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.

**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

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**St. John the Evangelist**
115 Middlesex Street
North Chelmsford

Saturday • 4:00 PM
Sunday • 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM

**St. Mary**
25 North Road
Chelmsford

Saturday • 4:00 PM
Sunday • 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 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

**Masses are Available via Live Stream**

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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.

October 27, 2019: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast and prayed, “O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”*

-Luke 18:13
**St. Mary Calendar**

- **Sunday, October 27**
  - Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 6
  - Grace Notes Rehearsal • 8:10 - 8:45 am • Church
  - 11 am Mass Choir • 9:45 - 10:50 am • Choir Loft
  - 6 pm Music Ministry • 5:00 - 5:45 pm • Church

- **Monday, October 28**
  - Matthew Bible Study • 10 am - 12 pm • PC Conf Room 1
  - Seminarian Presentation (pg 3) • 7 - 8 pm • Church (or LiveView)
  - Rosary • 7:00 pm • Grotto

- **Tuesday, October 29**
  - EPIC Bible Study • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • Parish Hall
  - Rosary • 7:00 pm • Grotto

- **Wednesday, October 30**
  - Boy Scout Troop 77 • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • Parish Hall
  - Rosary • 7:00 pm • Grotto

- **Thursday, October 31**
  - 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
  - Rosary • 7:00 pm • Grotto

- **Friday, November 1**
  - Adoration • 7:30 am - 9:00 pm • PC Adoration Chapel
  - Knitting and Crocheting • 3:00 - 5:00 pm • Parish Hall
  - FF Deep Dive Event • See Page 6
  - Baptism Preparation • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • PC MR 5&6

- **Saturday, November 2**
  - NO 9:00 am Mass: Mass at St. Mary this week
  - Catholic Men's Group • 7:45 - 8:45 am • SM Conf Room 1
  - Table Ministry • 9:00 am - 12:00 pm • Kitchen
  - Adoration • 9:30 am - 3:00 pm • PC Chapel
  - Reconciliation • 11:00 am - 12:00 noon • Church
  - Collaborative Bell Ministry • 2:30 - 3:30 pm • Conf Room B
  - 4 pm Music Ministry • 3:00 - 3:45 pm • Conf Room B
  - Anointing of the Sick, following 4 pm Mass • Church

- **Sunday, November 3**
  - Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 6
  - KOC Marian Icon Prayer Program • 7 am - 7 pm • Church
  - 11 am Mass Choir • 9:45 - 10:50 am • Choir Loft
  - Group Baptism • 2:00 pm • Church
  - 6 pm Music Ministry • 5:00 - 5:45 pm • Church
  - Collab PPC Meeting 7:00 pm PC Conf Room 1

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**St. Mary Church**

**Wedding BANNS III**

Shannon Corbett and Brian Callahan

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed

**NEXT SATURDAY, November 2nd!**

AND CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE ALARMS!

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**Congratulations & Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Ham Dinner at St. John’s by either donating a dessert, or purchasing a ticket and joining us for dinner.

**A fun time was had by all!**

Join us in congratulating...

Sheila Curran, who was the winner of our door prize... a beautiful fall centerpiece and Nane McTeague, winner of the wine basket!

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**St. Mary Table Ministry**

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

Donations are welcome the first Saturday of EVERY month, and may be left at the kitchen door in the hall **Saturday, November 2nd** before or after the 4 pm Mass.

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**Evening Rosary at St. Mary Grotto**

During the month of October —the Month of the Rosary— we will be praying the Rosary every weekday evening at 7pm at our Marian Grotto. In case of inclement weather, the Rosary will be prayed in the church.
**All Saints’ Day Masses**

**THURSDAY, OCT 31**  
St. Mary at 7:00 pm

**FRIDAY, NOV 1**  
St. Mary at 7:00 am and 7:00 pm  
St. John at 9:00 am, 12:00 noon, 6:00 pm

**Treats Only Please!**

Our Faith Formation Program is looking to collect Halloween candy, whether it be leftovers from your treat bag, or a new purchase in the after-season clearance sales. The candy will be used to make treat bags for various shelters and for positive reinforcement for the children in the program. All candy can be left in the marked containers in the parish hall of either church.

