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.

PRAYER LINE
To have prayers said for yourself or a loved one, call the parish office and ask for ext 223.
"Turn to the Lord in your need and you will live."
- Responsorial Psalm 69

**Don’t miss out!**

**SIGN-UP DEADLINE APPROACHING!**
**THIS Monday, July 15th**

**THE 2019 ALTAR SERVER AND CHILDREN’S CHOIR ANNUAL 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/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.

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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** 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 have not yet received an invitation, contact Rae at (978) 251-8571, ext 325.

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**Vacation Bible Fun**

August 5-9 • 9 am - 1 pm

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

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**2ND ANNUAL HAIL MARY CHALLENGE**

Tally slips and collection containers are available in the entrances of both churches in order to assist you in turning in your weekly Hail Mary count. These containers will be emptied and tabulated weekly, and the count published in the bulletin and on our website.

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**The July Petition**

Our communities pray together for our priests and for all the priests of our diocese and throughout the world:

“That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.”
Join us Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the St. John New Parish Center.

Do you have a loved one who is struggling with addiction? Do you feel helpless and/or hopeless? You are NOT alone!

For over two years, our group has gathered together weekly, proving that no one needs to be on this journey alone. Through education and sharing, our Family to Family Connection offers support to those, like you, who are coping with the addiction of a loved one. Whether it be your child, your spouse, your grandchild, or a close friend, the pain of watching their suffering is the same.

Join us as we gain a better understanding of the disease of addiction through reading materials, videos and first-hand sharing from men and women who actively practice a 12-step program and live a healthy lifestyle free of alcohol and drugs. Join us Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the St. John New Parish Center.

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.

St. John St. Vincent de Paul
Monthly Food Collection
Next Weekend... July 20th/21st

The St. John St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in special need of the following specific food items...

jam and jelly ~ rice ~ coffee and tea

As always, we thank you for your kind and faithful generosity. The food pantry collection occurs on the 3rd weekend (this weekend, July 20/21) of every month. NOTE: Please watch for expiration dates on food items.

Turn page for more...
THE ANNUAL CHELMSFORD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE JULY 4TH PARADE FLOAT...

Between the train passengers, the float riders, and the walkers, we had 15 people representing our collaborative at the 52nd Chelmsford Fourth of July Parade! Thanks to the donations from our parishioners, we had four large Easter baskets full of candy that were distributed to the sizeable crowd of parade onlookers.

The theme of our float was “Building a Community in Christ.” Everyone wore construction hats and Home Depot vests, and the float carried a church that appeared to be made out of LEGOs. Music from the LEGO movies accompanied our journey down North Road!

Special thanks to Tim Fitzgerald, Dolan Funeral Home and the Martignetti Family. Their donations of time, materials and labor resulted in our float being awarded the Committee’s Choice Award! Congratulations to all!

And a SPECIAL, SPECIAL thanks to Julie and Tom Souza, without whom NONE of this would have come to fruition!

“The Lord God Planted a garden in Eden...
The Lord God then took the man and settled him in the Garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it.” -Genesis 2

Garden enthusiasts are critically needed for Saint Mary’s grounds. Our hope is to form a team of skilled parishioners who would be interested in helping to maintain and cultivate the grounds of the church, particularly the Grotto and front of the Church. We are aware that many of you possess this passion and ability... your assistance in beautifying our parish grounds would be truly appreciated. Saint Mary’s has a signature mark on the edge of the town square. The front yard and grotto provide great space to develop gardens which would reflect the beauty of the parish and the unique gifts and stewardship of the skilled gardeners in our midst.

If you have gardening skills or have the desire to help with the maintenance of the grounds, please join St Mary’s Paradise Gardening Club by contacting Tina at (978) 256-2374, ext 219 or tsousa@chelmsfordcatholic.org.

BAPTISM

We joyfully welcome the following children into our Collaborative Family. May the Lord continue to bless these children and their parents, and fill their homes with the light of faith.

