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.

**August 18, 2019**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I have come to set the world on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing”

-Luke 12:49
St. Mary Calendar

- **Thursday, August 22**
  - Rosary Makers • 10:30 am • PC Conf Room 2
  - Rosary • 12:00 - 1:00 pm • PC Adoration Chapel
  - Adoration • 3:00 - 9:00 pm • PC Adoration Chapel
  - Social Justice Meeting • 7:00 pm • PC MR 2

- **Friday, August 23**
  - Knitting and Crocheting • 3:00 - 5:00 pm • PC MR 2
  - Adoration • 7:30 am - 9:00 pm • PC Adoration Chapel

- **Saturday, August 24**
  - 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

Attention! Ministry Heads!

If you head up a ministry that runs from September through June, please be sure to reach out to Rae to reserve your space. The facility request form can be downloaded or completed online. We ask that you please attend to this as soon as possible so that we are able to accurately advertise your meeting dates and/or have your required space available for your use. Please address your questions to Rae at ext 325 or email her at rae@chelmsfordcatholic.org.

DO YOU LOVE BOOKS? DO YOU LOVE ORGANIZING?

Maureen Foley, our volunteer Library Coordinator, is looking for two to three people to help—and keep—St. Mary’s Catholic Library in tip-top shape. Your commitment would be about 2 hours a month; no heavy lifting involved. Want to know more? Send an email to Elaine at ekindler@chelmsfordcatholic.org with the best daytime phone number at which to reach you. If you love books and you love organizing, then... THIS IS FOR YOU!

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.

The August Petition

“For the safety of our children and grandchildren, and for young families, that they find and cherish the true meaning of our faith and the graces that come from following the Lord’s path, and for all children of the world who struggle day after day that God may lead them to a better life.”

Week Ending August 9  
50,474

Grand Total To Date  
479,803

%age of Goal  
47.98%

Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative

5th Annual Outdoor Mass & BBQ

Sunday, September 15

10:30 am on St. John’s Great Lawn!

followed by good food, good old fashion fun, and a visit from the Ice Cream Truck

If you are willing and able to help in the planning of the day’s activities, please let us know via the sign-up sheets that can be found at the entrance of both churches.
**St. John Calendar**

- **Sunday, August 18**
  - Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Hall
  - Prayer Shawl Ministry, following 8:30 am Mass • Hall
  - African Liturgy • 12:30 pm • Church

- **Monday, August 19**
  - ACTS Core Group • 6:30 pm • Linehan
  - Families w/Addiction Support Group • 7:00 pm • Mary Gill

- **Tuesday, August 20**
  - Taize Prayer and Fellowship • 7:00 pm • Church and Mariotti

- **Thursday, August 22**
  - BINGO • 6:45 pm (doors open at 3:00 pm) • Hall

- **Saturday, August 24**
  - NO 9:00 am Mass: Mass at St. Mary this week
  - Reconciliation • 3:00 - 3:45 pm • Church

- **Sunday, August 25**
  - Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Hall
  - Hospitality Ministry Meeting • 9:30 - 11:00 am • Hall
  - African Liturgy • 12:30 pm • Church

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**St. John’s Annual Harvest of Abiding Love and Unity**

Sunday, September 22, 2019
12:30 pm at St. John Church

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**St. Mary Adorer Needed**

One adorer is needed for Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:00 pm.
Adoration is held in the St. Mary Parish Center Chapel.
Contact Heather at hhannaway@chelmsfordcatholic.org.
Fall Bible Studies at St. Mary’s
Registration Deadlines Approaching

A 24-week study of Matthew
September 16, 2019 - March 30, 2020 (w/holiday break)
Monday Mornings... 10:00 am - 12 noon
Registration and $45 fee due no later than NEXT SUNDAY August 25th

In this exciting study, you will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. We will be shown who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today.

A 20-week study of Church History
October 1, 2019 - March 30, 2020 (w/holiday break)
Tuesday Evenings... 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Registration and $45 fee due no later than September 9th

The history of our Faith is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph. We will learn about the major people, places, and events that comprise the captivating story of Christianity, and will come to an understanding of Church history that enables us to have a greater sense of meaning and identity as Catholics.