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**Join our Seminarian, Andrew John**

**Deepen Your Faith this Fall**

Informal presentations on our Catholic Faith

Have you ever been stumped by friends, family or youth with questions on the Catholic Faith? This fall, our seminarian, Andrew John Rondelli, will offer one-hour sessions on the Roman Catechism. Sessions will be informal with faith-related questions most welcome. Attend one, all or some; as few or many as your schedule allows.

**Monday evenings... 7-8 pm at St. Mary Church**  
Oct 28; Nov 4, 11, 18; Dec 2, 9, 16

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**2nd ANNUAL Hail Mary Challenge**

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

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**St. John Calendar**

**• Sunday, October 27 •**  
Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 7  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, during 8:30 am Mass  
Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Mariotti  
African Liturgy • 12:30 pm • Church

**• Monday, October 28 •**  
Adoration, following 9:00 am Mass • OPC Chapel  
Chelmsford Quilters Guild • 6:00 - 9:00 pm • Hall  
Families with Addiction Support Group • 7 - 8:30 pm • NPC  
Seminarian Presentation • 7 - 8 pm • SM Church (or LiveView)

**• Tuesday, October 29 •**  
Adoration, following 9:00 am Mass • OPC Chapel  
Open Music Ministry Rehearsal • 7:00 pm • Church

**• Wednesday, October 30 •**  
Adoration, following 9:00 am Mass • OPC Chapel

**• Thursday, October 31 •**  
Charismatic Prayer Group • 10:00 am • OPC  
BINGO • 6:45 pm (doors open at 3:00 pm) • Hall  
Charismatic Prayer Group • 7:00 pm • OPC

**• Friday, November 1 •**  
Nocturnal Adoration • Fri, 9:30 am - Sat, 9:00 am • OPC Chapel  
African Community Rosary • 6:30 pm • Library  
FF Deep Dive Event • See Page 7

**• Saturday, November 2 •**  
Reconciliation • 3:00 - 3:45 pm • Church

**• Sunday, November 3 •**  
Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 7  
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**Turn page for more**
Amirah’s Walk in Her Shoes  
Saturday, October 26

The Collaborative Social Justice Committee is organizing a 5K walk to raise funds and awareness of human trafficking. Amirah provides safe housing and aftercare recovery to victims of sex trafficking. During the walk, we will walk in solidarity with survivors and learn their stories.

We will meet in front of St. Mary’s at 10 am and walk a portion of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail covering 5K. If you are interested in participating, please contact Craig at cbonaceto@gmail.com to register. You can make a donation in any amount you choose on the day of the walk.

Breaking Bread and Barriers  
Thursday, November 14

The Collaborative Social Justice Committee is beginning an education series on immigration. Exodus tells the story of the Chosen People, Israel, who were victims of bitter slavery in Egypt. For forty years they lived as wanderers with no homeland of their own. Their experience of living as homeless aliens was so painful and frightening that God ordered his people for all time to have special care for the alien: “You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for him as for yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt.” (Leviticus 19:33-34)

Engelie Blomerus will briefly share with us the struggles and joys that she and her family experienced as immigrants from South Africa, and how her experiences led her to helping others who also face this life-changing transition. She will talk about her work with her church in assisting immigrants to our local area.

We will then hear from Zainab, a Kurdish refugee from Syria, who will share quite a different story… one of leaving her homeland amidst war and destruction. We will learn about how she and Engelie crossed paths and shared stories in the “Conversation Room,” a ministry focused on helping local immigrants build community and relationships. We will learn how maybe we, too, can begin similar work in our own collaborative community.

Following both presentations, there will be time for a questions and answer session, and refreshments will be served. We hope to see you at what promises to be another educational and eye-opening speaker event.
of what’s happening in our Collaborative!

**BOWLING & PIZZA EVENT**
for Children with Special Needs
Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Sunday, November 17th
1:00 - 3:00 pm
Collins Bowladrome . 325 Boston Road, Billerica

This program is free to children with special needs and their families. It will start at 1:00 pm with duck-pin bowling and will close with pizza and soft drinks for all. Families interested in attending need to register by contacting Ken at (978) 692-6866 or kgdesigned@gmail.com

**COMMISSIONING OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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*This Weekend: October 27th & 28th: EMHCs and Sacristans
November 2nd & 3rd: Lectors and Altar Servers
November 9th & 10th: Ushers/Sextons and Greeters
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But you are “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own, so that you may announce the praises of Him who called you out of darkness, into His wonderful light.”

