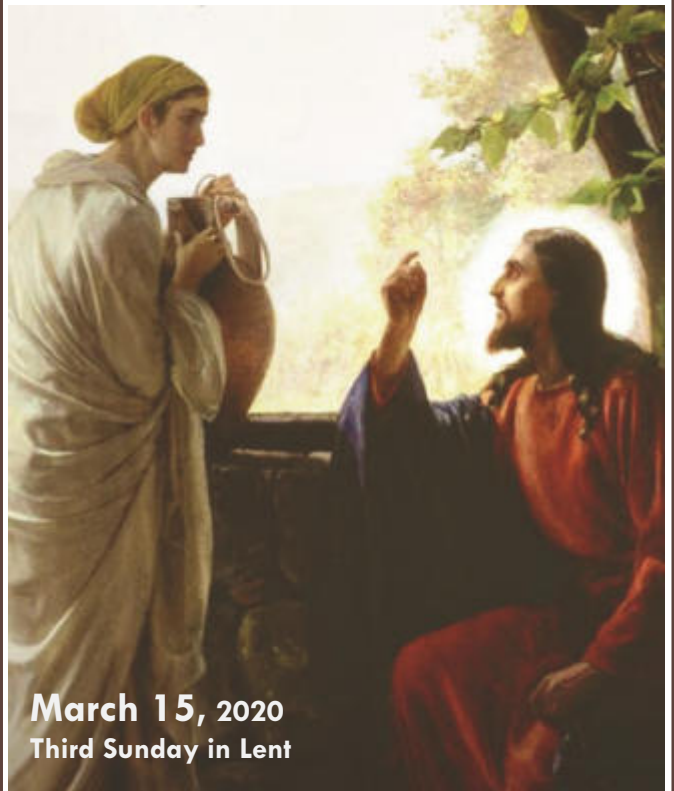
Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org
LIVEVIEW resides on the right-hand sidebar of the home page

PRAYER LINE

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY • 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY • 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
FRIDAY • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
SUNDAY • 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



March 15, 2020
Third Sunday in Lent

JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO HER,
"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying
to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked
Him and He would have given you

Living water

-John 4:10



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"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Responsorial Psalm 95

St. Mary Calendar

• Sunday, March 15 •

Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 6
11 am Choir Ministry Rehearsal • 9:45 - 10:50 am • Choir Loft
Children's Liturgy of the Word • 11 am Mass • PC Chapel
CHWC Pre-Trip Meeting • 12:00 - 2:00 pm • St. John Hall
6 pm Music Ministry Rehearsal • 5:00 - 5:45 pm • Church

• Monday, March 16 •

Matthew Bible Study • 10:00 am - 12 noon • PC Conf Room 1
Reconciliation • 6:30 - 8:00 pm • Church
Lenten Retreat: Night One • 7:00 pm • Church

• Tuesday, March 17 •

FREE Blood Pressure Clinic • 9:45 - 11:00 am • SJ Hall
Lenten Retreat: Night Two • 7:00 pm • Church
Epic Bible Study • CANCELLED due to retreat

• Wednesday, March 18 •

Reconciliation • 6:30 - 8:00 pm • Church
Lenten Retreat: Night Three • 7:00 pm • Church

• Thursday, March 19 •

Rosary Makers • 10:30 am - 12 noon • PC Conf Room 2
Rosary • 12:00 - 1:00 pm • PC Adoration Chapel
Adoration • 3:00 - 9:00 pm • PC Chapel

• Friday, March 20 •

Adoration • 7:30 am - 6:30 pm • PC Chapel
Knitting and Crocheting • 2:00 - 4:00 pm • Parish Hall
Soup (6 pm) and Stations (7 pm) • Parish Hall and Church

• Saturday, March 21 •

Catholic Men's Group • 7:45 - 8:45 am • PC Conf Room 2
9:00 am Mass at St. John
Adoration • 9:30 am - 3:00 pm • PC Chapel
Reconciliation • 11:00 am - 12 noon • Church
Music Ministry Rehearsals • 2:30 - 4:00 pm • Conf Room B
Anointing of the Sick, following 4 pm Mass • Church

• Sunday, March 22 •

Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 6
Grace Notes Choir Rehearsal • 8:10-8:45 am • Church
11 am Choir Ministry Rehearsal • 9:45 - 10:50 am • Choir Loft
Children's Liturgy of the Word • 11 am Mass • PC Chapel
High School Youth Group • 7:00 - 9:00 pm • Hall
6 pm Music Ministry Rehearsal • 5:00 - 5:45 pm • Church

!! ATTENTION !!