Hard-copy registration forms can be found on the bulletin boards located at St. Mary Church entrances, the St. John New Parish Center and the Parish Office.

NEW... You can register online at www.chelmsfordcatholic.org.
Click on Faith Formation, then Bible Studies.

African Community Family Picnic
Saturday, August 21
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Church Hall and Great Lawn
Join us for an afternoon of good food, fun games—including those specific to the African culture—and friendly fellowship.
All Are Welcome!

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THE WESTERN FRONTIER
discovering what’s beyond
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
AFTER 4 PM MASS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
9 AM - 1 PM

After-Hours Answering and Voice Mail Services Remain Out of Service
Since Sunday, July 28th, our phone system has been disabled. Our Night Attendant and Voice Mail systems are not working. When the office is not staffed, callers receive no answer when any of our office numbers are called. Because we are in the process of updating our phone system, we are not in a financial position to incur the exorbitant cost of equipment replacement, but please be assured that we are exploring options so that we may be able to continue serving you to the best of our ability. We are grateful for your patience throughout this process, and apologize for any and all inconveniences. Please note that email is the best alternative to reaching us outside of regular business hours. All staff emails can be found on page 5, or a link to each of us can be found on the home page of the website within the article bearing the same title as this one.
AUGUST 21, 2019
NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

This is the day to let them know how much you care about them. Our senior citizens have contributed so much to our communities and helped make them what they are today. National Senior Citizens Day is the day to show them our appreciation and support and recognize their accomplishments.

In 1988 Ronald Reagan declared the holiday, but prior to this, many observed August 14 as Senior Citizens Day as it was the day Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act in 1935. Today, senior citizens are still very active in their communities and the workforce. They still contribute heavily to our society and for what they have achieved and continue to achieve, they deserve our thanks.

Do you have an elderly person in your life that you love and appreciate?

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Fully engaged?

Father only one question am? How we make our choices determines the answer to this question. Do we make choliques as truth. The question that Jesus asked 2,000 years ago is one He continues to ask his disciples today: Who do Jesus made clear that this answer did not come from Peter alone; rather, he was inspired by the grace of God to know the

In Christ,

In my own life when things are not going according to plan, I usually discover that my thought process was wrong all along. It normally comes down to something I preached on a while back, and that I teach in my Liturgy and Sacraments class—about our being called to full, active, and conscious participation in both the liturgy and our lives.

The very nature of the liturgy is intended to lead to the full, active, and conscious participation of the people of God. The heart of the liturgy is about engaging in a dialogue with the Lord in order for Him to lead us on the path of salvation. The biggest obstacle to full, active, and conscious participation has nothing to do with the ritual expression of liturgy. It has to do with the reality that most people are not fully engaged in their own lives. The main issue is that most people do not even realize this discrepancy. As Christians, life is defined in how we come into relationship with Christ, for Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

Most people compartmentalize their lives and therefore separate out the issues they believe have nothing to do with God. They determine what is a faith question and what is not. They create a fake dichotomy in their lives and believe that there are issues that have nothing to do with their faith and God. They come to rely solely on themselves for fundamental issues in their lives, and this mode of operation begins to make their outlook blurry. It is like putting a second contact lens in our eyes. We try to depend on our own ability to make decisions, which quite frankly we cannot do well.

And yet, that is not how Christ lived his life. Every aspect of Jesus’ life—every choice and word He spoke—was centered on and grounded in the will of the Father. Christ lived a life that was fully engaged. Every time we choose to separate our words and actions from God, we become disengaged from living our lives to the fullest. What makes this even more of a challenge is that most people do not understand themselves well enough to recognize the futility of how they make choices. We are either choosing to live in freedom or slavery. Freedom exists only when we choose God’s will. Slavery is the result of every other choice we make that leads us down the path away from God. The longer we go down that path, the more disengaged we become from life itself—Christ.