BAPTIZED AT ST. JOHN’S
Emersyn Reid Halloran
Isaac Sue Heffernan
Gabriella Rae Malnati
Colbalt Joe Meade
Nova Elizabeth Walsh

BAPTIZED AT ST. MARY’S
George Adams Byam, VI
Lilah Kate Daru
Nico William Horiuchi
Connor Henry Mallory
Owen Michael O’Reilly
Andrew Norman Tardiff
Devlin O’Connell Gleisberg
Josiah Everett Dumas

of what’s happening in our Collaborative!
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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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 - 6:30
BOSTON OPERA HOUSE
THE LION KING

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! (978) 590-7863
A couple of weeks ago I was having a conversation with my brother Kevin, who was diagnosed with bladder cancer back in March. He had surgery in April right after Easter and now he is dealing with the follow-up treatment. I phoned him after I saw a post he made on Facebook, asking “Is there any such thing as a good cancer?” I asked him, “How are you doing?” At first he said, “fine.” (which, honestly, is a typical response in my family to anything that might be happening) So I said, “I don’t think so, based on your post. What is that all about?” He then explained that he was tired of hearing from people about how lucky he is to have the kind of cancer he has, or how fortunate he was that they caught it so soon, or how fortuitous that it has such a high cure rate, and other equally disturbing “helpful” responses. Kevin then went on to describe just what his treatment entails. (I cannot put that in the bulletin. Suffice to say that any guy would not think he was lucky.) Kevin was getting more and more frustrated by people who were trying to be supportive and hopeful but were saying things that actually infuriated him. I told him about a hospital chaplain I worked with, who said that she refuses to call a certain priest in particular situations. She called this priest in one day after a woman had just lost her child. His helpful response to her loss was, “Just remember that you can have other children.” Saying something like this is, of course, true but not the compassionate thing to say. I also shared with Kevin a game when I was called on to offer support to a woman who had just lost her unborn child (at 32 weeks pregnant). As I walked into the room my prayer was simply, “Lord, if necessary, help me to say nothing at all but, most importantly, help me to say nothing stupid.”

The most difficult situations for many of us is trying to help people who are going through particularly difficult, or even tragic, moments in their lives. We are not always sure what to say or what to do. True suffering impacts the whole person at every dimension of their being. This experience of suffering is objective and real and, as such, has physical, emotional, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual ramifications for the individual. Therefore, the true sense of evil that comes through suffering needs to be addressed in multiple ways. Each individual dimension that defines a person’s sense of self has an impact on the others. Hence, if a person is physically ill, say cancer, that will impact the other levels. Or, if a person is depressed, it can bring about physical issues. Or, if a person is struggling with a relationship issue, say infidelity, then that will lead to emotional distress, which can manifest itself in the other dimensions of a person. Recognizing that suffering is always an objective reality, it is at the same time subjective in nature. How each person responds to the pain in his or her life is not based on the particular level of hardship involved, nor to the extent that it impacts one’s life. Rather, many factors will determine how a particular person comes to terms with the adversity they encounter. Each individual has different thresholds for pain and hardship: life experience, personality traits, levels of faith, and so forth, and each factor influences the person’s ability to cope with the stress and travail that accompanies suffering.

It is the responsibility of every Christian to learn the lesson of the Good Samaritan. We must reach out to others in the midst of their suffering. We must show compassion. The word ‘compassion’ comes from a Latin word and if translated literally, would be “to suffer with.” We are called to walk the journey with the person who is suffering. We are not there to give them answers, but simply to care for them in their need. The person who suffers needs to know that they are not alone. We are called to be the presence of Christ, and like the Samaritan, to take on whatever we can to lighten the burdens of others. We do that by stopping and truly giving our attention to the person. It is about listening to the other. It is about having true empathy and recognizing that not all people enter into suffering in the same way. It is about meeting the person where they are. It is about putting a human face on the love that God desires to share with this person. And it helps to create the dynamic that the person is not alone. We must also realize that as we treat our brother or sister with compassion, it is really Christ we are serving in them, and through them.

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,
Muddled Days and Morning Prayer

I have a morning prayer routine that, on my better days, is lovely and slow and focused. Before I even open my eyes in the morning, I have developed the habit of saying a simple morning offering. Before my feet hit the floor, before I stand bleary-eyed before my toothbrush, I make sure my day is covered.

There are those days however, when even that little prayer gets the better of me. I believe I tried to say that Morning Offering seven times yesterday. I just couldn’t finish it without wandering into a million separate muddled thoughts. My eyes were too heavy to open, but I knew I wanted to get through that one little prayer so I kept beginning again and again and again. Finally, I managed to finish, but completely bungled all the words. What did I just say? *sigh*

I briefly offered my whole day, consecrated myself to the Divine Mercy and the Immaculate Heart of Mary—in an off-the-cuff kind of way—and offered my day for all the intentions and people I wanted to, but couldn’t particularly recall (YOU know, Lord).