**Remembering OUR LOVED ONES**

**St. John the Evangelist**
Mass of Remembrance
Monday, November 4th at 7:00 pm

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Contact Christine at ext 214 with any questions.

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Celebration of Life Day at the State House: Great Hall . 24 Beacon Street... THIS Wednesday, October 30th... 10 am - 3 pm

Please join us as we seek to educate and inform legislators and staff about the great work of pregnancy care centers across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. If you or your organization would like to attend, please RSVP to State Rep Marc Lombardo’s office by calling him at (617) 722-2460 or by email at nancy.cadigan@mahouse.gov.

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ST. MARY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE and EVENTS

Upcoming Deep Dive Events

Saints on Parade *
THIS Friday, November 1 • 6 pm St. John Church
RSVP Required via website
Faith Formation/ Family Formation/ Deep Dives/ Saints on Parade

Every year, on November 1st, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. Join us after Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation for some saint-themed fun. Mass will begin at 6 pm. Families are then invited downstairs to the Hall where there will be food, games, and a chance to learn more about great holy men and women. Everyone is encouraged to come in a saint-themed costume for our Saint Parade. Prizes will be awarded for the best saint costumes. Young and old are welcome to participate!

Eucharistic Adoration **
Thursday, November 7 • 7-8 pm St. Mary Church

This evening of Adoration will begin with an introduction to Adoration, followed by a period of prayer that will be accompanied by music and silence.

Cathedral Pilgrimage
Sunday, November 10 • 10 am - 230 pm
RSVP Required via website

Join us for an awesome opportunity to tour and celebrate Mass at one of Boston’s most beautiful churches… the Cathedral of the Holy Cross! Transportation is provided.

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**CONFIRMATION II: 4:15 - 5:45 pm Hall**

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Youth Ministry

"You, dear young people, are not the future but the now of God."
~Pope Francis, World Youth Day Homily, Panama

The Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative’s Youth Ministry program seeks to ensure that the young people of the Collaborative feel known, valued, and loved by God and by their parish community. By providing opportunities for youth to encounter Christ in their lives and connecting them with mature Christian mentors, youth ministry strives to equip and empower our young people to be lifelong disciples of Jesus.

THE MEANING OF VIRTUE AND HOW YOU LIVE AND EMBODY THE VIRTUE OF CHARITY

2019 Youth Essay Contest sponsored by Knights of Columbus

All Grade 8-12 students in public, private, and parochial schools who are part of the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative are invited to write a 500-750 word essay on the following subject: Discuss the Meaning of Virtue and how you live and Embody the Virtue of Charity.

Essays will be judged in November, and first place winners at each grade level will receive a monetary award, and their essays will be submitted to the K of C State Council for judging and awards from the State Council. Essay submittals, along with the entry form, MUST BE postmarked by November 3, 2019 (no electronic submittal) and mailed to the following address:

Bishop Ruocco Council . PO Box 65 . Chelmsford, MA 01824

Information and Entry Forms can be found on our website.
Click on Parish life, then Knights of Columbus, then Youth Essay Contest

We are looking for volunteer youth/parent teams to spend 2 hours on Thursday evenings (6-8 pm) playing with young children whose parent(s) are receiving Life Skills training. Please contact Laura Zatta at lkzatta@gmail.com. The scheduled dates thus far are...

- November 7th, 21st • December 5th, 19th

Please signup 10 days PRIOR to your requested date by contacting Barbara at dwsmiths@comcast.net or (978) 649-6745. We meet in St. John’s parking lot at 3:15 pm and arrive back to the same location by 7:30 pm.

- November 29, 2019: register by 20th
- December 27, 2019: register by 18th
- January 24, 2020: register by 15th
- February 28, 2020: register by 19th
- March 27, 2020: register by 18th

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND
5:00 - 7:00 pm... ST. MARY PARISH HALL

Come and enjoy all the deliciousness and fellowship of a Thanksgiving Dinner. Tickets are $10 per person, or $12 per person at the door. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office beginning November 4th, or following all Masses on the weekend of November 2nd/3rd. All proceeds from this event will benefit our Youth Ministry program.

