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
Sunday • 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**
Monday - Friday • 9:00 AM
Saturday 9:00 AM Mass alternates between parishes. Refer to calendars.

**RECONCILIATION**
Saturday • 3:00 - 3:45 PM
or by appointment

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
First Friday of the Month
Beginning Friday, 9:30 AM
Concluding Saturday, 9:00 AM
in the OPC Chapel

**MASSES ARE AVAILABLE VIA LIVE STREAM**
Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org
LIVEVIEW resides on the right-hand sidebar of the home page

**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

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

Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the sprits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

- Luke 10:20
“Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.” - Responsorial Psalm 66

**at St. Mary’s**

**SUNDAY, JULY 7**
- Parish Offices Closed
- Group Baptism • 2:00 pm • Church
- Catholic Heart Work Camp Meeting • 4:30 pm • SJ Hall
- Steubenville East Meeting • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • PC Conf Room 1

**THURSDAY, JULY 11**
- Rosary • 12:00 - 1:00 pm • PC Chapel
- Adoration • 3:00 - 9:00 pm • PC Chapel

**FRIDAY, JULY 12**
- Adoration • 7:00 am - 9:00 pm • PC Chapel

**SATURDAY, JULY 13**
- Adoration • 9:30 am - 3:00 pm • PC Chapel
- Reconciliation • 11:00 am - 12:00 noon • Church
- Anointing of the Sick, following 4 pm Mass • Church

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**ATTENTION HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

Celebrating this season of your Life

You and a family member or caregiver are invited to the 2ND ANNUAL HAIL MARY CHALLENGE

Anointing Mass and Luncheon

Wednesday, July 31
Mass at 11:00 am at St. John

Invitations are currently being distributed...

If you are homebound, and do not receive an invitation by the end of June, contact Rae at (978) 251-8571, ext 325.

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August 5-9 • 9 am - 1 pm

Register TODAY by clicking on the VBF ROAR button on our homepage!

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 • 6:30 PM**

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE

50 Tickets available Mezzanine Rows F-I
First Come-First Serve
$120 per ticket *

* includes ticket, bus transportation and tip

Depart St. Mary at 4:45 pm
Contact Lynne TODAY for your tickets!
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JOIN FR. BRIAN FOR THE
2019 ALTAR SERVER
& CHILDREN’S CHOIR OUTING

Monday, July 29th

Depart: St. John’s parking lot at 9:30 am
Return: St. John’s parking lot at 5:30 pm

BUS TRANSPORTATION AND LUNCH PROVIDED

Register on the homepage of
www.chelmsfordcatholic.org

If any parents are able to volunteer, you may indicate so on the registration form.

Deadline to sign up: Monday, July 15th

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

One Day Retreat for Grieving Parents

Saturday, September 14
St. John Church
9:00 am - 6:30 pm

This retreat offers spiritual support for grieving parents who have experienced the death of a child, no matter the age or reason.
For more information, or to register, contact phassett99@gmail.com.

at St. John’s

SUNDAY, JULY 7
Parish Offices Closed
Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Hall
Catholic Heart Work Camp Meeting • 4:30 pm • Hall
Steubenville East Meeting • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • SM PC Conf Rm 1

MONDAY, JULY 8
Eucharistic Adoration • 9:30 - 11:30 am • OPC Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 9
Eucharistic Adoration • 9:30 - 11:30 am • OPC Chapel
Open Music Rehearsal • 6:30 pm • Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10
Eucharistic Adoration • 9:30 - 11:30 am • OPC Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 11
BINGO • 6:45 pm (doors open at 3:00 pm) • Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 12
Baptism Preparation • 7:00 pm • Mariotti

SATURDAY, JULY 13
NO 9:00 am Mass: Mass at St. Mary this week
Reconciliation • 3:00 - 3:45 pm • Church

SUNDAY, JULY 14
Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Hall
Group Baptism • 2:00 pm • Church

Did you know that, after the flood, it was a dove that signaled to Noah that dry land had been found? You, likewise, could let people know that they have a safe place to rest in Jesus by being a catechists in our Family Faith Formation program! If interested in learning more about this fulfilling ministry, contact Heather Hannaway!

In the early stages of his journey to Jerusalem, we hear how Jesus sent many of his disciples on a mission to preach and heal in the name of the Kingdom of God.

How do you see the Church today continuing this mission of preaching and healing?

