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.
**SUNDAY, MAY 26**
Faith Formation Events • See Faith Formation Page 6  
Grace Note Rehearsal • 8:15 - 8:45 am • Church  
6 pm Music Ministry Team Rehearsal • 5:00 pm • Church

**MONDAY, MAY 27**
Rosary • 7:00 pm • Grotto *(in church, if raining)*

**TUESDAY, MAY 28**
Rosary • 7:00 pm • Grotto *(in church, if raining)*

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**
Music Ministry Extra Rehearsal • 6:30 pm • Music Room  
Boy Scout Troop 77 Meeting • 7:00 pm • Parish Hall  
11 am Music Ministry Team Rehearsal • 7:00 pm • Church  
Rosary • 7:00 pm • Grotto *(in church, if raining)*

**THURSDAY, MAY 30**
Rosary Makers • 10:30 am - 12:00 pm • PC Conf Room 2  
Rosary • 12:00 - 1:00 pm • PC Chapel  
Adoration • 3:00 - 9:00 pm • PC Chapel  
Rosary • 7:00 pm • Grotto *(in church, if raining)*

**FRIDAY, MAY 31**
Adoration • 7:00 am - 9:00 am • PC Chapel  
Knitting and Crocheting • 3:00 pm • PC MR 2  
Baptismal Preparation • 6:00 pm • PC MR 5  
Rosary • 7:00 pm • Grotto *(in church, if raining)*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 1**
NO 9:00 am Mass: Mass at St. John this week  
Adoration • 9:30 am - 3:00 pm • PC Chapel  
Collaborative Lector Meeting • 10:30 am - 12:00 noon • Church  
Reconciliation • 11:00 am - 12:00 noon • Church  
Music Rehearsals • 1:00 - 4:00 pm • Music Room  
Collaborative Bell Choir Rehearsals • 2:30 pm • Choir Loft  
String Ensemble/Ministry Rehearsals • 3:00 - 4:00 pm • Church  
Anointing of the Sick, following 4 pm Mass • Church

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2**
Faith Formation Events • See Faith Formation Page 6  
Group Baptism • 2:00 pm • Church  
6 pm Music Ministry Team Rehearsal • 5:00 pm • Church  
VBF Planning Meeting • 6:00 - 8:00 pm • St. John OPC  
Steubenville East Meeting • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • Parish Hall  
Collaborative PPC Meeting • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • PC Conf Room 1

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**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 27TH IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY**

**ASCENSION THURSDAY**
**THIS THURSDAY, MAY 30TH**
The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the Risen Christ, in sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

**COLLABORATIVE MASS SCHEDULE**

**ST. MARY:** 7:00 pm *(MAY 29TH VIGIL)*  
7:00 am and 7:00 pm

**ST. JOHN:** 9:00 am, 12 noon & 6:00 pm

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**Blessings to you...**

After 11½ years, Fran Anderson, our Director of St. John Faith Formation, will be leaving us to embark on a new adventure. We wish her well and are grateful for the many ways she has served the parish family of St. John’s and the Collaborative.

There is an opportunity to say your personal farewell and well-wishing after the 8:30 am Mass today, March 26th, in the hall!

...as you begin anew

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**Hymns that make you go Is there a hymn that you haven’t heard in a while? Or maybe there is a specific hymn that has a special meaning for you that you would like to hear sung at Mass? If so, contact us with your requests!**

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**St. John Music Ministry**
Jason at (781) 354-1947 or jay@chelmsfordcatholic.org
SUNDAY, MAY 26
Faith Formation Events • See Faith Formation Page 7
Children’s Liturgy of the Word • 8:30 am Mass • Hall
Coffee & Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Hall
African Liturgy • 12:30 pm • OPC
Group Baptism • 2:00 pm • Church

MONDAY, MAY 27
Eucharistic Adoration • 9:30 - 10:30 am • Church
Families w/Addiction Support Group • CANCELLED this week

TUESDAY, MAY 28
Tuesday Morning Coffee, following 9 am Mass • Hall
Eucharistic Adoration • 9:30 - 10:30 am • Church
Open Music Ministry Rehearsal • 6:30 - 8:00 pm • Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29
Eucharistic Adoration • 9:30 - 10:30 am • Church