St. Mary 11 am MASS GOERS



Please be aware that the duration of the 11:00 am Mass next Sunday, March 22 will be slightly extended due to our welcoming of a new child into the family through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We do hope you will decide to celebrate this joyous occasion with us.

Vacation Bible Fun 2020

August 3 - 7



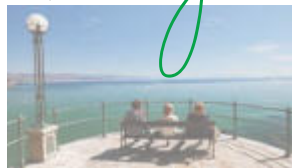
Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway, where kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Registration opens March 20

Feast of St. Joseph . Thursday, March 19th

Patron of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travelers, immigrants, and a happy death.

Aging *gracefully*



The Wisdom of Years

Half-Day Women's Retreat

Tuesday, May 12 • 9 am – 12 noon
St. Mary Parish Center

Refreshments Served

Limited Space, so register TODAY!
phassett99@gmail.com

!! ATTENTION !!

St. John 4:00 pm MASS GOERS

Please be aware that the duration of the 4:00 pm Mass next Sunday, March 21 will be slightly extended due to our welcoming of a new child into the family through the Sacrament of Baptism.



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St. John's Easter Sunday Egg Hunt Needs Donations!

Please help us to continue our 16+ year tradition of the annual Easter Egg Hunt! Every year, following the 8:30 am Easter Sunday Mass, our children enjoy the excitement of this Easter activity, and it is only because of the generosity of our community that we are able to offer this event. Having said that, we are in need of nut-free, individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs. Donation boxes can be found in the lobby of the St. John New Parish Center.



This FREE clinic is being offered THIS Tuesday, March 17th in the St. John Parish Hall from 9:45 - 11:00 am

We are looking for volunteers to decorate St. John's church space for our Easter celebrations! If interested, call the parish offices and ask for Christine.

WINE, WOMEN & WORD

All women of the Chelmsford Collaborative and beyond are welcome to join us for our monthly meeting.

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with the "wearing of the green"

Tuesday, March 17 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
St. John's New Parish Center: Mariotti Room
BRING A FRIEND, OR TWO!

St. John Calendar

• Sunday, March 15 •

Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 7
Children's Liturgy of the Word • 8:30 am Mass
Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Hall
CHWC Pre-Trip Meeting • 12:00 - 2:00 pm • Hall
African Liturgy • 12:30 pm • Church

• Monday, March 16 •

Adoration • 9:30 - 11:30 am • OPC Chapel
Reconciliation • 6:30 - 8:00 pm • St. Mary Church
ACTS CORE Meeting • 6:30 pm • Linehan
Lenten Retreat: Night One • 7:00 pm • St. Mary Church
Families with Addiction Support Group • 7:00 pm • NPC

• Tuesday, March 17 •

Adoration • 9:30 - 11:30 am • OPC Chapel
Coffee Group, following 9 am Mass • Hall
FREE Blood Pressure Clinic • 9:45 - 11:00 am • Hall
Wine, Women and Word • 6:30 - 8:00 pm • Mariotti
Lenten Retreat: Night Two • 7:00 pm • St. Mary Church

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Reconciliation • 6:30 - 8:00 pm • Church
Lenten Retreat: Night Three • 7:00 pm • St. Mary Church

• Thursday, March 19 •

Charismatic Prayer Group • 10:00 am - 12 noon • OPC
BINGO • 6:45 pm (doors open at 3:00 pm) • Hall
Charismatic Prayer Group • 7:00 - 8:00 pm • OPC

• Friday, March 20 •

Soup (6 pm) and Stations (7 pm) • Parish Hall and Church

• Saturday, March 21 •

Daily Mass at 9:00 am
Contemplative Prayer, following 9 am Mass • Linehan
First Eucharist Retreat • 9:30 - 11:00 am • Hall
Reconciliation • 3:00 - 3:45 pm • Church

• Sunday, March 22 •

Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 7
Children's Liturgy of the Word • 8:30 am Mass
Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Mariotti
African Liturgy • 12:30 pm • Church
Legion of Mary Meeting • 12:30 pm • Linehan
VBF Leader Meeting • 6:00 - 8:00 pm • OPC Room 1

The Financial Page

Fiscal Year 2020 runs from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

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Today in every parish across the Archdiocese, Cardinal Seán calls on us to support the annual Catholic Appeal. The success of the Appeal is vital in funding the 51 central ministries that provide assistance to our parishes, schools, and communities in a variety of ways. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact.

Your participation in this weekend's campaign is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries. Thank you for your generosity and support of the 2020 Catholic Appeal this weekend.

Due to being short-staffed this past week, the offertory figures for the week of March 7th/8th will be included in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for your understanding!



Online Giving Programs: visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org.

Links to both programs can be found on the right-hand side of home page.