Turn page for more
Faith Community Nursing

A BRAND NEW ministry is about to be unveiled in our Collaborative! St. John’s very own Charlene Muscato, a registered nurse with over 40 years of community nursing experience with the VNA (now known as Circle Health), has just graduated from the Foundation of Faith Community Nursing course, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Chaplaincy. The completion of this program will allow Charlene, as a Faith Community Nurse, to build a team of dedicated volunteers to assist in the healthcare needs of our collaborative family. Some of the services that she is hoping to provide are:

- Blood Pressure Clinics/ Health Promotions
- Arrangement of transportation to/from medical appointments
- Companion Visits
- Advocacy Services
- … and more!

We are looking for nurses who are able to assist with this ministry. There is no requirement to attend any of the Archdiocesan training…. your experience is enough! Also, please note that one DOES NOT NEED to be a nurse to be part of this ministry, as this ministry is more than providing for the physical well-being of our parishioners. If you have a compassion for others, a patient and kind spirit, ability to organize and pay attention to detail, then we’d love to hear from you! If you are interested in learning more, contact Charlene at (978) 251-8571/ 256-2374, ext 218 or fcn@chelmsfordcatholic.org.

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Prayer of Discernment

Good and gracious God,
Pour forth the grace of the Holy Spirit upon me so you may help me to recognize the gifts you have given me and to understand how you call me to share those gifts in order to build up and strengthen our parish family.

Through the sharing of these gifts, May I come to glorify you on earth by accomplishing the work that you give me to do,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summer of Discernment…. In preparation for our second Ministry Fair this coming September (7th/8th), Fr. Brian has asked that we take part in a daily Prayer of Discernment this summer (July 1 – Sept 1). By praying this prayer, we are asking God to help us to recognize our gifts, and be open to using them to build up and strengthen our community.

Each of us is called, in a unique way, to do the work of Christ—to be His hands and feet in the communities in which we live. As it states in scripture (1Corinthian 12: 4-6)

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone, it is the same God at work.”

We are all intricately connected as members of the Body of Christ. If we each commit to discovering and exploring our gifts, then we cannot help but to better recognize our roles in building each other up… hence the parish community in which we live.

After saying the Prayer of Discernment, sit in silence for 2-3 minutes, opening your heart and mind to the Lord. Write down, even if it doesn’t appear to make sense, all that comes to mind. Complete your prayer time by thanking God for his goodness and reciting the Our Father.

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of what's happening in our Collaborative!
The Kathie Nisco Youth Award is given each year in loving memory of Kathie Nisco. The recipient of this award must have demonstrated a high level of involvement and service to St. Mary’s Parish and dedication to sharing the Christian message.

The Knights of Columbus Award, provided annually by the Knights of Columbus, honors a high school senior who has exhibited outstanding commitment to living the message of the Gospel in the parish and community, and lived as a young disciple of Jesus Christ through service and leadership.

In an unusual, but deserved coincidence, the recipient of both awards is... Grace Sullivan

Grace has taken the task of living out her Catholic faith in our collaborative and in our community to heart. She has been a yearly participant in Steubenville East, has volunteered as a catechist in the younger grades for the past two years, volunteers with several community service organizations at her school, and looks for opportunities to discuss her faith with family and friends.

Next year, Grace will attend Emmanuel College where she hopes to continue to grow as a disciple. We are very pleased to honor Grace Sullivan with these two awards.
Believe it or not, on July 7, 1928, commercially sliced bread was sold for the first time in history by the Chillicothe Bakery Company in Chillicothe, MO. This day coincided with the 48th birthday of Otto Fredrick Rohwedder, the inventor of the first automatic bread-slicing machine. Something that we take for granted really has only been around for the last 91 years. When we look at our lives there is so much that we take for granted. We simply assume that things have always been that way.

Think about some of the simple things that are now part of our lives that seem so natural. When I started working on computers in high school over 40 years ago, it was on a machine that Radio Shack made. It saved the program on a cassette tape, and if you adjusted the volume, you could not get the program back unless you could get the volume to an exact level. The computers I used in college are now dwarfed in power, memory, and storage by my cell phone. For most children today, the idea of not having a computer would be as foreign as my going to the store 50 years ago and not being able to buy sliced bread. Computers are part of our lives, and yet this has just happened over the last 25 years. But, for anyone born in the last 10 years, it is all they really know. Like so many of us, in their minds it has always been this way.

It is so easy to look at the world around us and think, well, we have always had these amenities. But, I think about some of today’s medicines, like penicillin, which was not discovered until 1928, and not put into use for patients until the 1940s. Prior to this discovery many people died after getting scratched and contracting blood poisoning because there was nothing a doctor could do for them. The discovery of penicillin was purely accidental and yet it has had profound implications. And much of the medical care that we consider normal today is really quite recent.

