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.

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**Weekend Mass Schedule**
- Saturday • 4:00 PM
- Sunday • 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM

**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 • Monday - Wednesday • 9:30 - 11:30 am in the OPC Chapel

**Parish Office Hours**
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday • 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Wednesday • 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
- Friday • 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Sunday • 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Masses Are Available Via Live Stream**
Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org
LIVEVIEW resides on the right-hand sidebar of the home page

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

*September 15, 2019*  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday**  
in Ordinary Time

There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.  
-Luke 15:7b
**St. Mary Calendar**

- **Sunday, September 15**
  - Outdoor Mass and BBQ • 10:30 am • St. John Great Lawn
  - Parish Offices are closed, and 11 am Mass is cancelled

- **Monday, September 16**
  - Matthew Bible Study • 10 am - 12 pm • PC Conf Room 1

- **Tuesday, September 17**
  - FCN Blood Pressure Clinic • 9:45 - 10:45 am • St. John Hall

- **Wednesday, September 18**
  - Boy Scout Troop 77 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • Parish Hall

- **Thursday, September 19**
  - 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
  - Loyola Curriculum Training • 6:30 - 8:00 pm • St. John Mariotti
  - Adult Faith Formation Committee • 7:00 pm • PC Conf Room 2

- **Friday, September 20**
  - Adoration • 7:30 am - 9:00 pm • PC Adoration Chapel
  - Knitting and Crocheting • 3:00 - 5:00 pm • Parish Hall

- **Saturday, September 21**
  - NO 9:00 am Mass: Mass at St. John this week
  - Catholic Men’s Group • 7:45 - 8:45 am • PC Conf Room 2
  - Loyola Curriculum Training • 9:00 am - 12:30 pm • Parish Hall
  - 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

- **Sunday, September 22**
  - Grade 3 - 6 Parent Gathering 12:00 pm • Parish Hall
  - Grade 7 - 8 Parent Gathering 1:00 pm • Parish Hall

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**Flee Idleness...**

for no one is more exposed to such temptation then he who has nothing to do.  - St. Robert Bellarmine

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**St. Mary Church**

**Wedding BANNS II**
Sarah Buckley and Jason Stuart

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**IMPORTANT TO NOTE**

The St. John 5 pm Mass returns NEXT Sunday, September 22

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**2ND ANNUAL**

**Hail Mary Challenge**

1,000,000 Hail Mary’s in Six Months (ending Oct 31)

Turn your weekly count into the containers that are located in:
- St. Mary and St. John vestibules
- St. John NPC Bulletin Board
- St. Mary Parish Center Entrance

**The September Petition**

“For parishioners and their families to grow together in their faith and to strengthen their bonds and relationships with each other through Jesus Christ, His Blessed Mother, and the Holy Catholic Church.”

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**MASS ON A MOUNTAIN**

The youth of both St. John’s and St. Mary’s are invited to join us on Columbus Day—Monday, October 14th—for a hike up Mt. Chocorua!

This moderate hike will offer beautiful views, and more importantly, the opportunity to pray as a community. The ‘high point’ of our hike will be Mass celebrated by Fr. Brian at the peak. We will depart from St. Mary’s parking lot at 7:30 am. If you would like to join us, contact Courtney by October 7th at ccallanan@chelmsfordcatholic.org.
The Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday, September 25th

Our newly formed Faith Community Nursing Ministry is offering its first of many health offerings. This clinic is being offered free of charge. Stop by!

♥ Tuesday, September 17th
♥ 9:45 - 10:45 am
♥ St. John Parish Hall

Welcome back, Ladies of the Chelmsford Collaborative and beyond!

WINE, WOMEN & WORD
Join us THIS Tuesday, September 17th
6:30 - 8:00 pm
St. John’s NPC Mariotti Room
BRING A FRIEND, OR TWO!

St. John Tuesday Morning Coffee Group
Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month in the St. John Church Hall, following the 9 am daily Mass.
Join us...
THIS Tuesday, September 17

Be Refreshed... by the Holy Spirit
Come to our Charismatic Prayer Meeting!
We meet every Thursday in the Old Parish Center of St. John’s at BOTH 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, so you can fit this time of worship into your schedule.
Give Praise to God!
Be built up in community!