Lenten Almsgiving 2020 Supporting our Sister Parish Our Lady, Star of the Sea Sierra Leone, Africa

As in years past, the money collected throughout the Lenten Season will directly benefit this beautiful parish, which is dedicated to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Almsgiving bags can be found at the entrances of both churches and can be returned on be returned on Palm Sunday.

Our Collaborative is in need of more Protecting God's Children Workshop Facilitators



Protecting God's Children Facilitator Training

Saturday, May 16 . 10:00 am—3:00 pm

The Archdiocese Pastoral Center . 66 Brooks Drive . Braintree

****FREE TRAINING and LUNCH PROVIDED ****

To register and/or for more information, contact Michelle Gee at (617) 7416-5994 or mgee@rcab.org.

A New Ministry Finds a Home in our Collaborative ...



The *Legion of Mary*

is a lay Catholic association whose members are giving service to the Church, on a voluntary basis, all over the world. It was founded in Myra House, Francis Street, Dublin, Ireland, in 1921 by Frank Duff. At present, it has about 4 million active members in over 160 countries. The official handbook of the Legion has been published in at least 50 languages.

"Christ has no hands but your hands to do His work today. He has no feet but your feet to lead men in His way. He has no tongue but your tongue to tell men how He died. He has not help but your help to being men to His side."

If you are a man or women over the age of 18 and want to follow the Holy Father's exhortation to evangelize the unchurched, join us on one or all of the following dates:

Sundays at 12:30 pm on March 15th, 22nd, and 29th in the St. John Linehan Room

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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:
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or 978-256-2374/ 978-251-8571, ext 145
Current Council Members are ...

St. John Members

Scott Davidson (co-chair)
Ray Wagner
Mike Condor
Katrina Horan
Beth Jacavano
Drew Jubinville
Angela McMaster
Ellen St. George
Delaney Schiefen (youth)
Augustine Tweneh

St. Mary Members

Peter Lando (co-chair)
Laura Conte
Rob Donnelly
Karen Drake
Jessica Hägg
Matthew Kunze (youth)
Cathy Latina
Lori McDonald
Steve McMillan
Alma (Chicki) Rigazio
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ST. JOHN FINANCE COUNCIL

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Finance matters concerning St. Mary's can be sent to:
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Current Council Members are ...

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Lauren Desforge
Ted Powers
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If you would like to submit a notice for the bulletin, please submit it no later than 12 NOON, TWO Fridays prior to the weekend in which you would like to have it published. Submittals should be emailed to 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 very best to accommodate your request.

As you most probably noticed when you entered into the church today, the Holy Water fonts are empty. This was done via a directive from Archdiocesan Office of Risk Management.

- The Holy Water fonts are to be drained and cleaned with a disinfecting soap on a regular basis.

Other directives include...

- The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is **suspended**, save for those who must receive from the cup due to severe cases of celiac disease. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.
- The exchange of the sign of peace is to be offered without any physical contact. If the priest celebrant chooses to extend the invitation for the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, may bow to the persons nearby.

Visit...

www.chelmsfordcatholic.org, where you can find links to up-to-date information!

Eucharistic Adoration

St. John OPC Chapel

Weekly:

Mon, Tues, Wed
9:30 - 11:30 am

Monthly:

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration

Begins 1st Friday following 9 am Mass;
concludes at 9am on Saturday

Wednesday Evenings of Lent

6:30 - 8:30 pm



St. Mary Parish Center Chapel

Thursdays 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Fridays 7:30 am - 6:30 pm

Saturday s 9:30 am - 3:00 pm



The Meaning of The Mass

The earliest witness to an entrance song in the Roman liturgy occurs in the sixth century. But it can be surmised that the use of some sort of music was part of the celebration even before that time. The earliest choice for the song was the chanting of an appropriate psalm. The choice of psalm was dictated by the feast or season in which the celebration occurred. The psalm would be chosen to help the people contemplate and be aware of the theological basis for the particular celebration being commemorated. During the times when the celebration concerned the whole mystery of salvation in Christ, different psalms could be chosen that reflected a general sense of praise and thanksgiving.

The psalm was chanted by the whole congregation as the entrance procession took place through the church, and was completed when the ministers arrived at their destinations. The entrance song, therefore, had a practical aspect to it; in a sense it acted as traveling music to accompany the procession. This was particularly important in cathedral settings because the procession of the ministers through the church could take time. It also allowed the people to be connected to the procession through their participation in the chanting of the psalm. They did not simply watch the procession, but *joined in* the procession through the song. The whole of the assembly joining together in song also helped foster a sense of unity since they were united together in one action.