It is so easy in our lives to get wrapped up in the way we now view the world—the idea that this is the way it always was. And yet, the truth of the matter is that as human beings we are constantly being confronted with change and transformation, and we generally can find a way to adapt to those changes. But those adaptations are not always easy; many times they come with a lot of pain and disruption. We simply need to look to England during the first industrial revolution in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. A group called the Luddites revolted against being displaced by machinery. They had developed their particular skills and were replaced by lower paid, less skilled workers who could simply manage the machines. In the following years, as machinery took over more and more of the skilled labor positions, there was greater unrest. It was a difficult time of transition.

In many ways this can mirror our relationship with God. Just as we can lose the historical perspective of what is happening around us, the same can be true in how we relate to God. Most of us can move into those “comfortable” phases with God when we think we are where we need to be. How often people will say to me, “Well, I am basically a good person.” What they are really saying is: I am good with God the way I am, and I do not really need to change or be challenged in my life. But the reality is that this kind of thinking is about as far from the truth as we can get.

Jesus described our relationship with God in this way, “Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.’”

Essentially Christ is calling us to follow his path, which is the path of self-emptying and dying to self. What does self-emptying mean? It means no longer seeking what I believe will fulfill me, or make me happy or whole. Rather it is realizing that ultimately our lives are about striving for eternal life and not the momentary pleasures of this world. It is looking to the long-term gain, not the short-term gain. Self-emptying and dying to self are about asking the only question that should matter to any Christian in any situation: What is God’s will for me in this moment?

But the problem with this question is that God usually does not leave us where we’re at. It is not about the familiar and the comfortable. It is about discovering our true selves and recognizing that only God knows who that true self really is. It is about accepting the truth that things can never stay the same if we desire to grow in our relationship with God. If we are to truly grow, we must die to ourselves.

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 Youth Minister

Courtney Callanan

Signed, Sealed, Delivering God’s Love

For several years now we have been running our Signed, Sealed, Delivering God’s Love campaign to raise money for Youth Ministry’s two summer trips, Steubenville East and Catholic Heart Work Camp. Each year that we have done this, I have been amazed by the generosity of this community when it comes to supporting our young people. This year is no exception. At last count, over 125 families have donated $7,500 and I am incredibly grateful for this marvelous financial support.

However, while processing all of these donations I discovered an additional, different kind of generosity; one that I was not expecting. This year we added the option for people to include a prayer request with their donation, or to offer their commitment to pray for the youth. We will be praying for all requests during our trip preparations, as we travel, and as we work. The prayer requests we’ve received in response to this have astounded me. People truly offered themselves in these prayer requests. I was touched by just how many of the prayer requests were for the young people themselves:

- Pray that you have a safe trip
- Pray that you are able to grow closer to Jesus through your experience
- Pray that you are able to be Christ to someone while in NJ

Card after card lets our young people know that our parishioners not only care that they are able to go on these kinds of trips, but that they are good experiences for them that help them grow in their faith.

I was also moved by just how many of the prayer requests were incredibly personal as they revealed the difficulties they are being faced with:

- Pray for my son who is fighting a heroin addiction
- Pray for my wife and I as we struggle to conceive
- Pray for reconciliation in my family with someone who’s been estranged

Card after card lets our young people know that community involves sharing our struggles with one another.

Finally I was impressed by the sheer number and variety of prayer requests. There are hundreds of them, touching on things big and small. Card after card tells our young people that their prayers matter, to God and to our community.

Thank you all for your beautiful generosity.

From Our Senior Priest in Residence, FR. Colletti

Saint Paul writes to the Galatians:

“It is out of the question that I should boast at all, except of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” -Gal.6:14

It took a long time for Paul to come to this point in his life. At the beginning he could boast about being the hardest working Apostle and he could list all his accomplishments He could brag about what he had to suffer for Christ. We see this in what he wrote to the Corinthians:

“Five times I have been given thirty-nine lashes by the Jews, three times I have been beaten with sticks; once I was stoned, three times I have been shipwrecked, and once have been in the open sea for a night and a day; continually traveling, I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from brigands, in danger from my own people and in danger from the gentiles, in danger in the towns and in danger in the open country, in danger at sea and in danger from people masquerading as brothers. Have worked with unsparing energy, for many nights without sleep, I have been hungry and thirsty, and often altogether without food and drink, I have been cold and lacked clothing” -2 Cor. 11:25

Paul was filled with Paul. However, he grew in his spiritual and personal life for he was later to write to the Galatians:

“I have been crucified with Christ and yet I am alive; yet it is no longer I, but Christ living in me. The life I am now living, subject to the limitation of human nature, I am living in faith, faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” -Gal. 2:20

For Paul, the greatest Cross was not the sufferings he had to endure. His greatest cross was to give up the center of his life to allow Christ to become the center. That is the greatest suffering—the heaviest cross—we have to endure, to give up our egotism, our self-centeredness.