St. John Calendar

- **Sunday, September 15 •**
  Parish Offices are closed and 5 pm Mass is cancelled
  CORI Collection, following all Masses • Mariotti Room
  Outdoor Mass and BBQ • 10:30 am • Great Lawn
  Coffee and Donuts • Cancelled

- **Monday, September 16 •**
  Adoration, following 9:00 am Mass • OPC Chapel
  ACTS Core Meeting • 6:30 pm • Linehan

- **Tuesday, September 17 •**
  Adoration, following 9:00 am Mass • OPC Chapel
  Tuesday Morning Coffee, following 9 am Mass • Hall
  FCN Blood Pressure Clinic • 9:45 - 10:45 am • Hall
  Wine, Women and Word • 6:30 - 8:00 pm • Mariotti
  Social Justice Committee Mtg • 7:00 - 9:00 pm • OPC
  Open Music Ministry Rehearsal • 6:30 pm • Church

- **Wednesday, September 18 •**
  Adoration, following 9:00 am Mass • OPC Chapel

- **Thursday, September 19 •**
  Charismatic Prayer Group • 10:00 am • OPC
  BINGO • 6:45 pm (doors open at 3:00 pm) • Hall
  Loyola Curriculum Training • 6:30 - 8:00 pm • Mariotti
  Charismatic Prayer Group • 7:00 pm • OPC

- **Friday, September 20 •**
  African Community Rosary • 6:30 pm • Library

- **Saturday, September 21 •**
  Loyola Curriculum Training • 9:00 - 10:30 am • St Mary Hall
  Contemplative Prayer Group • 9:30 am • Linehan
  Reconciliation • 3:00 - 3:45 pm • Church

- **Sunday, September 22 •**
  Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Mariotti
  Children’s Liturgy of the Word, during 8:30 am Mass
  African Community Harvest Mass • 12:30 pm • Church
  Grade K-2 Parent Gathering • 9:30 am • Hall
  Grade 3-6 Parent Gathering • 10:30 am • Hall
  Grade 7-8 Parent Gathering • 11:30 am • Hall
Introducing our Seminarian... 

Andrew John G. Rondelli

I am delighted to be assigned to the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative for the 2019-2020 academic year! Based on my first week here, it is clear that this collaborative has three prayerful priests, a welcoming staff, and many active and committed parishioners. I am sure that I can learn much from you all during my time here.

Ever since I was very young, I considered the call to the Holy Priesthood. I attribute this to my family, who raised me with a love for Holy Mother Church. In particular, my mother stressed that my younger brother and sister and I pray about our vocation, and that we be open to whatever God calls us to: the Consecrated Life or Holy Matrimony, and for my brother and me: the Holy Priesthood. The reception of the sacraments were a regular part of my upbringing, as was the daily Rosary, which we prayed together as a family. Also, those priests in my early youth and other priests who served the South Shore were indispensable to fostering in me a love for the priesthood.

Before I was accepted to Saint John’s Seminary in Brighton, I was an organist for three Catholic parishes in southeastern Massachusetts. Sacred music has been dear to my heart my entire life, as my parents have been involved in Catholic music ministry since before I was born. I graduated in 2014 from Providence College with a bachelor’s degree in theology and organ performance and was working towards a graduate degree in theology while I worked before the fall of 2017, at which time I believed it was time to enter the seminary for the Archdiocese of Boston, with strong encouragement from my close Catholic friends.

My interests include theological discussion, walking, cooking, the occasional classic movie or television show, and perhaps best of all, spending time with family and friends. But I am becoming more aware of the great spiritual value derived from private prayer in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament and spiritual reading.

Feel free to reach out to me and invite me to parish activities or for a visit by emailing me at andrewjohn@chelmsfordcatholic.org. Thank you for welcoming me and please pray for me as I pray for you!

Q. How did you know you were being called by God?

A. This is a difficult question to answer in a general way. Every priest I have ever spoken to has a unique story of how he came to discern his priesthood. In my own life there were several different ways I came to realize that God was calling me. The first was my own love for the Eucharist itself. When I was ten years old as a I was serving at Mass kneeling next to the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer, I thought to myself it would be kind of cool to do what the priest was doing. I also in my prayer life recognized consistently this desire for being a priest. It was not simply an idea it was sort of an inner compulsion to seek the Lord in my life through the priesthood. I also had people consistently asking me in my life if I had ever considered being a priest. Or when people heard that I was thinking about it, many told me that they could see that in my life. The calling was clarified for me the day I returned to the sacrament of Penance after being away for eight years. Shortly after celebrating the sacrament, I went for a walk with the Lord and He made it quite clear to me that it was time to go into the seminary. It was then that I knew it was time to say yes to God. It was not really any one thing but really the combination of many things that helped me hear the Lord.