Over time this entrance chant, or song, shrunk to essentially a short phrase from the psalms, or scripture, and became the entrance antiphon. This occurred for various reasons, but the most important influence was probably the shrinking of the procession. In the early centuries the procession took place through the church, but in later times the priest would enter from the sacristy which was usually situated right next to the sanctuary. This change in the amount of time it took to process to the sanctuary negated the need for a lengthy chant. However, after the Second Vatican Council and the reform of the liturgy, the importance of the procession was reestablished, and so a true entrance chant or song was again needed. The entrance song is intended, as in the past, to help the faithful understand the mystery being celebrated, foster their unity through a common action, and simply accompany the procession of ministers to their proper places in the church.

Therefore, music is to be understood as an integral element, and holds a prominent place, within the celebration of the Mass. The importance of music to the liturgy needs to be actively sustained by a strong level of participation by the people, well-chosen musical selections, and a competent performance of the music chosen. Therefore, it is important to understand not simply what is good music, but rather what is good *liturgical* music. This distinction is at the heart of the proper place of music in the celebration of Mass. It is ultimately about helping the people of God to achieve full, active, and conscious participation, and through that participation, leading them into a fuller sense of worship of God. Music, as part of the liturgy, is meant to play a role in the sanctification of the faithful as they lift up their voices in worship of God.

We hope your Lenten Journey

thus far has been one of profound growth and that your Lenten disciplines are drawing you closer to God. As you continue on in your journey, we pray that you feel God's presence as He journeys alongside you. There remain still more Lenten events. We hope that you take part in the beautiful, healing sacrament of Reconciliation as well at spending some time with Fr. Brian and Fr. Marcos as they speak to us about growing deeper and more deliberately in our faith. Amen.

Lenten Scripture and Song

Final Tuesday Evening | March 24
7:00 pm at St. John Church

This is the previously titled Taizé Prayer Deep Dive

Join us for 30 minutes of solitude and peace as we keep with the penitential spirit of this season.

Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Monday Evenings St. Mary | March 16, 30
St. John | March 23; April 6

Wednesday Evenings at both Parishes
March 18, 25; April 1, 8

Fr. Brian Presentations

The Four Ways of Love

Wednesday Evenings: March 25, April 1
7:00 pm at St. John

The season of Lent calls us to love better, and by better understanding the four ways of love—Storge (empathy), Philios (friend), Eros (romantic) and Agape (unconditional 'God' love) — Fr. Brian will walk us through these, one by one, in the hopes that we are better able to give — and receive — love from family, friend, neighbor, and God.

Tenebrae Wednesday, April 8 7:00 pm at St. John Church

The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story. A somber, but truly beautiful, experience.

Formed.org

is here to assist us on our Lenten Journey. Visit our website...

chelmsfordcatholic.org/formed.

you will find the link to the PICK OF THE WEEK on the left. If you do not currently have a FORMED account, this page will assist you with that process as well.

Due to construction of the St. Mary's LIFT, the Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be **cancelled** this year.

See you next year!



Lenten Mission

understanding
the three
enemies
of the
human *soul*
and the
weapons to
fight them



Presented by Fr. Marcos Enrique
Parochial Vicar of Dorchester Collaborative
St. Ambrose and St Mark Parishes

March 16 - 18, 2020
7 pm at St. Mary Church

Soup and Stations Fridays of Lent: both Parishes

Soup at 6 pm/ Stations at 7 pm: March 20, 27; April 3

In the spirit of Lenten almsgiving, there will be 'free will' donation baskets. All monies collected will support the Faith Formation Scholarship Fund which assists families who have difficulty in meeting the financial obligation of educating their child(ren) in the faith.

welcome to the Collaborative Family

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• ST. MARY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE and EVENTS •

Upcoming Deep Dive Events



Soup and Stations

Fridays of Lent: Mar 20, 27; Apr 3
• 5 pm Service* | 6 pm Soup | 7 pm Stations



Attendance at Stations is a Deep Dive Event for all families.

* Service is a Confirmation Only Deep Dive Event and is available only at St. Mary. RSVP (sign-up) is REQUIRED. To do so, visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/soup-stations

Lenten Scripture and Song

previously titled Taizé Music and Prayer
FINAL Tuesday Evening: March 24
7:00 - 8:00 pm at St. John Church

Join us for 30 minutes of solitude and peace as we keep with the spirit of the Lenten Season.



Family Reconciliation

Monday Evenings: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
March 23 at St. John Church; March 30 at St. Mary Church



At its heart, Family Reconciliation is simply a night where families are invited to experience God's mercy. There will be guides available for adults, teens, and youth who may need a refresher on how to make a good confession, as well as people on hand to answer any questions.