THURSDAY, MAY 30
Charismatic Prayer Group • 10:00 am • OPC
BINGO • 6:45 pm (doors open at 3:00 pm) • Hall
Charismatic Prayer Group • 7:00 pm • OPC

FRIDAY, MAY 31
African Community Rosary • 6:00 pm • OPC

SATURDAY, JUNE 1
Reconciliation • 3:00 - 3:45 pm • Church
Blessing of the Shawls at 4:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 2
Faith Formation Events • See Faith Formation Page 7
Coffee & Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Hall
African Liturgy Meeting • 11:30 am • OPC
VBF Planning Meeting • 6:00 - 8:00 pm • OPC
Steubenville East Meeting • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • St Mary Hall

I would like to take a small moment to say a huge thank you to Betty Quigley.
After 3 ½ years of volunteering as the St. John bulletin editor, she passed the torch to me in 2011. However, since that time she has continued to play a very key role in the publication of our weekly bulletin. Not only was it her impressive editing skills, but her knowledge of the parish—and since 2015, collaborative—happenings, that has made her a most incredible and reliable resource to myself and our parishioners. Her eagle eye and commitment to perfection has made my job on the creative side so easy! As Betty retires her role as my #1 proofer… I am grateful for all she has given us over the years; I am a little nervous about the ability to fill her shoes, and most important, I wish her well in her semi-retirement (she will still proof pastor and staff articles for us)!
Again, thank YOU, Betty!
♥ Christine, CCC Staff and Parishioners
**Q. What happens when we die?**

A. What an interesting question to ask and one that has perplexed people probably from the beginning of time. The most difficult mystery that most human beings ponder is why we suffer and what death is really all about. We are intrigued by wondering about death because the reality is that all of us at some point will have to confront death, both of those we love and care for, and ultimately, our own.

As Catholics we have a fairly clear understanding about what will happen after we die. We will come face to face with our loving God. In that moment, we will face what is called our particular judgment. God will determine, or judge, where we desire to go—heaven or hell. God will look into our heart and discern whether or not we have accepted the salvation that Jesus won for us through his death and resurrection. Remember that we cannot earn or merit heaven. We can get to heaven only because Jesus chose to die for us, as He took upon himself our sins and nailed them to the cross for us. Jesus’ death is the only reason we can get into heaven. But, to gain the salvation Jesus won for us, we must truly be contrite for the wrong we have done. We must have acknowledged our sins, rejected them, and repented for what we did. In doing that, we have embraced the gift that the cross offers us. Going to heaven is not about living the perfect life; it is about putting our faith in Jesus and what He has done for us.

If God judges that we have truly accepted Jesus’ act of salvation, then we will go to heaven or purgatory. And if we have not, then we have essentially rejected God’s love for us, and we will go to hell which is simply eternal and permanent separation from God. (If one is not Christian it does not necessarily mean they have rejected Christ.) If we go to heaven, we will spend the rest of eternity in God’s loving embrace. We will join the saints and the angels in worshipping God. Essentially, we will participate in the eternal wedding banquet (what we call the Mass on earth). If we are not quite ready for heaven, but have accepted Jesus in our heart, then God will give us time to get ready, in purgatory. Purgatory is simply a state of being with God where we love Him but are not quite ready to embrace his love fully, and so we are given the space and time to heal. Ultimately God wants all people to go to heaven and be with him through all eternity, but where we go will be determined solely by what’s in our heart.

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**Beginning NEXT SUNDAY, June 2nd**

**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Throughout the summer months beginning June 2nd, through mid-September, there will be only ONE Sunday evening Mass to serve both parish families.

The only Sunday evening Mass will be at 6:00 pm at St. John.

There will be neither a 6 pm Mass at St. Mary nor a 5 pm Mass at St. John during these months.

Like last summer, offertory envelopes received in the collection will go to the designated parishes. For those who regularly give cash, there will be envelopes in the pews to ensure that the intended parish receives the funds. Please note that all cash given that is NOT in a designated envelope will be evenly divided between the two parish communities.