Do you get lonely?

If I am completely honest, no, I have never been lonely as a priest. And I think there are a few reasons for why this is true. But in saying that it does not mean that at times I have not thought about what it would be like to be married and have a family. And at times I wonder what my life would be like if a family were possible as part of my life. But back to the gist of the question of why I have not felt lonely. The first is quite frankly I like myself and my own company. I actually enjoy being by myself. When I have time alone it actually will come to energize me. I enjoy being with people, but I also very much need my time apart from them. It is part of my personality. But secondarily I have never felt completely alone. No matter where I am in my life, no matter what is going on I know God is with me. God’s presence has always been very real to me. And as I have God so present to me, it would be difficult to feel lonely.

How many churches have you been too? And what is your favorite?

I have been ordained for a little over twenty-four years and have served at this point at ten churches. Some of them I have served at the same time or while doing other jobs for the Archdiocese. I actually would always say my favorite is the one I am currently serving at. The reality is that every parish assignment I have had as a priest has been a true blessing in my life. But, also, each one has had its own unique challenges and blessings. The people of God not matter where I am assigned have been wonderfully supportive and helped me to understand my calling as both a priest and a Christian in a new way.
Thanks to everyone at both parishes who donated Holy Thursday to support our Sister Parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea, in Sierra Leone, West Africa! Our collection was made up of material goods that can’t be purchased readily in that country. There were first aid supplies and over the counter medications that will be used to stock their parish health clinic. We collected school supplies to assist students in pre-school and elementary students. Also, we received such items as fabric, thread, elastics, and sewing notions that will provide supplies for vocational schools. We are grateful, as always, for your dedicated support to our family in Africa!

Both the RCIA (Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults) and Adult Confirmation Programs will be offered in October. Details are forthcoming....

If you would like to learn more about either of the programs, please email Fr. Corey at fr.corey@chelmsfordcatholic.org.

Weeding the Garden
Clearing the Path to a Relationship with God, self and others!
a presentation by Fr. Brian

Monday evenings...
September 23~September 30~October 7
7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Mary Church

Join Fr. Brian on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
March 1—10, 2020
Pilgrims have been traveling to the Holy Land for hundreds of years, and as part of your pilgrimage, we include many of the rich traditions that have evolved over time.

Each day of your pilgrimage will allow for time to renew and affirm your faith, to pray and reflect. The Scriptures will come alive as you visit our Lord’s homeland, while being inspired by the natural beauty of the landscape and rich historical heritage. It is an encounter that has changed the lives of many pilgrims. It is an act of faith and prayer.

Visit our website... www.chelmsfordcatholic.org for a link to all the tour information including the daily itinerary, reservation application, inclusions and cost. Additionally, brochures can be found in the St. Mary church entrance and parish center, the St. John new parish center, and the parish offices.

What is your FAVORITE biblical animal?

Did you know that while he was in hiding from a wicked king, ravens brought food to the prophet Elijah? You, too, could bring spiritual food to our young people by being a catechist. If interested in learning more about this fulfilling ministry, contact Heather Hannaway TODAY!

After-Hours Answering and Voice Mail Services Remain Out of Service

When the office is not staffed, callers receive no answer when any of our office numbers are called. 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 9 or on the staff page of our website.
**St. Mary Class Start Dates • and Parent Gatherings**

**GRADE 1**
- Sunday, as per schedule
- Parish Hall
- **Group A First Class**
  - Oct 6 • 9:00 - 10:30 am
- **Group C First Class**
  - Oct 20 • 9:00 - 10:30 am

**PARENT GATHERING**
- September 29th
  - 10:00 am in Parish Hall

**GRADE 2**
- Sunday, as per schedule
- Parish Hall
- **Group A First Class**
  - Oct 6 • 9:00 - 10:30 am
- **Group B First Class**
  - Oct 6 • 11 am - 12:30 pm
- **Group D First Class**
  - Oct 20 • 9:00 - 10:30 am

**PARENT GATHERING**
- September 29th
  - 10:00 am in Parish Hall

**GRADE 3**
- Sunday, as per schedule
- Parish Hall
- **Group A First Class**
  - Oct 6 • 9:00 - 10:30 am
- **Group B First Class**
  - Oct 6 • 11 am - 12:30 pm
- **Group C First Class**
  - Oct 20 • 9:00 - 10:30 am
- **Group D First Class**
  - Oct 20 • 11 am - 12:30 pm