Lenten activities will be provided for youth who are waiting to go Confession themselves, or are waiting for other family members to go. Child care will be offered so that parents are able to take advantage of the sacrament without worrying about their little one.

Completion of a reflection sheet is REQUIRED for ALL Deep Dives. Downloadable or online reflections can be found on our website as part of the specific Deep Dive page.

March 15th Class Schedule

GRADE 1 CLASS

9:00 - 10:30 am
Parish Hall

GRADE 2 CLASS

11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Parish Hall

GRADES 3 - 6 CLASS GROUPS A & C

9:00 - 10:30 am
Parish Center

GRADES 3 - 6 CLASS GROUPS B & D

11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Parish Center

GRADE 7 & 8 CLASS: 4:15 - 5:45 pm in Parish Hall

March 28th Event Schedule

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

9:30 am - 11:00 am in the Hall

March 22nd Family Gathering Sessions in the Parish Hall

GRADE 1 FGS, GROUP A

9:00 - 10:30 am

GRADE 2 FGS: GROUP B

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

GRADE 3 FGS: GROUP A

9:00 - 10:30 am

GRADE 3 FGS: GROUP B

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

GRADE 4 FGS, GROUP A

9:00 - 10:30 am

GRADE 4 FGS, GROUP B

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

GRADE 5 FGS, GROUP A

9:00 - 10:30 am

GRADE 5 FGS, GROUP B

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

GRADE 6 FGS, GROUP A

9:00 - 10:30 am

GRADE 6 FGS, GROUP B

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

CONFIRMATION II: 4:15 - 5:45 pm

Because the "Handicap Use" door will be out of service—due to construction of the new LIFT—students will be dismissed from the rear door of the parish hall. For safety purposes, the gate that separates the front parking lot from the rear lot will be closed in order to keep traffic from driving through. **For those picking up a student prior to the 6 pm Mass, please enter from the Fletcher Street side.**

Faith Formation Program

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• ST. JOHN FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE AND EVENTS •

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March 15th Class Schedule

GRADE K-3 CLASS

9:45 - 11:15 am
New Parish Center

GRADES 4-6 CLASS

9:45 - 11:15 am
Old Parish Center

GRADES 7-8 CLASS

9:45 - 11:15 am in Parish Hall

March 21st Event Schedule

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

9:30 - 11:00 am in the Hall

March 22nd Family Gathering Sessions In the Parish Hall

GRADE K FGS, GROUP A

9:45 - 11:15 am

GRADE 1 FGS, GROUP A

9:45 - 11:15 am

GRADE 2 FGS, GROUP A

9:45 - 11:15 am

GRADE 3 FGS, GROUP A

9:45 - 11:15 am

GRADE 4 FGS, GROUP A

9:45 - 11:15 am

GRADE 5 FGS, GROUP A

9:45 - 11:15 am

CONFIRMATION II:

11:30 am - 1:00 pm



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Upcoming Deep Dives
can be found on our Instagram page!



From Our Pastor

Several years ago, I was on a skiing trip at Steamboat Springs in Colorado with Mark, a friend of mine. At some point of our skiing together, Mark suggested that I take off by myself for a couple of hours. He knew that I was a better skier, and he felt that I might enjoy doing some skiing without him. There were some trails we had avoided because they were above Mark's level, and so I was glad to go off by myself. I decided on a particular trail that went into the woods, and at one point you had to essentially jump over some rocks to continue on the trail. It was not difficult to navigate, and the rest of the run looked pretty sweet. I enjoyed the whole run so much that I went back and did it three more times. However, on my last attempt, as I hopped over the rocks, the back of one ski hit a rock in just the right way that it popped off and I fell down. And then, I proceeded to slide. I managed to stop myself but the popped-off ski landed about twenty-five feet *above* me. I tried to climb back up to get it but the slope was too steep. Then, I had a not-so-bright idea of what I could do. I took off my other ski to create what I thought would be better leverage for climbing up to the lost ski. Instead, as soon as I popped off the ski, I slid the rest of the way down the slope.

Now, I was at the bottom of the run with both skis well above me. There was no real way for me to get them. I simply had to wait until someone else came through and picked them up and brought them down to me. However, this was not the most popular trail, and so I waited about half an hour before someone came. When they asked me if I wanted help, of course, I said yes, and so they collected my skis and brought them to me. I was really in a quandary until someone came by. I was in a situation where I could not help myself, but rather, I needed someone else's help.

We live in a culture that does not really believe in relying on other people. We live by the adage "God helps those who help themselves." This is a very famous quote that is ancient in origin. Many people believe it comes from the Scriptures, but in reality it doesn't. This type of thinking is the antithesis to what the Bible teaches us. Rather than seeing the world as based on what I can accomplish on my own, we must recognize that we can accomplish nothing of value apart from God.