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**Collaborative Liturgical Minister Training**

for both St. Mary and St John Lectors

St. Mary ● NEXT Saturday, June 1 ● 10:30 am - 12 pm

If you missed the training sessions that were held in January and February of this year, we ask that you attend this make-up session for your convenience.

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**Faith**

does not eliminate questions

But faith knows where to take them.

And the Answer is...
Eucharistic Adoration
weekday mornings in May
~ Mondays ~ Tuesdays ~ Wednesdays ~
following 9:00 am Mass - 10:30 am at St. John church

These May hours are dedicated to discerning whether or not we are being called to increase our Adoration hours at St. John. Please join us in this time of quiet time to see if maybe you are being called to commit to spending an hour with the Lord during the hours of 9:30 am - 9:00 pm on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Vacation Bible Fun 2019

St. John Scholarship Opportunities

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 14, 2019

At the close of our St. John the Evangelist 125th Anniversary Year celebrations, our committee identified and retained $600 of our profits to be shared with our St. John’s community in the form of two continuing education scholarships amounting to $300 each. These scholarships will be awarded to two graduating high school level students (one female and one male) who belong to/participate in the faith life of St. John’s Parish and are confirmed as continuing their educational endeavors in the fall of 2019. These one-time scholarships are in memory of all St. John’s Parish members over these past 125 years. Please obtain an application package from:

1) the Parish Office
2) the NPC Lobby box marked as “125th Scholarship Application”
3) request via email: St.Johns125th@gmail.com.

Any and all questions should be directed to St.Johns125th@gmail.com.
2019/20 Faith Formation Registration Continues...

Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/Faith Formation/ then click on Registration under St. Mary Church. There you will find all the directions needed for an easy online registration! If you do not have access to a computer, a paper registration can be obtained from the parish office during regular office hours.

Dates To Remember...

June 1: All registrations received by NEXT SATURDAY will be automatically entered into a drawing for $125 to be used towards registration fees. One entry per family.

June 30: Early Registration Fees end. Beginning July 1st, Standard Fee will apply.

“My sheep know my voice, I know them, and they follow me.”
- John 10:27

Come to the peace and quiet of the St. Mary Adoration Chapel and sit with Jesus, listening to His voice so you can follow Him more closely. Here you will encounter the true, Living Presence of our Risen Lord, veiled in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. He loves you and is waiting for you, longing for you, to visit Him.

We are blessed here at St. Mary to have the Adoration Chapel open Thursday afternoon through Saturday afternoon to honor Our Lord’s Passion. For those hours to continue, we need people to commit to an hour. You can commit as an individual, a family or a team of 2-4 people. Coverage for Thursday and Friday evenings, and Saturday during the morning and afternoon hours, are especially needed.

Please sign up online at:
https://stmary.weadorehim.com

Adoration hours:
Thursday 3:00 - 9:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

We thank you for your dedication to this effort.

if we haven’t already...

Our collaborative has been asked to participate in a survey that will assist the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Advisory Board in evaluating the implementation of Disciples in Mission in our parishes. We have all been asked to complete a short paper and online survey.

At the end of April, cards were placed in the pews that have two simple questions to be answered using a 1-5 rating system. Each card has a tear-off for you to take home that gives an online link for you to answer four additional questions. After you remove the tear-off, the completed card can be placed into the offertory basket. All card responses are anonymous, yet the online survey does offer a space in which to include your email in the event that you would like to discuss your answers with someone.

We ask for your participation! The more data we can collect, the more information we are provided with, and the better we are able to serve!

Visit www.disciplesinmission.com/survey to complete your survey! Additionally, the link is available on our website.
ATTENTION ALL 18+ VOLUNTEERS

The Fiscal Year 2020 form is now available at both the parish office and on our website…
www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/Parish Life/
Click on Protecting God's Children.

While you are visiting this page, please read up on Volunteer Requirements to see if you need to attend a Protecting God’s Children Workshop. Although you are able to print and complete this form ahead of time, PLEASE DO NOT SIGN AS YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRES THE PRESENCE OF A PARISH STAFF MEMBER TO SERVE AS YOUR WITNESS. Also, do not forget your Photo ID… also a requirement to complete this form. THIS FORM IS REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED ANNUALLY. Please stop by the parish office during regular office hours.