**PARENT GATHERING**
- September 22nd
  - 12:00 pm in Parish Hall

**GRADE 4**
- Sunday, as per schedule
- Parish Hall
- **Group A First Class**
  - Oct 6 • 9:00 - 10:30 am
- **Group B First Class**
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- **Group C First Class**
  - Oct 20 • 9:00 - 10:30 am
- **Group D First Class**
  - Oct 20 • 11 am - 12:30 pm

**PARENT GATHERING**
- September 22nd
  - 12:00 pm in Parish Hall

**GRADE 5**
- Sunday, as per schedule
- Parish Hall
- **Group A First Class**
  - Oct 6 • 9:00 - 10:30 am
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**PARENT GATHERING**
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**GRADE 6**
- Sunday, as per schedule
- Parish Hall
- **Group A First Class**
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**PARENT GATHERING**
- September 22nd
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**GRADE 7**
- Sunday, as per schedule
- Parish Hall
- **First Class**
  - September 29th
    - 4:15 - 5:45 pm
- **Parish Hall**

**PARENT GATHERING**
- September 22nd
  - 1:00 pm in Parish Hall

**GRADE 8**
- Sunday, as per schedule
- Parish Hall
- **First Class**
  - September 29th
    - 4:15 - 5:45 pm
- **Parish Hall**

**PARENT GATHERING**
- September 22nd
  - 1:00 pm in Parish Hall

**CONFIRMATION I**
- Sunday: 1x a month
- Parish Hall
  - **First Class**
    - October 20th
    - 4:15 - 5:45 pm

**PARENT GATHERING**
- October 20th
  - 4:15 pm in Parish Hall

**CONFIRMATION II**
- Sunday: 1x a month
- Parish Hall
  - **First Class**
    - October 6th
    - 4:15 - 5:45 pm

**PARENT GATHERING**
- October 6th
  - 5:15 pm in Parish Hall

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### Faith Formation Program

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Grade 1-6 Loyola Press “Finding God” Curriculum Training
St. John and St. Mary Training Together!
Facilitated by Annie Lauer our Loyola Press Representative.
Program information, manuals, and teaching materials will be reviewed and distributed.

Please choose one day of the following two options:
- Thursday, September 19th
  6:30 - 8:00 pm... St John NPC Mariotti Room
- Saturday, September 21st
  9:00 - 10:30 am... St Mary Parish Hall

Important that Grade 1-6 teaching volunteers attend this training!

Grade 1-10 “Give Me Jesus” Catechist Team Retreat
Collaborative team building, formation and fellowship!
Review of October-January family gathering sessions, child-only classes, grade 7-10 curriculum, class structure... and more!
- Saturday, September 28th
  9:00 am - 12:00 pm... St Mary Parish Hall

Important that all teaching volunteers attend this retreat!

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Introducing Alana Buckley

A florist by trade and self-proclaimed “professional volunteer,” Alana is delighted to be sharing her new life chapter with the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative as your newest member of the Faith Formation team. Since 2011, Alana’s desire for ministry has grown with being surrounded by her mentors and faith community of all ages from far and wide, inspiring her to actively give back and expand what has been given to her.

What started out as being a peer leader in her youth group, blossomed into teaching religious education for grades 1-10 at Saint Malachy’s Parish in Burlington. Besides parish events, her love for retreats came from her experiences in attending, and later becoming, leadership staff for New Spirit Inc, C.A.M.P.S, and Snow CAMPS. Over the last three years, Alana has been involved in the 9th grade confirmation youth ministry program at Saint Joseph’s Parish in Wakefield. Beyond being a mentor for the next generation, she also has been active in young adult ministry as the Director of Formation for the Lowell-based JESUS aCROSS The Border.

Alana has dedicated herself fully to her two “blue-flame” passions in life: Catholicism and Floral Design. In 2014 she attended Rittner’s School of Floral Design after earning her college certificate in Wedding and Event Design (while still in high school) from IWED. After five years of managing a retail shop, Alana branched out on her own as a freelance florist, running her own full service floral business, Blooms By Faith. Her favorite aspects of the flower industry include weddings, special events, step-by-step hands-on floral design parties, and interior seasonal decorating for homes and offices. She is also participating in an international entrepreneurship mentoring program for her business startup process.