The whole purpose of Lent is to help us move from self-reliance to dependence on God. Self-reliance is the way of sin and destruction. Self-reliance says that I have the capacity to do good *separate* from God. At the heart of self-reliance is pride. Self-reliance is exactly what

brought about the Fall of Adam and Eve. When we look to Christ, He did not attempt to live a life of self-reliance. Instead, He created a community to support and continue and further his mission. And, as Jesus prepared for His mission on earth, and went forth to live and proclaim it, He did so by turning to the Father for answers and strength. Christ did not try to do anything on His own. Everything was centered in one reality—seeking to understand the will of the Father, and getting his strength from the Father to live out that will.

The reason God has given us the Bible, the Sacraments, the Church, and ascetic practices like prayer, fasting, and almsgiving is to give us the necessary tools to live a Christ-centered life through the gift of grace. Christians should never seek to live a life that is not rooted in grace. Christians must recognize that any part of our lives not rooted in God's will and carried out through His grace is, by definition, sinful. God never desires us to live a life of self-reliance because we will always ultimately fail. The scriptures are full of examples of people who desired to go it alone—and the destruction that followed. The scriptures are also very clear about our complete and total dependence on God.

Lent is a good time to start discerning where in our lives we have chosen to box God out because 'we can do it on our own'. It is a good time to seek to reject our sense of self-reliance. When we create areas of our lives where we do not need God, we start to compartmentalize our lives. Our lives become disjointed and we are not able to function in a way that makes sense. We will naturally see our anxiety begin to rise. We will grow in our sense of frustration as things do not work out the way we thought they should.

One of the Collects from Mass I pray every day helps to make the point of what we should be looking to do in our lives. I changed the wording just slightly to make it more personal. But it speaks to what our attitude should be; in fact, what it *must* be, if we desire to grow in our life in Christ. I leave these words with you and ask that you pray them yourself.

*Prompt my actions with your inspiration, O Lord,
and further them with your constant help,
that all I do may always begin from you
and by you be brought to completion.*

If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to ask me directly, or send your questions to me at fr.brian@chelmsfordcatholic.org.

Please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ,



FROM OUR ASST DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION
COURTNEY CALLANAN

One of my favorite things each month is witnessing the faith formation classes' "Question and Answer Time w/Fr. Brian." The kids ask great questions—some are very deep, some are very funny, some are very quirky—and Father does a nice job of answering them. I definitely have a soft spot for the quirky questions because they are absolutely the kind of things I would have asked about at that age.

In fact I have a very clear memory from the sixth grade of our deacon visiting for a similar Q&A and his very baffled reaction to one of my questions. The question was this: "What if we are wrong about the afterlife? I ask mostly because we are learning about the ancient Egyptian beliefs about the afterlife in school. If it turns out we are wrong and they are right, I'm not going to have any of that stuff you need for the afterlife." Sixth-grade me was genuinely concerned that I was not going to have the organ jars, maps, and ferry fare, etc. needed for the ancient Egyptian afterlife.

At first glance it may seem like an absurd thing to be worried about, but actually, when I think about it today, I think most of us would be better served by spending more time reflecting on whether or not we will be prepared for the afterlife. Now, obviously we are not going to need jars or maps or coins as the ancient Egyptians believed. However, there are things that we are going to need to enter heaven—things that go beyond simply being "a good person."

In the Gospels Christ points to at least four things that are needed for salvation:

1. Baptism "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." (Jn 3:5)
2. The Eucharist "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:53-54)
3. Faith "...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Rom 10:9)
4. Doing the Father's Will "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." (Mt 7:21)

The question then becomes whether or not these things are part of our lives now, so that we will be prepared for our death. Will we have, not jars and maps and coins, but a faith in Christ and lived a life that allows for our eternal salvation. In this Lenten period of prayer and reflection, I would encourage everyone to spend some time reflecting on this in the spirit of the ancient Church practice of *Memento Mori*, "remember your death."

FROM OUR SENIOR PRIEST IN RESIDENCE
Fr. Arnold Colletti

On the first Sunday of Lent, we read that Satan took Jesus up to the Mount of Temptations after being baptized by John near the Dead Sea. This week, Jesus leads Peter, James and John up another mountain.

Satan took Jesus to a mountain to show Him the ways of the world; Jesus took His closest friends up Mount Tabor for an intimate glimpse into who he was, in all his glory.

Jesus came to show us a way of life. He made God's Way clear. Jesus opens for us a new and life-giving Way. He brings dramatic change in human existence. "Your cup of joy will overflow" he told his followers (John 13:11).