Mass in Honor of St. Peregrine
Patron Saint of Cancer Patients

Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30 pm
Immaculate Conception Church, Lowell

St. Peregrine, who lived in the 14th century, was a member of the Order of the Servants of Mary. He was afflicted with cancer of the leg and was miraculously cured the evening prior to an operation to amputate his leg. During this Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered to cancer patients and anyone who wishes to partake in the Sacrament of God’s healing. All are invited to come and pray with and for those afflicted with cancer.

2020 CORI Packets
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JOIN US IN WARMLY WELCOMING REV. COREY BASSETT-TIRRELL TO OUR FAMILY!

Father Bassett-Tirrell—or Fr. Corey, whichever you prefer—is one of thirteen priests ordained by Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley last Saturday, May 18th. He was born in Barnstable on September 16, 1980, and is son to Gary and Donna (Bassett) Tirrell and brother to Jamie. He attended elementary and middle school in Chatham (Cape Cod) and graduated from East Boston High School.

He attended Mount Ida College and obtained certification in mortuary science. He worked for a number of years in funeral services before entering Pope St. John XXIII Seminary.

During his deacon year, he was assigned at St. Bridget in Framingham and celebrated his First Mass at St. Adelaide in Peabody, on Sunday, May 19. His first day with us is Sunday, June 2.

Congratulations on your Ordination, Fr. Corey, and welcome to the family of the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative!
Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Let Your Voice Be Heard

SAY NO TO EXPANDED ABORTION ACCESS!

The Massachusetts State Legislature will consider passing into law two deeply troubling bills this legislative session. They are identical in text, but differ slightly in their titles. The first, HB 3320, is “An Act removing obstacles and expanding access to women’s reproductive health.” The second, SB 1209 is “An Act to remove obstacles and expand abortion access.” The supporters of these bills argue the proposed changes to Massachusetts law are simply intended to protect a woman’s right to an abortion in the event the United States Supreme Court overturns the 1973 decision in the case of Roe v. Wade. However, in reality these bills would create a significant expansion of current Massachusetts state law.

More specifically, ROE (Removing Obstacles and Expanding access) would:

1. Expand abortion access, including late-term abortions, during the nine months of pregnancy for virtually any reason
2. Eliminate any requirements that abortions be performed in a hospital
3. Eliminate the requirement that provides medical care to a child who survives an abortion attempt
4. Eliminate the requirement that a minor under the age of 18 have the consent of a parent, guardian, or the courts
5. Expand state funding for women who cannot afford the procedure

How can your voice be heard?

Contact your local legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO on Abortion Expansion. Visit the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for...

- Your individual State Senator and Representative via a zip code link
- Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary who will consider House Bill 3320
- Members of the Joint Committee on Public Health who will consider Senate Bill 1209

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at (617) 746-5630 for legislative contact information.

Let your voice be heard! Many of us don’t make the call, believing that it won’t matter. If all those who are in full support of stopping this legislation, believe that their voices matter, imagine the possibilities! Please make your calls today and encourage those who believe as we do to do the same. Our yet-to-be-born children thank you!

Additionally, all this information is available on our website, including all necessary links.
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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 Pastoral Council
Parish council matters can be sent to:
CollaborativePPC@chelmsfordcatholic.org
or 978-256-2374/ 978-251-8571, ext 145.
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WANT SOMETHING TO APPEAR IN THE BULLETIN?
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 want it published. Submittals should be forwarded 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 we celebrate Memorial Day weekend, we remember all those who so willingly placed their lives on the line, to ensure that our way of life could continue. This celebration began in Waterloo, New York, in 1866 and quickly spread to many other communities. It began in the aftermath of the US Civil War, which saw the greatest number of American lives lost of any conflict. On May 30, 1868, the tradition of decorating the gravestones of soldiers began, and it was called Decoration Day. At first it was only celebrated for those who fought in the Civil War, but after World War I the tradition was expanded to all soldiers who lost their lives in any conflict. In 1971, it became a Federal holiday and was designated for the last Monday of May.