When at home, Alana keeps busy in the kitchen cooking, baking, and food prepping for her friends and family. Her sense of adventure often leads her on explorations for geocaches wherever she goes, so much so that she is on the cusp of becoming a Geocaching merit badge counselor for Scouts BSA. In her spare time, Alana can be found creating artwork for her new home, tending to her 40+ house plants, and constantly listening to Sirius XM The Catholic Channel.
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In order to promote communication and transparency throughout the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative, you are encouraged to forward any comments and concerns you may have directly to the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils.

Collaborative Parish Council

Parish council matters can be sent to:
Collaborative PPC@chelmsfordcatholic.org
or 978-256-2374/978-251-8571, ext 145
Current Council Members are…

St. John Members                      St. Mary Members
Angela McMaster (co-chair)            Peter Lando (co-chair)
Mike Condor                             Laura Conte
Scott Davidson                          Rob Donnelly
Beth Jacavanco                         Karen Drake
Ellen St. George                       Jessica Hägg
Julie Seitter                           Cliff Mann
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St. Mary Finance Council

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Current Council Members are…

Armand DiLando                         Lauren Desforge
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                                          Ted Powers

If you would like to submit a notice for the bulletin, please submit it no later than 12 NOON, two Fridays prior to the weekend in which you would like to have it published. Submittals should be emailed to christine@chelmsfordcatholic.org or via US Mail to the Parish Offices at 115 Middlesex Street, North Chelmsford, MA, 01863, ATTN Christine. We will do our very best to accommodate your request.
I try to get to the gym at least four to five days a week. It is important to me, not simply for the physical health benefits, but also psychologically. I am focused usually on two things: the exercises themselves and praying for people in between my sets. It is great to be able to simply be focused, in a sense, on nothing in particular. But that time also helps to be able to address issues afterwards in a better way. But for exercise to work well, it depends on time, commitment, and consistency.

During this past summer, for various reasons, I was not able to get to the gym for the most part. It was a little frustrating, but at the same time there was no way for me to do anything differently. Well, this past week was my return to the gym. It was awesome to be back, but at the same time it was very painful. My muscles were not used to being worked out that hard and so over the last few days I have felt them. The day after working out my legs, it was difficult to get back up after genuflecting. The funny thing is that as much as it “hurt,” it still felt good. It was like my body was reminding me that it needs to be taken care of properly. The pain that I felt in my muscles also reminded me of the importance of consistency in my workouts. It really is good to be back.

In our lives and our relationships, it is important to also remember the truth that it depends on time, commitment, and consistency. It is very easy to take our relationships for granted, both with people and with God. It is really true when it comes to the people who should be most important in our lives. As I have written before, one of the things my Mom taught us was the importance of putting time into relationships. Every Sunday we went to visit my grandmother, no matter what. It was an important commitment to my Mom because her mother was important to her. The lessons she taught me about how to build and keep relationships was simply demonstrated in that simple action each week. It was never a question of whether or not we would be there. We were there. I believe it is one of the reasons that I try to have lunch with my Mom every week.

My Mom and grandmother would sit and share what happened during the week. And we were not allowed in the room to distract their conversation. In our day and age, I think we have lost touch with what makes a relationship a real relationship. In the age of social media, as people curate their lives for all to see, they present a façade and not reality. The idea of simply spending time with people face to face with nothing to get in the way is becoming more and more foreign. We “share” our experiences, not by connecting with people, but posting it on some on-line service and letting people know how wonderful our lives are. We have lost touch with how to simply be ourselves and be open with the people around us. People have the tendency to share the inane in order to get the most followers or the most likes, having lost how to share the reality of their lives.

The only way to build real relationships is to give time to them; not in some general way, but actually getting together face-to-face and sharing the truth of our lives. What is actually going on? What am I struggling with? What are the difficulties of my life? Or, on the other side of the coin, what are my real joys? What is good that is happening in my life? What are my expectations? Where do I see things going? It is not about curating our lives. If you cannot be honest with a person about who you are and where you are at, then you cannot have a true relationship with him/her. That person may be an acquaintance, but he/she is not your friend.

But it takes more than time and honesty. It also takes commitment and consistency. No relationship can grow if a person is not committed to make that happen. It is about setting the time aside for the other in a consistent way. No relationship can flourish where there is no consistency or commitment to it. And what is true of our relationship with other people is also true of our relationship with God.