It was a fine day, although I stumbled in a fog through most of it. I got some things cleaned and organized, but not everything. I managed to get a few things done on my “To Do” list, but not all of them. I consciously thought of God, but not much or often. Dinner was OK, but I didn’t get the dishes done. I wanted to walk five miles, but only walked two, and irritated my knee doing it. I tried to read, but couldn’t focus. I hoped to get to bed early, but was still up at 1:00 am. Doing what, I don’t know… wandering around in a sleepy, distracted haze.

As I laid down on the same pillow on which I had struggled with that Morning Offering so many hours earlier, I tried to do my examination of conscience. I immediately thought about the dishes and had to begin again. I thought about my “To Do” and began again. I thought about how I’d rather be a wife and mom than anything I ever dreamed of being as a kid… and had to begin again and again and again…

And finally I slept.

Some days are low-powered like that. Foggy. Slow. Mildly productive. And it’s all right. Good sleep is important, and tomorrow is another day. I need sleep. A lot more than I have been getting. In those slogging days, I’ll run on adrenaline, grace, and the longest-shortest Morning Offerings ever prayed. And while I stumble on, He’ll read my heart and know all the thoughts my mind won’t form and all the words my tongue doesn’t say. I trust in His Divine Mercy and that He knows.

The next morning, I prayed a quick and easy Morning Offering and found the rosary that I hadn’t prayed the night before in the middle of my blankets. I returned it to my dresser and began my day with focused prayer. I only thought about breakfast once… and about my to-do list a couple times. And maybe the dust bunny by the door for a moment.

Fortunately, it’s not a failure to be distracted. It’s only a failure to stop trying. God is not a bean counter but a lover… and prayer is not a box to be checked but a relationship to be nurtured. If today was not your best day, He will be waiting for you in the morning.
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Weekend of June 29th/30th

Offertory Needed to Cover Budgeted Expenses $16,500
Actual Received $15,277
Variance -$1,223

This weekend’s Second Collection is for the Missionary Cooperative Appeal. This collection to the Propagation of the Faith provides support for the Church’s missionary work and provides ongoing monetary help for the pastoral and evangelizing programs. Please make checks payable to the parish in which you worship. Envelopes can be found at the end of your pew. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

We apologize for the miscommunication… the collection figures for the weekend of July 6th/7th will be posted in the July 20th/21st bulletin along with the FY 2019 Year End Financial Report.

Goods Collection to Support our Sister Parish: July 20 - August 18

Thank you to all those who donated on Holy Thursday to support our Sister Parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea, in Sierra Leone, West Africa! This summer, we are taking up a material goods collection for items that cannot easily be purchased locally in-country. The goods will help stock the parish health clinic, provide school supplies for students in the pre-school and elementary schools, and provide sewing supplies for the vocational school.

Below are suggested items that are in need:

**First Aid Supplies**
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Antiseptic solution or towelettes
- Anesthetic spray (Bactine) or lotion (Calamine)
- Adhesive tape
- Adhesive bandages in assorted sizes
- Elastic wrap bandages
- Large triangular bandages
- Non-adhesive wound pads/ sterile gauze pads
- Disposable gloves (non-latex) in assorted sizes
- Hydrogen peroxide

**Over-the-counter Medications**
- Antacids
- Anti-diarrhea medication, such as Imodium or Pepto-Bismol
- Oral antihistamines, such as Benadryl
- Cough and cold medications
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Laxatives

**Sewing Supplies**
- All-purpose thread
- Fabric
- New sewing machines
  please contact the parish office if you are interested in donating a sewing machine

**School Supplies**
- Backpacks
- Pens and pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Notebooks

**Toiletries**
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Toothbrushes
- Hand sanitizer
- Soaps and shampoos

Please look for collection bins at the entrances of each church.