The necessary disposition of the Christian begins with recognizing that we are wholly and completely dependent upon God. We cannot accomplish anything of value without God’s grace, and with humble submission we open ourselves in obedience, to and with Christ, to praise and worship God. We need to recognize that every choice we make must lead to the praise and worship of God. If our choice does not do this, then we have made a bad choice, a choice not centered in Christ.

Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” They gave various responses, and then Jesus asked the all-important question, “Who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus made clear that this answer did not come from Peter alone; rather, he was inspired by the grace of God to know the truth. The question that Jesus asked 2,000 years ago is one He continues to ask his disciples today: Who do you say that I am? How we make our choices determines the answer to this question. Do we make choliques as Jesus did? He asked his Father only one question—“What is your will?” Or, do we make choices in accord with our will? Are you living a life that is fully engaged?

If everything is looking blurry in your life right now, maybe you need to simply look to Christ’s example and change the way you are making your decisions.

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,
Recently I was at a Mass during which several young women professed their first vows as Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians. The Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians, also known as the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco, were founded by St. Maria Mazzarello as the female branch of the Salesians of Don Bosco, an order dedicated to serving the young. There were many very moving moments during this Mass as these young women took the next step in dedicating their lives to Christ and the young. However, as can sometimes be the case, it was actually an unplanned and largely unnoticed moment that most struck me.

During Communion, a father and his two daughters were coming forward. The older girl was probably about four and the younger one could not have been more than two. It was this younger one, pacifier in mouth, who caught my attention. As she confidently toddled forward, it was clear she had been in many a communion line before. When she got near the front, she calmly folded her arms across her chest, strode up to the bishop for a blessing, and then headed on her merry way across the front and down the side aisle. At no point did she need guidance from her dad, and she was completely unfazed by what presumably was an unfamiliar church full of unfamiliar people. She knew exactly what she was supposed to do at communion time and did so assuredly.

It was beautiful to see a child so comfortable in church and beautiful to see how positively those around her responded to her. This was particularly true given that it was a Mass dedicated to celebrating women who have offered their lives in response to Christ’s call to serve the young. However, I think it is also something we all should be aiming for in our families and in our parishes. We want our young people to feel at home at church and there are many ways that we can encourage or discourage this. As the saying goes, “It takes a village to raise a child,” and the community to which they belong definitely has an impact on a child’s faith life.

School will be back in session soon and with the start of school comes the influx of young families in our pews. Before they arrive, I would invite everyone to consider one way we might be able to make them feel welcome and help them to know that, yes, they are loved by God, but they are also loved by us.
A few weeks back—July 21 through 26—15 of our youth, alongside 6 adult volunteers, traveled to North Haledon, New Jersey to live out the call to be radiant followers of Christ. They were called to illuminate their Catholic faith in their lives and in the lives of those they served through their words and deeds.

Each of us can be a source of light to a darkened world when we lead with love and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, for He assured us in John 8:12 when He said...

“i am the light of the world. he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”
### St. Mary

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### UPDATE ON St. Mary’s New Elevator (LIFT)

As noted previously, this project carries a total cost of $55,000. Although it is not our desire to ask for further financial support, we have been given the following opportunity. If we, as a parish family, are able to raise $27,500, a few very generous parish families have committed to matching that amount, resulting in total funds raised.

**TO DATE, YOUR GENEROSITY HAS RAISED $12,186 TOWARDS THE GOAL OF $27,500**

If you are able to donate towards this 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!

### Online Giving Programs

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

### Family Faith Formation

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### Faith Formation Scholarship Fund

Sincerest gratitude to those who have donated to this fund, and the same to those who are prayerfully considering doing so. Contributions by check should be made payable to:

- St. Mary Parish or St. John the Evangelist
- FF Scholarship noted on memo line

Contributions made by cash should be placed in an envelope and clearly marked • SM FF Scholarship or SJE FF Scholarship

Both check and cash contributions should be:

- placed in the weekly offertory;
- left in a secure drop box located at either the church or Parish Offices; or
- mailed directly to the parish offices ATTN: Faith Formation Scholarship Fund.

### Registration Continues

Visit:

- www.chelmsfordcatholic.org
- choose faith formation
- choose church
- choose registration

Easy-to-follow directions and guidelines are provided to make your registration quick and easy!