The important thing is that at times we can lose sight of that time, commitment, and consistency, much as I did this summer with my exercise. But the important thing is not that it may happen but rather what we choose to do about it. We can simply give up and forget or we can get back to where we need to be. It can be a little painful at first but the results that are achieved are worth the pain.

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,
What is the difference between Evening Prayer and Taizé Prayer?

Our Evening Prayer Services happen on the first Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm at Saint John’s. This is a classic Evening Prayer Service from the Liturgy of the Hours (Latin: Liturgia Horarum), or Divine Office (Latin: Officium Divinum), or Work of God (Latin: Opus Dei), or canonical hours. These are often referred to as the Breviary. These settings are the official set of prayers marking the hours of each day and sanctifying the day with prayer. We open with a hymn, then pray through a set of prayers, psalms, and canticles, and end with chanting The Our Father. Evening Prayer is about 20 minutes in length, with light refreshments to follow.

Our Taizé Prayer Services happen throughout the Church year, and are featured during August, Advent, and Lent. These services are ecumenical, and involve gentle singing, scripture reading, long moments of silence, open intercessions, and some symbolic action such as meditative candle lighting. Taizé Prayer Services are 30 minutes in length, followed by light refreshments.

Evening Prayer and Taizé Prayer are both unique and very relaxing meditative experiences; I invite you to come and pray with us. Volunteers are always needed to facilitate these prayerful moments; see Jay Gaudette for more details.

From Our Parochial Vicar

Fr. Corey Bassett-Tirrell

Whatever happened to the family mealtime?

“All great change in America begins at the dinner table.”

~Ronald Reagan

When was the last time your family gathered around the table, uninterrupted and unrushed, and enjoyed a meal without the TV going and device free, and actually talked with one another? The family dinner hour is going the way of the dinosaur and black & white movies. But, is the desire to eat meals together an old-fashioned, outdated notion? And with today’s faster-paced, non-relational lifestyle, is it even possible? Eating meals together is a mainstay of a cohesive family unit.

Without this time of connection, you could end up with a group of disconnected people just living under the same roof. Family mealtime is still relevant in our culture; many children eat at least 4 to 6 meals a week with their family. Research shows that family meals facilitate children’s social, cognitive, emotional, and nutritional development. The model has changed a little because they might be eating food from a fast-food restaurant in front of the TV, or some other kind of distraction, due to the use of technology.

The family mealtime is what I like to call “Sabbath Time.” It’s a time of gathering together and sharing the joys and concerns of the ones we love. It is a time to spend with one another in what would otherwise be a rote, busy week. The more connected we have become technologically, the more isolated we have become due to the lack of human connection and communication. The family mealtime is a perfect antidote to this modern-day affliction. It affords us time to bond one on one, rather than over a device, and it gives us the opportunity to share in the thanksgivings of our lives.

Many families aren’t able to do a sit-down family dinner on a daily basis. But if you can pull this off a few times each week, your family will be much richer relationally. Eating together won’t just happen by itself. You may have to work hard at it, but once it’s established, you’ll never regret having meals together.

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Every week in the bulletin, I see a Mass on Sunday for “People of the Parish.” Is it there to fill an intention, or is someone requesting it every week?

The pastor of a parish is charged with the well-being of the community. There are many aspects of this task, including the physical, spiritual and social concerns of maintaining and building a community of faith. Each week, the pastor offers Mass on Sunday “For the People of the Parish”... for those entrusted into his care. No one requests this Mass, nor is it offered only when there is an open intention. In fact, the pastor may NOT even accept a stipend for it! The needs of the people are the primary concern of him, and his prayer for them is the first way he cares for them.

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

Paul Firicano, Collaborative Business Manager
ext 220 or pfiricano@chelmsfordcatholic.org

Collection to Benefit those affected by Hurricane Dorian.

Next weekend, September 21/22, we will be taking up a special collection for the (arch)dioceses of the Bahamas and the United States that have been ravaged by the destruction of Hurricane Dorian. We have all seen the devastation caused by this severe storm. The emergency needs of the local church in these areas will be great.

Checks should be made out to the ‘Archdiocese of Boston,’ with ‘Hurricane Dorian Relief’ clearly marked on the memo line. As information about the destruction and needs becomes known we will work in collaboration with Catholic Relief Services for the Bahamas and Catholic Charities USA for any U.S. diocese that has emergency needs.