As our nation pauses to recognize and remember the great sacrifices that our soldiers and their families have made, it is also necessary to recognize those who continue to do so. We still have soldiers in Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, and other dangerous places. Each day we have members of our military who willingly place their lives in harm’s way for our nation. It is easy to simply put that out of our minds as we go on living our day-to-day lives. But, the reality is that their dedication to service is fundamental to our way of life.

The men and women who make this choice sacrifice a great deal for our good: they are not there to support their spouses in many different ways; many do not see the birth of their children or watch milestone moments; and they can be called away at a moment’s notice for the good of the nation, and the needs of family and friends cannot be a consideration. It is even more difficult if both spouses are in the military and both are called to active duty in combat areas. They need to scramble to work things out, and this can place a great strain on family life. In spite of all this, they recognize the importance of what they feel called to do.

Memorial Day ostensibly is, of course, for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice of laying down their lives for the nation. But it behooves us, on this day, to also recognize two things. First, the sacrifices they and their families have made is something that one day of recognition cannot fully commemorate. We are so blessed as a nation by their dedication in support of the ideals of our nation. Secondly, the sacrifice that all military families make in being separated from their loved one is a great burden. You cannot know from day to day if they will be called to combat service, and if they are called, then it is the daily worry and concern for their safety.

As a Christian community it is necessary for us to be there for those in need. I believe that our military families really could use our support. They are making the ultimate choices to help us live out our lives, and I think maybe it would be great to give back to them. I am wondering if someone(s) would be willing to take on a new ministry of outreach and support to military families. It could be something as simple as sending care packages to our men and women in the service. In so many ways those in combat have become the forgotten by our nation—unless something ‘big’ happens, and then we remember. But, as quickly as it goes off the front page or the news cycle, it goes to the back of our minds again. It would be great if we could let them know that we do remember them and that we truly appreciate what they have given up to make our lives better.

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

Please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ,
FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER

COURTNEY CALLANAN

“Did you have a great spiritual insight while imagining you were a cow at the Nativity?” a friend asks sarcastically. He’s skeptical about the prayer practice of Ignatian Contemplation. I, Jesuit educated and proud, am defending what St. Ignatius has to offer. “No,” I say returning his sarcasm in kind, “I chose to be a goat.” More seriously I add, “Different kinds of prayer work for different people; just because you don’t like it doesn’t mean it is without value.” This was some time ago, and I wish at the time I had been able to call to mind a particular moment of value such prayer had given me. I wish I could have offered him this insight given to me through this prayer practice more recently, while reflecting on the Resurrection narrative from the Gospel of Matthew.

The prayer app I was using, PrayAsYouGo, invited the listener to imagine oneself with the women on their way to Jesus’ tomb Easter morning, and asked a series of questions to help set the scene. I consider the answers to each (“What is the light like this morning?” “What sounds, human or nature, can you hear?”) without much effect until it comes to one that catches me off guard, with how much it breaks open for me. “What are you wearing?” it asks. I decide (uncharacteristically for me) not to go for historical accuracy but to imagine what I, today, would be wearing. At first I picture myself in a dress I had been wanting for sometime. It’s floral and flowy, bright with purple and yellow blooms on a white backdrop, exactly the kind of thing one wears on Easter morning to welcome with joy the Risen Lord.

Except then a quiet voice says, “No… what are you going to do?” Oh… I think with a sudden shift in perspective, we are not going to welcome Him; we are going to anoint Him. My mind moves in my closet away from my Easter dresses and towards my funeral attire. I choose my most formal, fitting for the funeral of a king, the color deep with grief. I will meet the Risen Lord somberly clad. The juxtaposition when I do, me in the dark colors of death, He in the bright white of Resurrection, makes me a little uncomfortable. I want to embrace Him like the women are, but worry about ruining the scene with my mourning garb; besides, my arms are still full with nard and myrrh. I hang back, feeling sheepish and shy, improperly dressed and unprepared.