His first followers were called people of the Way. We read in Acts 9:1-3: "Meanwhile Saul was still breathing threats to slaughter the Lord's disciples... He went to the high priest and asked for letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus that would authorize him to arrest and take to Jerusalem any followers of the Way, men or women that he might find."

"God tells us—through Jesus and the Scriptures and the Church—what we need to know for successful living in a variety of formats: people stories, poetry, direct passages in the Bible or prophecy and most clearly of all, the Earth-visit of Jesus." (Father Keith Clark, OFM Cap.)

Saint Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "Live no longer as the unsaved do, for they are blinded and confused... because they have shut their minds against Jesus and they cannot understand his ways... But that is not the way Christ taught you... clothe yourself with this new nature." (Eph. 4:20)

If we are children of the Way, everyone should be able to discover this by our love, our speech, and how our faith influences all that we do. With Saint Paul we can say: "I urge you to take me as your pattern: be imitators of me as I am of Christ" (1 Cor 4:16). And, "you observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your sake. You took us and the Lord as your models" (1 Thess. 1:5).

Youth Ministry

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"You, dear young people, are not the future but the now of God."
~Pope Francis, World Youth Day Homily, Panama

The Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative's Youth Ministry program seeks to ensure that the young people of the Collaborative feel known, valued, and loved by God and by their parish community. By providing opportunities for youth to encounter Christ in their lives and connecting them with mature Christian mentors, youth ministry strives to equip and empower our young people to be lifelong disciples of Jesus.

SIGNED, SEALED, DELIVERING God's LOVE

On the weekend of March 28th/29th, boards bearing this name will reside at both parishes. This will be the fourth annual fundraising effort of this type to assist our Youth Ministry teens in meeting the costs associated with their attendance at Steubenville East and Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer.

Steubenville East is an exciting and dynamic opportunity for the spiritual renewal of our teens and will take place in Kingston, RI, July 10-12. Another spiritual renewal opportunity for our youth is the annual mission trip under the leadership of Catholic Heart Work Camp... a Gospel-based campaign aimed at making a difference in the community of an economically disadvantaged area. This year's trip runs from July 19-24 in North Haledon, NJ.

By taking an envelope from the board, you pledge to give that particular amount of money to these efforts. Will we be able to clear the board again this year? Our youth thank you, in advance, for your faithful generosity and prayers. To learn more about either of these trips, visit...

<https://chelmsfordcatholic.org/catholic-heart-work-camp> or <https://chelmsfordcatholic.org/steubenville-east>

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7:30 pm... Welcome by Paul Metilly, Ph.D., Academic Dean
8:00 pm... Informational Presentation by Aldona Lingertat, Ph.D., Director
8:00 pm... Alumni Panel
8:30 pm... Questions and Answers

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HAPPY RETIREMENT

After almost 20 years, our tried, true and faithful Stephen Webber is retiring and moving on to that 'other job' that we know him all-too-well for. He is turning in his screwdriver, broom and paintbrush (among many other 'tools') for a seat on the bus. Steve will return to driving a school bus, a joy near and dear to his heart, and easier on the back, and feet, and joints, and...

Steve, above all, we thank you for 20 years of your faithful service to us and your very presence. Enjoy all those things that bring you joy...

"when home relaxing, you can find Steve on the couch watching a movie, or listening to his wide array of musical loves."
—from Steve's staff bio



And... when we pass a bus, we will wave, hoping to see you behind the wheel!

Within a few weeks, we will have a farewell gathering after a Mass so that all can shower him with farewell wishes!

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS



THIS Thursday, March 19th

Boy Scout Troop 77 3rd ANNUAL Cake Auction

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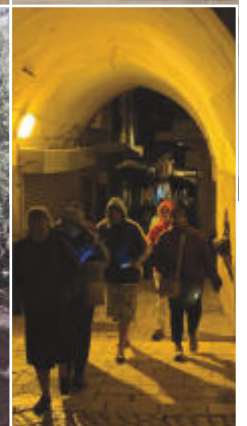
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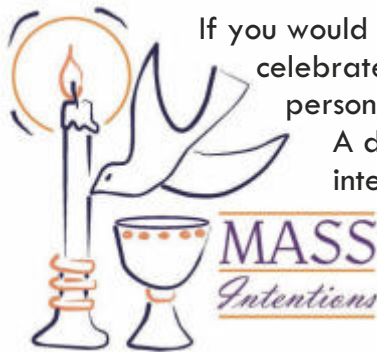
Holy Land Pilgrimage Travelers



There are OVER 1,000 photos—more to come in the near future—that were shared with us from our pilgrims! Here are a teensy, tiny few. To see the rest, visit...

www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/holy-land-pilgrimage-2020





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.