Let us all keep all of our brothers and sisters impacted by the

A VERY IMPORTANT UPDATE...

The $55,000 quote assigned to this project expires on October 4th, and of this amount, we need only to raise half — $27,500—as some very generous families have committed to donating the other half.

We have just passed the 50% mark, raising a to-date total of $14,333. Financial assistance is not something we enjoy asking for, but the need for an elevator is crucial to our community, and if we are unable to raise these funds, we may have to put this project on hold. As we thank those who have donated thus far, we again ask those who have not yet had the chance, to help us to meet this goal.

If, after prayerful consideration, you decide to donate towards this cause, please contact Paul Firicano. All checks should 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!

St. Mary

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Looking for Volunteers to Serve on our Finance Councils

Both St. Mary and St. John parishes are looking for volunteers to serve on their Finance Councils. If selected, the council term is one year with possible annual reappointments for up to five years. Each committee meets quarterly during the year, with special meetings held if needed. In order to best serve the Council and the Parish, we are looking for individuals with professional experience in fields such as, but not limited to, Finance, Accounting, Real Estate, or Financial Planning. If you possess any of these skills and are interested, please contact Paul Firicano at the parish offices or by email: pfiricano@chelmsford catholic.org.

Online Giving Programs: visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org.

Links to both programs can be found on the right-hand side of home page.
HOPE CONFERENCES, INC. in association with the Archdiocese of Boston Presents #MERCY

Saturday, October 5th • 8:30 am - 6:00 pm • Lowell Memorial Auditorium • 50 East Merrimack Street

HOPE CONFERENCES, INC. is a small group of Catholic men and women with a deep desire to answer the call from our Holy Fathers, Pope Paul VI, St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis to evangelize. More now than ever, it is our own backyard that has become ‘mission territory,’ starving to hear the Good News and experience the healing love of Jesus. For over 20 years we have been privileged to organize retreats and conferences within the New England area of the U.S. to assist in building up the body of Christ. With the ongoing guidance of a Spiritual Director in the Merrimack Valley Region, we remain faithful to the Magisterium in Rome. We now sense the call to ‘cast a wider net’ and go out onto the highways and byways, inviting greater numbers of hungry souls to come and “taste and see the goodness of the Lord.” We pray that every word and deed that comes forth from these efforts is the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst, calling us ever closer to union with Him.

Speakers for this year’s event are:

- Jessie Romero: a full-time bi-lingual Catholic Lay Evangelist who is nationally acclaimed for his dynamic, upbeat Christ-centered preaching.
- Alexis Walkenstein: an Emmy-award winning journalist turned public relations professional working to evangelize the culture with positive media.
- Allison Gingras: in Catholic ministry for over 10 years, and founder of Reconciled to You, Allison shares her laughter, thoughtfulness, and honesty into the everyday moments of her life.
- Fr. Willy Raymond, C.S.C: president of Holy Cross Family Ministries, a worldwide family of ministries that promotes family spirituality and prayer, continuing the legacy of Venerable Patrick Peyton: “The family that prays together, stays together.”

To purchase tickets ($40 per person), visit www.hopeconferences.com
For more information, contact info@hopeconferences.com

**WALK FOR LIFE and raise pledges to save lives!**

**September 28th at 9 AM**
Lowell’s Heritage State Park
Registration at 8:30 am

Register to walk and build your own fundraising page at PCCFriends.org/walk and start asking people to sponsor you!

**Pregnancy Care Center**
We Care. We Can Help.

Can’t be there that day? No problem! You can mail in your pledge forms to support the Pregnancy Care Center.

The Pregnancy Care Center provides support to women facing an unplanned pregnancy, through birth until the baby is one year old.

**Nashoba Valley Theology on Tap**

**Monday, September 16**
7:00 pm Gather; 7:30 pm Speaker
Nashoba Club, 14 Central Ave, Ayer
Prof. Angela Kim Harkins, Boston College
Topic: Dead Sea Scrolls

**Save the Dates:**
October 21, November 18, December 16 (Trivia)

**Saint Robert Bellarmine**

Saint of the Day for September 17
Patron Saint of Catechists and Catechumens

Visit https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-robert-bellarmine/
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, SEP 14** 4:00 pm: Maura Dolan: Memorial
**SUN, SEP 15** 8:30 am: Mark Gervais: Memorial
                    10:30 am: For the Collaborative Family
**MON, SEP 16** 9:00 am: Jennifer Pfaff: Memorial
**WED, SEP 18** 9:00 am: Jimmy Lorrey: Memorial
**SAT, SEP 21** 4:00 pm: Arlene Steeves: 20th Anniversary
**SUN, SEP 22** 8:30 am: For the People of the Parish
                    10:30 am: Mary Jane Dunn: 2nd Anniversary
                    5:00 pm: Arpad Nagy: Memorial