Please pay attention to expiration dates. Thank you.
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 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 Casanova: 9th Anniversary
- **WED, JUL 17**: 9:00 am: Frederick Holt: Memorial
- **SAT, JUL 20**: 4:00 pm: Meghan Gerri Fahey: Memorial
- **SUN, JUL 21**: 8:30 am: For the People of the Parish
  10:30 am: Peter J. Kelts: Memorial
  6:00 pm: Jonathan Perez: Living Intention

**St. Mary**

- **SAT, JUL 13**: 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
- **SUN, JUL 14**: 7:00 am: Marguerite Farley: Memorial
  11:00 am: Joseph & Mary Fisher
  AND Ken & Delores Dobbins: Memorial
- **MON, JUL 15**: 7:00 am: Antoni Kijanka: 75th Anniversary
- **TUE, JUL 16**: 7:00 am: Mary & Eugene Maslanka: Memorial
- **THUR, JUL 18**: 7:00 am: Michlyn Queenan: Memorial
- **FRI, JUL 19**: 7:00 am: Helen J. Kijanka: 9th Anniversary
- **SAT, JUL 20**: 4:00 pm: Jeannine Bilodeau: 5th Anniversary
- **SUN, JUL 21**: 9:00 am: For the People of the Parish
  11:00 am: Edna Lezotte: Memorial Mass
  AND Ken & Delores Dobbins: 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 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

**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.

Answer me, O Lord, for bounteous is your kindness:
in your great mercy, turn toward me

—Psalm 69:17

**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.

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 15**

- Exodus 1: 8-14, 22
- Psalm 124
- Matthew 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday, Jul 16**

- Exodus 2: 1-15
- Psalm 69
- Matthew 11: 20-24

**Wednesday, Jul 17**

- Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12
- Psalm 103
- Matthew 11: 25-27

**Thursday, Jul 18**

- Exodus 3: 13-20
- Psalm 105
- Matthew 11: 28-30

**Friday, Jul 19**

- Exodus 11:10-12:14
- Psalm 116
- Matthew 12: 1-8

**Saturday, Jul 20**

- Exodus 12: 37-42
- Psalm 136
- Matthew 12: 14-21

**Sunday, Jul 21**

- Genesis 18: 1-10
- Psalm 15
- Colossians 1: 24-28
Ruth G. (Van Norden) Shannon of Dunstable former of Westford

Ruth G. (Van Norden) Shannon, 82, of Dunstable formerly of Westford died June 8, 2019 surrounded by family at Sunny Acres Nursing Center in Chelmsford.

Ruth was married to the late Harold (Harry) Shannon with whom she would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 17, 2019. Ruth and Harry met working in a movie theater when Ruth was 16 years old. They fulfilled a lifetime of deep love beginning the moment they met. They shared a special long distance courtship writing letters to one another, as Harry was stationed overseas in the U.S. Navy. Shortly after he returned, they were married. They celebrated their honeymoon in York, Maine and returned every summer for over 60 years.

Born in Westford, July 8, 1936, Ruth was the daughter of the late Lamert and Mary (Colburn) Van Norden. She was the sister of the late Milton Van Norden, Richard Van Norden, and Esther Van Norden. She graduated from Westford Academy with the class of 1953. Ruth worked in management for the NESC Federal Credit Union in Andover, Mass. She was a member of the West Chelmsford United Methodist Church for many years.

Ruth cherished every minute with family and friends. She loved children and made so many beautiful memories with all of her nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews. She enjoyed bowling and was on a league for many years. She loved to try new things and was very talented with every craft she did. She attended many fairs with her sewing, knitting & ceramics. She also made cakes & floral arrangements for family birthdays & weddings. Holidays were truly celebrated, especially Christmas. She lived life to the fullest, always had a smile on her face and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Ruth is survived by over 50 nieces and nephews, including Donny Greenwood and his wife Evelyn of Westford, David Greenwood and his wife Jennifer of Dunstable, Diana Moulton and her husband Jeff of Westford, Karen Marison and her husband Eric of Nashua, Kimberly Matthes of Haverhill, Susan Provencer and her husband Kirk of Londonderry and Robbie.

Her visiting hours were Fri., June 14th from 4 to 7 P.M. Funeral was Sat., June 15th at 8 am from the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME, 106 MIDDLESEX ST. CHELMSFORD, with a funeral Mass at 9 am at St. Mary Church, 25 North Rd., Chelmsford. Burial in the Fairview Cemetery, Westford. ARRANGEMENTS BY DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 978-256-4040.