Thomas Merton once wrote:

“One thing for sure about heaven is that there is not going to be much of you there.”

I think he was referring to the mystery that even now we are in God’s kingdom, and that even now we can begin to realize it if we but die to egocentric self-seeking, and seek God with a pure heart.
Office Volunteers are needed to help serve our Family Faith Formation program in a variety of ways throughout the year. Volunteers can help for a single occasion, or on a more regular basis as their schedule allows. Any adult who volunteers in a non-teaching position will receive a $50 discount from their family’s total faith formation registration fees.

For information on how you can assist at St. John’s, please contact Lynn LaDuke. For information on how you can assist at St. Mary’s, please contact Elaine Kindler. Contact information can be found above.

2019/20 Faith Formation Registration Continues, but...

**EARLY REGISTRATION FEES END JUNE 30!**

Beginning July 1st, Standard Fees will apply.

Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/Faith Formation, then click on Registration under the church in which you are registering. 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.

**CONSIDER BEING A CATECHIST!**

The collaborative has over 1,000 children registered in faith formation and we want each and every one of them to grow in his/her personal relationship with Christ. You can help them grow in their Catholic faith by serving as a catechist. As you nurture the faith of our young, you are sure to be growing your own. Our classes range from grade K-10, and we are happy to place you with an age group where you feel you can shine. We provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes meet on Sundays, and the program will begin in September. If this is something you are considering, or are thinking about considering, please complete the online Intent to Teach form.

- Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/Faith Formation
- Click on Registration under the church in which you would like to teach
- In the left-hand sidebar, under Registration, click on INTENT TO TEACH

Please know that filling out this form does NOT commit you to teaching. It is just the first step in investigating if you are maybe being called to this fulfilling ministry. It is also worth noting the following discounts...

- Any adult who volunteers to teach any grade level, will receive a $125 discount towards their family’s total faith formation registration fees.
- Any adult who volunteers in a non-teaching position on a regular basis, such as helping prepare materials once a month, serving as a safety monitor/crossing guard, etc., will receive a $50 discount from their family’s total faith formation registration fees.

“The Lord’s call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a “cage” or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch.”

-His Holiness, Pope Francis
Planning Your Summer Vacation?
Please support your parish even when you are away. Your financial support helps us maintain a healthy cash flow during low Mass attendance season.

Also, looking to attend a Mass while traveling, but don’t know the area?
Visit www.masstimes.org and search by area.

St. Mary’s New Elevator (LIFT)

At St. Mary’s, we are planning for the installation of a new elevator (LIFT) to replace the old one, which has been out of service for just about 2 years. This new elevator would allow, once again, easy access into the church for our handicapped parishioners and visitors.

Based on quotes we have received, this project carries a cost of $55,000. Although it is not our desire to ask for further financial support, we have an opportunity at this time to complete this important project... If we, as a parish family, are able to raise $27,500, a few very generous parish families have committed to matching that amount, which will result in raising the total amount of funds needed to complete this project.

If you are able to donate to this important and necessary cause, please contact Paul Firicano. All checks can be made payable to St. Mary Parish, with “new elevator (LIFT)” listed in the memo section. If you choose to donate via Online Giving, please visit our website, www.chelmsfordcatholic.org, and click on the Online Giving link where you can choose the fund, New Elevator (LIFT).

Thank you in advance for your continuing support! We are truly blessed!

Job OPENING

FAITH FORMATION TEAM ASSOCIATE

This part-time position contributes substantially to the collaborative Faith Formation team and execution of its programs. This role includes many items, such as resource development, maintenance of Faith Formation resources, and implementation of curriculum. Prospective candidate must have excellent people skills, be able to multitask and prioritize in a busy environment and be able to work well with staff and various demographic groups. Intermediate computer proficiencies in Microsoft 365, Word, Excel, Outlook and other parish software preferred.