St. John

- SAT, MAR 14** 4:00 pm: Jim Lorrey and all those who miss him
SUN, MAR 15 8:30 am: James Clancy: 1st Anniversary
 10:30 am: For the People of the Parish
 12:30 pm: Agnes Arman, Olivia and Samuel; George Deri & Family; Eternal Rest for Vida Tanbaa; Thanking God for a safe journey back
 5:00 pm: George Lagasse: 6 Month Anniversary
WED, MAR 18 9:00 am: Michael O'Neill: Memorial
SAT, MAR 21 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, MAR 22 8:30 am: Sarah Sullivan: 2nd Anniversary
 10:30 am: Brian J. Muscato: Memorial
 5:00 pm: Sean Nagle: Memorial



St. Mary

- SAT, MAR 14** 4:00 pm: James Mahoney: Memorial
SUN, MAR 15 7:00 am: Katherine MacKenzie: Memorial
 9:00 am: Gerald Arndorfer: 5th Anniversary
 11:00 am: For the People of the Parish
 6:00 pm: Daniel Daley: 1st Anniversary
MON, MAR 16 7:00 am: Josef Pokorny: 2nd Anniversary
TUE, MAR 17 7:00 am: Robert L. Parker: 1st Anniversary
THUR, MAR 19 7:00 am: 40 Days of Life Initiative
FRI, MAR 20 7:00 am: Fredrick C. Achin, Sr.: 26th Anniversary
SAT, MAR 21 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, MAR 22 9:00 am: Helen Crafts: 7th Anniversary
 11:00 am: O'Neil LeBlanc: Memorial
 6:00 pm: Brigit Sebastian: Memorial



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

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Both the ROSE FOR LIFE and ST. MARY MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS



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New *Permanent* Mass Schedule

effective the weekend of June 6th/7th, 2020

St. Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 7:00 am, 11:00 am

St. John Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
 Sunday 9:30 am, 6:00 pm

The two 4:00 pm Masses will remain for as long as we have 2 full-time priests officially assigned to the Collaborative. As soon as that status changes, and we are reduced to only 1 full-time, assigned priest, the St. Mary 4:00 pm Mass will be changed to 5:30 pm. Of course, there will plenty of notice given to our parish families.

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

MONDAY, MAR 16

2Kings 5:1-15
 Psalm 42
 Luke 4: 24-30

TUESDAY, MAR 17

Daniel 3: 25, 34-43
 Psalm 25
 Matthew 18: 21-25

WEDNESDAY MAR 18

Deut 4: 1, 5-9
 Psalm 147
 Matthew 5: 17-19

THURSDAY, MAR 19

2Sam 7: 4-5, 12-14, 16
 Psalm 89
 Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22
 Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24

FRIDAY, MAR 20

Hosea 14: 2-10
 Psalm 81
 Mark 12: 28-34

SATURDAY, MAR 21

Hosea 6: 1-6
 Psalm 51
 Luke 18: 9-14

SUNDAY, MAR 22

1Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13
 Psalm 23
 Ephesians 5: 8-14
 John 9: 1-41

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Michael Raymond Pucci of Ashby

Michael Raymond Pucci, 54, died Thursday, January 16, 2020 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was married to Terri Pucci with whom he celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary June 14, 2019.

Michael was born in Lowell, on November 12, 1965, he was the son of Rita Pucci and the late Thomas Pucci of Chelmsford. He graduated from Chelmsford High School and was currently working at Integra Bio Sciences in Hudson, NH as a Tool Maker/Machinist.

He was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Chelmsford.

Michael was a devoted family man who spread so much joy through his infectious laugh and smile. He enjoyed hosting family BBQs and you could always find him behind the grill. Michael also enjoyed going for a cruise in his Jeep, fishing

and gardening but most importantly spending time with his family.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his son, Michael A. Pucci and his fiancé Kelsey Liles and two grandchildren, Michael L. Pucci and Daniel Pucci, of Winchendon, MA; a daughter, Sara and her husband Michael Paradis of Fitchburg, MA; brothers, Stephen and his wife Elizabeth Pucci of Reading, MA, David and his wife Melissa Pucci of Reading, MA; sisters, Laurie and her husband Steven Morency of Townsend, MA, Linda and her husband Louis English of Farmington, NH, Debra Pucci of Pepperell, MA, and Diane and her husband John "Jack" Murphy of Pepperell, MA; and many nieces and nephews.

His visiting hours were Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 106 MIDDLESEX ST. CHELMSFORD followed by a funeral Mass at 11 am at St. Mary Church, 25 North Rd., Chelmsford, MA. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com.

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