Please do not let finances hinder your child’s faith formation. Both parishes offer financial assistance.
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, AUG 17  4:00 pm: Joseph F. Lynch: 2nd Anniversary
SUN, AUG 18  8:30 am: LIVING INTENTION: Jonaphan Perez, being well from sickness
            10:30 am: For the People of the Parish
WED, AUG 21  9:00 am: LIVING INTENTION: Health and strength for Aly to carry the twins she is expecting to term
SAT, AUG 24  4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, AUG 25  8:30 am: Jack Calgan: 8th Anniversary
            10:30 am: Patricia Paul: Memorial

St. Mary

SUN, AUG 18  7:00 am: Marguerite Farley: Memorial
            9:00 am: William Tucker: 9th Anniversary
            11:00 am: For the People of the Parish
MON, AUG 19  7:00 am: James Melody, Jr.: 1st Anniversary
TUE, AUG 20  7:00 am: Chris and Pat Garrahan: Memorial
THUR, AUG 22  7:00 am: Jackson Kemper: 9th Anniversary
FRI, AUG 23  7:00 am: Maria Vatalaro: 10th Anniversary
SAT, AUG 24  9:00 am: For those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Mary this month
            4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, AUG 25  9:00 am: John Clancy, Sr.: 3rd Anniversary
            11:00 am: Ted Schwamb: 2nd Anniversary

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

In Memory of Edward & Katherine McCabe
-from the Dean and McCabe Families

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.

"Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."
-Psalm 119:105

Monday, Aug 19
Judges 2:11-19
Psalm 106
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, Aug 20
Judges 6:11-24
Psalm 85
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, Aug 21
Judges 9:6-15
Psalm 21
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, Aug 22
Judges 11:29-39
Psalm 40
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, Aug 23
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14-16, 22
Psalm 146
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, Aug 24
Revelation 21:9-14
Psalm 145
John 1:45-51

Sunday, Aug 25
Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm 117
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Marilyn Ann (McEnaney) (McGovern) Caruso, 81, a Lifelong Resident of Lowell

Marilyn Ann (McEnaney) (McGovern) Caruso, 81, a Lifelong Resident of Lowell, passed away peacefully Saturday, July 13, 2019 at High Pointe House in Haverhill, MA. Marilyn was born in Lowell, MA on July 10, 1938 the daughter of Peter and Ann (Dougherty) McEnaney. She was pre-deceased in 1999 by her husband Francis McGovern.

Marilyn attended Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsborough, MA, where she graduated in 1956. She received her B.A. in English from Emmanuel College and then a M.Ed. from Fitchburg State College.

For over 30 years she loved being an English teacher at the Daley School in Lowell and often recalled her many happy experiences there. She loved to travel, was an avid reader, proud of her Irish Heritage, enjoyed time with her cats, and particularly loved get-togethers with family and friends.

Marilyn is survived by her loving husband, Francis Caruso, whom she married in 2011 and enjoyed eight happy years.

She is also survived by a step-son, Anthony Caruso, of California, her brother Peter McEnaney and his wife MaryAlice of N. Chelmsford, MA, her sister-law, Mrs. Donald (Patricia) McGovern of Lowell, MA, brothers - Law Jack McGovern of Lowell, Ma, and Paul Caruso of Phillips, ME, her nephew, Michael McGovern and his wife, Joan, of Chelmsford, MA, their children, John McGovern and Marilyn's god-child, Margaret McGovern, her niece, Patricia (McGovern) Gormley and her husband, Brian, of Hookset, NH (parents of Marilyn’s great-niece, Faith) and Marilyn’s niece, Nancy McGovern of Lowell, MA. She was predeceased by her brothers-in-law Donald McGovern of Lowell, MA and Anthony Caruso of Stoughton, MA.

Her visiting hours were Wednesday, July 17th from 4 to 8 PM at the DOLANFUNERAL HOME, 106 MIDDLESEX ST., CHELMSFORD. Her Funeral Mass was Thursday, July 18th at 11 AM at St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St. Chelmsford; burial in St. Mary Cemetery, Tewksbury. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com

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