Visit our website under Parish Life for a full job description: www.chelmsfordcatholic.org. Please provide cover letter and resume to the attention of Heather Hannaway, Director of Family Faith Formation at hhannaway@chelmsfordcatholic.org or by mail to 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, MA 01863.
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, JUL 6** 4:00 pm: Mary Lillian Lavers: Memorial

**SUN, JUL 7** 8:30 am: Norman DuBois: 16th Anniversary
10:30 am: For the People of the Parish
6:00 pm: Ernest Poirier: Memorial

**MON, JUL 8** 9:00 am: Rose Serra: Memorial

**THUR, JUL 11** 9:00 am: Paul Conlon: Memorial

**SAT, JUL 13** 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish

**SUN, JUL 14** 8:30 am: Gertrude LaBelle: Memorial
10:30 am: Alice C. Roark: 16th Anniversary
6:00 pm: Jennifer Cassanova: 9th Anniversary

**St. Mary**

**SUN, JUL 7** 7:00 am: Louise and Raymond Fuller
9:00 am: Helen Crafts: 6th Anniversary
11:00 am: For the People of the Parish

**TUE, JUL 9** 7:00 am: Joseph LoPresti: 6th Anniversary

**WED, JUL 10** 7:00 am: Jennifer Cassanova: Memorial

**FRI, JUL 12** 7:00 am: Maurice Prinderville: Memorial

**SAT, JUL 13** 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish

**SUN, JUL 14** 7:00 am: Marguerite Farley: Memorial
9:00 am: Helen Crafts: 6th Anniversary
11:00 am: Joseph & Mary Fisher
AND Ken & Delores Dobbins: Memorial

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**St. Mary Memorial Altar Flowers**

Parishioners are invited to donate a floral arrangement in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one, which will be placed on the altar. The requested donation is $40 and includes an acknowledgement in the bulletin. If you would like to donate altar flowers, please call the parish office.

**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 having your intention published 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:

**Janet Holmes; Living Intention**

This week’s St. Mary Rose for Life:

**For the Protection of the Unborn**

Roses Provided by Mahoney’s Garden Center

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“Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”

- Psalm 119:105

**Monday, Jul 8**

Genesis 28: 10-22
Psalm 91
Matthew 9: 18-26

**Tuesday, Jul 9**

Genesis 32: 23-33
Psalm 17
Matthew 9: 32-38

**Wednesday, Jul 10**

Genesis 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7, 17-24
Psalm 33
Matthew 10: 1-7

**Thursday, Jul 11**

Genesis 44: 18-21, 23-29; 45: 1-5
Psalm 105
Matthew 10: 7-15

**Friday, Jul 12**

Genesis 46: 1-7, 28-30
Psalm 37
Matthew 10: 16-23

**Saturday, Jul 13**

Genesis 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26
Psalm 105
Matthew 10: 24-33

**Sunday, Jul 14**

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14
Psalm 69
Colossians 1: 15-20
Luke 10: 25-37

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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 up.

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
Joseph Thomas McGuane of N. Chelmsford

Joseph Thomas McGuane, 82, of North Chelmsford, MA died Thursday afternoon, June 6, 2019 at Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, MA after a long illness.

The son of the late Martin J. and Mary (Fitzpatrick) McGuane. He was a graduate of Keith Academy with the class of 1954. Following high school Mr. McGuane continued his education earning a B.A. in Theology with the class of 1965 from St. Michael’s College in Conesus, NY. He furthered his educational quest earning a Master’s Degree in Education from Rivier College in Nashua, NH with the class of 1977.

He served with the U.S. Navy C.T.I.

Mr. McGuane was employed as a 4th, 5th, & 6th grade teacher at the Joseph G. Pyne School and by the Lowell Public Schools.

He was a faithful and active communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church of N. Chelmsford; where he served the parish as a Eucharistic and extra ordinary minister as well as an alter server.

Joe enjoyed playing tennis, and was an avid sports fan.

He is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Wilbur Barry of Phoenix, AZ; a brother, Frank McGuane of Tyngsborough, MA; a sister-in-law, Carol McGuane of Mt. Vernon, WA; a niece, Jenner Mary Barry; three nephews, Wilbur Barry III and his wife Jennifer Lynn Barry, Seth, and Nathan Cowan; and several grand nieces and nephew, Taylor Barry, Abigail, Eve, Maggie, and Ainsley Cowen, Sean Cowen.

He was the brother of the late Edward McGuane.

There were no visiting hours. Funeral was Tues., June 11th at 8am from the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 106 MIDDLESEX ST. CHELMSFORD, with a funeral Mass at 9am at St. John the Evangelist Church in N. Chelmsford. Burial in St. Patrick’s Cemetery, Lowell. Memorials may be made in his name to the St. Vincent de Paul Society c/o St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St. N. Chelmsford, MA 01863. ARRANGEMENTS BY DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 978-256-4040.