I hear that voice again, “What are you doing?” Now I feel silly in a different way. I had come to do a good thing for the Lord. Am I really going to avoid an encounter with Him because He had something different, something better, in mind than what I had planned? I begin to wonder where in my life I need to ask myself those same questions. Where am I resisting putting down the jars containing my original plans so I can receive the ones He has for me? Where am I letting feelings of inadequacy stop me from pursuing Him? What can I do to reach out for Him, even amidst my feelings of discomfort and uncertainty? Etc. I am not yet sure of the answers to these questions, but I am sure they are questions I should be asking. Questions that God had for me, wrapped in that seemingly silly question, “What are you wearing?” What questions might God have for you this day in prayer, ones perhaps hidden in other questions?

FROM THE DESK OF FR. COLLETTI...

Matthew Kelly came up with the phrase “God wants you to become the best version of yourself.” Isn’t that what Christ wants for us? “My purpose is to give life in all its fullness” (John 10:10). Saint Irenaeus wrote “The glory of God is man fully alive.”

Thinking about that statement, John Eldredge wrote: “Hope unbidden arose at the thought that God’s intentions towards me might be better than I’d thought. His happiness and my happiness are tied together. My coming fully alive is what He’s committed to. That is the offer of Christianity. Wow! I mean it would make no small difference if we knew, and I mean really knew—that down-deep-in-your-toes kind of knowing that no one and nothing can talk you out of—if we knew that our lives and God’s glory were bound together. Things would start looking up. It would feel promising… the offer is life. So then… where is that life? Why is it so rare?” (Waking the Dead)

There is a great deal of meaning packed into Irenaeus’ phrase, “The glory of God is man fully alive.” The saint is arguing for fully integrated Christian lives—lives that do not separate the spiritual from the material, as if God were only interested in our “souls” and not in our bodies or our emotions. Can you even imagine what your life would be like if you were fully alive?

Quoting John Eldredge again, we read: “We are in the process of being unveiled. We were created to reflect God’s glory, born to bear his image, and He ransomed us to reflect that glory again. Every heart was given a mythic glory. Remember the mission of Christ: I have come to give you back your heart and set you free… don’t think the opposite is true. How do we bring God glory when we are sulking around in the cellar, weighed down by shame and guilt, hiding our light under a bushel basket? Our destiny is to become fully alive and to live with an ever-increasing glory.”

“The secret of my identity is hidden in the love and mercy of God… Therefore I cannot hope to find myself anywhere except in Him… Therefore there is only one problem on which my existence, my peace and my happiness depend: to discover myself in discovering God. If I find Him I will find myself, and if I find my true self I will find Him.” (Thomas Merton in Seeds of Contemplation) (see Colossians 2:10)
**St. Mary**

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

| Offertory Needed to Cover Budgeted Expenses | $16,500 |
| Actual Received                        | $16,229 |
| Variance                               | -$271  |

Offertory Needed to Cover Budgeted Expenses of the actual, $4,077 is from electronic giving

**FY 2019 YEAR-TO-DATE STEWARDSHIP**

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**2019 Goal**

- Raised: $61,495
- %age of Goal: 162%

**2019 Goal**

- Raised: $99,471
- %age of Goal: 162%

**St. John**

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

| Offertory Needed to Cover Budgeted Expenses | $11,013 |
| Actual Received                        | $8,427  |
| Variance                               | -$2,586 |

Offertory Needed to Cover Budgeted Expenses of the actual, $1,784 is from electronic giving

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**2019 Goal**

- Raised: $44,096
- %age of Goal: 117%

**2019 Goal**

- Raised: $51,635
- %age of Goal: 117%

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**QUESTION AND ANSWER...**

**Q:** Why are the lights on in St. Mary’s new Parish Center during off-hours?

**A:** We are required to leave the first and second floor hallway lights on for safety and security of the building. Additionally, the entire building is equipped with LED energy efficient fixtures and bulbs, with sensor switches in certain areas to help save on the use of electricity when a space is not occupied.

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**St. Mary Table Ministry**

Please consider a donation of canned ham, canned corn, canned green beans, regular drip coffee or juice mix.

Donations may be left at the kitchen door in the hall **NEXTSATURDAY, June 1st** before or after the 4:00 pm Mass. Donations welcomed the 1st Saturday of EVERY month.

Thank you for your generosity!

May 18/19, 2019
Frs. Tom's Farewell Weekend

Saugus Catholics Parish Families of St. Margaret and Blessed Sacrament 2019 -
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 that you schedule your intention.