St. Mary

**SAT, SEP 14** 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
**SUN, SEP 15** 7:00 am: Frances Foley: Memorial
                    9:00 am: Paul Cerqua: 10th Anniversary
                    6:00 pm: Carmen Jimenez: Memorial
**TUE, SEP 17** 7:00 am: Robin Mullin: Memorial
**THU, SEP 19** 7:00 am: Mary and William Perry: Memorial
**FRI, SEP 20** 7:00 am: Marguerite Farley: Memorial
**SUN, SEP 22** 7:00 am: Henry and Katherine Horne: Memorial
                    9:00 am: For the People of the Parish
                    11:00 am: Hugh and Norma Underhill: 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, 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.

Barbara Esperanza
and JoAnn Andrzejewski

A Floral Moment by Juju Buds

Roses Provided by Mahoney’s Garden Center

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.

St. Mary’s Parish Office

“Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”
- Psalms 119:105

Monday, Sep 16
1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Psalm 28
Luke 7: 1-10

Tuesday, Sep 17
1 Timothy 3: 1-13
Psalm 101
Luke 7: 11-17

Wednesday, Sep 18
1 Timothy 3: 14-16
Psalm 111
Luke 7: 31-35

Thursday, Sep 19
1 Timothy 4: 12-16
Psalm 111
Luke 7: 36-50

Friday, Sep 20
1 Timothy 6: 2-12
Psalm 49
Luke 8: 1-3

Saturday, Sep 21
Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13
Psalm 19
Matthew 9: 9-13

Sunday, Sep 22
Amos 8: 4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2: 1-8
George A. Lagasse
of N. Chelmsford

George Albert Lagasse, 92, of N. Chelmsford, MA, died Thursday morning, August 29, 2019 at his daughter’s home in Nashua, NH.

He was married for over 50 years to the late Elizabeth E. (Helms) Lagasse, who passed away on February 20, 2006.

Born in Haverhill, MA, he was the son of the late Albert J. and Lillian P. (Everett) Lagasse. He graduated from Saint James High School in Haverhill with the class of 1944 and furthered his education by earning a certificate in electrical engineering.

George proudly served in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II. He reenlisted with the Air Force Reserves after his honorable discharge at the convenience of the government from the Army Air Corp.

For much of his life, he was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church of N. Chelmsford.

A deeply curious and creative man, George began disassembling and inventing his own contraptions and devices at a young age with his siblings, stories of which have become a part of the Lagasse family mythology. His skill and resourcefulness led him to a successful career at Raytheon in Bedford, MA, where he worked as an electrical engineer for 43 years before retiring in 1991.

In his retirement, he continued to learn and share his enthusiasm for mechanics as a member of the New England Model Engineering Society.

Those close to him will fondly remember him as a craftsman who enjoyed spending time in his workshop, keeping up with the latest in engineering and technology, and sharing his insights with those he loved—whistling a tune all the while.

He is survived by his children, Elaine and her husband Dermot Burke of Bell, FL, Anne and her husband Brad Morris of Nashua, NH, William Lagasse of New Ipswich, NH, and Kathleen Lagasse and her partner Andrea Lariviere of Manchester, NH; a brother, James, and his wife Marie Lagasse of Haverhill, MA, a sister, Joan Veroneau of Plaistow, NH; a sister-in-law, Genevieve Helms of Atkinson, NH; three grandchildren Stephanie and Kevin Morris and Kristen Burke, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his siblings, Joseph and Everett Lagasse, Lillian “Meg” Sullivan, and Rita Gavin.

His visiting hours were Weds., Sept. 4th from 3 to 7pm. Funeral was Thurs., Sept. 5th at 10am from the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME, 106 MIDDLESEX ST. CHELMSFORD, followed by a funeral Mass at 11am at St. John the Evangelist Church in Chelmsford, MA. Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Chelmsford, MA. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials may be made in his name to the Diabetes Research Institute, 200 S. Park Rd., Hollywood, FL 33021 www.diabetesresearch.org/give. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com

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