St. John

SAT, MAY 25  4:00 pm: Paul and Bill Fadden: Memorial
SUN, MAY 26  8:30 am: Rosemarie and Jack Tavares: Memorial
         10:30 am: For the People of the Parish
SAT, JUN 1   4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, JUN 2   8:30 am: Pat and Betty Ciampa: Memorial
         10:30 am: Susan Marie Devlin Dowling: 20th Anniversary
         6:00 pm: Francis and Helen Fox: Memorial

St. Mary

SAT, MAY 25  4:00 pm: Marguerite and Ambrose LeBlanc: Memorial
SUN, MAY 26  9:00 am Arthur and Marie Vaccaro: Memorial
         11:00 am: For the People of the Parish
         6:00 pm: Franklin J. Boyd: 12th Anniversary
MON, MAY 27  7:00 am: Todd Alan Herrick: Memorial
TUE, MAY 28  7:00 am: Anna Akashian: 31st Anniversary
WED, MAY 29  7:00 am: Norm Nabbefeld: 21st Anniversary
FRI, MAY 31  7:00 am: Frank Soracco: 2nd Anniversary
SAT, JUN 1   4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, JUN 2   7:00 am Marguerite Farley: Memorial
         11:00 am: Robert Maffeo: Memorial

There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens.

A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to tear down, and a time to build.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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. If you would like to donate altar flowers, please call the parish office. The requested donation for an arrangement is $40, and includes an acknowledgement in the bulletin.

Rose for Life

Someone special you’d like to honor? You can do that by having a rose signifying your intention placed in the church, as well as publishing your intention in the bulletin. To book a Rose for Life, contact the parish office. Be sure to let them know at which parish you would like the rose placed. The suggested offering for a rose is $5.00.

This week’s St. John Rose for Life: Happy Birthday Kay Narankevicus
This week’s St. Mary Rose for Life is for... Norah Venning

Roses Provided by Mahoney’s Garden Center

“Your Word is a Lamp unto My Feet and a Light unto My Path”
-PSALM 119:105

MONDAY, MAY 27
Acts 16: 11-15
Psalm 149
John 15:26 -16:4

TUESDAY, MAY 28
Acts 16: 22-34
Psalm 138
John 16: 5-11

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29
Acts 17: 15, 22 -18:1
Psalm 148
John 16: 12-15

THURSDAY, MAY 30
Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1: 17-23

SATURDAY, JUN 1
Acts 18: 23-28
Psalm 47
John 16: 23-28

SUNDAY, JUN 2
Acts 7: 55-60
Psalm 97
Rev 22: 12-14, 16-20, 20
John 17: 20-26
Paul R. Lalime of Nashua, NH

Paul Richard Lalime, 72, of Nashua, NH died April 5, 2019 at Hope Hospice in Ft. Myers, FL.

He was married to Jane (McEnaney) Lalime with whom he would have celebrated their 50 wedding anniversary on July 12, 2019.

Born in Lowell on April 13, 1946 the son of the late Robert and Lucienne (Painchaud) Lalime, he was a graduate of Dracut High School with the class of 1964. He attended Lowell Technical Institute.

Paul served with the US Air Force Reserves in Bedford, MA.

He retired from 3M of Chelmsford in 2003. He wintered in Ft. Myers Beach FL. Paul enjoyed boating, downhill skiing, and water skiing.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his niece Caitlin Dowling; his nephews, Stephen, Ryan and Mark Taylor, Michael and John Barry, Grant McEnaney, Robert and Shaun Lalime; a brother Robert Lalime of Nashua, NH; brother in law Walter McEnaney and his wife Gloria Grant of Chelmsford; sisters in law Mary Taylor of Naples, FL, and Nancy Barry and her husband Michael of Dunstable; many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was the brother in law of the late John McEnaney.

There were no Visiting hours. Funeral was Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 8am from the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 106 Middlesex St. Chelmsford, MA followed by a Funeral Mass at 9am at St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 MIDDLESEX ST. CHELMSFORD. Burial in St. Patrick Cemetery, Lowell. Memorials may be made in his name to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105. ARRANGEMENTS BY DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 978-256-4040.