This is an optional Confirmation Deep Dive.
To sign up as a volunteer, please visit...

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044fadae22abfe3-2019

Our Family Faith Formation Program is in immediate need of additional volunteers. Per Archdiocesan child safety guidelines, we are required to have two catechists per class. Currently, we have 8 classes that only have one catechist assigned to them. We are encouraging adult parishioners, as well as the parents of children in our program, to be a part of our faith formation team. The commitment is two 90 minute classes, October through April. The Mission of a Catechist is such an important one. Through their service the catechist nurtures their own faith and the faith of the children they teach so that they may form a firm commitment to follow Christ. Please answer the call to serve today!
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.
From Our Pastor

The Halloween that I was in second grade, my brothers and I were outside wrestling and chasing each other around. We were simply filling in time while we waited to go trick-or-treating. I must admit that I loved trick-or-treating as a kid. It was not so much about dressing up in a costume—that was never really important to me. In fact, much of the time it was a struggle to determine what my costume should be. Rather, it was about all the free candy we got. I really loved candy as a kid.

So, this particular Halloween, as we were running around and one of my brothers was chasing me, I decided to run into the house. We had a screen door that had a glass piece in the middle section. As I opened the door, I managed to put my hand right through the glass window. It immediately started bleeding. My Mom was not home at the time and so my brothers took me to the next-door neighbor, Mrs. Beasley. Honestly, she was no help at all! At the sight of the blood, she panicked and was in a worse state than my brothers. My oldest brother, Billy, took over and got my hand wrapped in a towel in such a way that it slowed down the bleeding, and that’s when my Mom got home. She, of course, immediately took me to the hospital. I was pretty upset at that point, not so much about having to go to the hospital, but because it meant no trick-or-treating for me.

When we returned home from the hospital after getting several stitches (the cut was actually pretty deep), I discovered something really cool. My sister Anne, who originally was not going trick-or-treating that year because she felt she was too old, had gone for me. When she got the candy, she explained to people, “My stupid brother had to go to the hospital for stitches, so I’m getting candy for him.” It must have been the most candy I ever received on a Halloween. It was pretty awesome for me.

How often has that happened in our life that a bad situation turned out very differently because of what someone else did for us. Anne did not need to go trick-or-treating for me but because she did, what was going to be my worst Halloween became my best. Remember that, for me, it was all about the candy. I recognize in the giant scheme of things, getting more candy is not really important, but you get the overall point.

The real point is that we can make a difference in people’s lives, depending on how we choose to act. It is not about waiting for people to seek our help, but about stepping in when we recognize we can make a real difference. We simply need to look at the parable of the Good Samaritan. He saw someone in trouble and, unlike the others, he did not simply walk on by. Instead, in his compassion he stepped in where help was needed. He was not asked to do anything, but he assessed the situation and determined what he could do to help, and he did it. We simply need to look to Jesus on the cross. Jesus realized that there was only one way to change the terrible trajectory that humanity was heading toward. We could not fix our own problems. We could not get into Heaven on our own. We were in a situation where there was only one person who could fix our problems. And so, Jesus took on our sins—our brokenness—and nailed them to the Cross. He did this in order to make it possible for us to live our lives with God for all eternity. If Jesus had made the decision not to act, or to wait until we asked, then we would have been lost forever. Instead, Jesus chose to act with compassion and free us from the power of sin and death.

The actions we take can make a real difference in the lives of others. We can so easily forget that we are our brother’s keeper. We have a deep and personal responsibility for others, and not just for those who are part of our circle of family and friends. The Good Samaritan did not know the man he stopped to help. He helped him anyway. In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, the rich man chose not to help Lazarus in his need, and it brought about the rich man’s damnation. Compassion is not really an option for us, and our compassion cannot be limited by any constraints. We are called to unconditionally care for every single human being. And we are not allowed to look simply to our own first. The essential point of the story of the Good Samaritan is that every person is our neighbor and requires our support.

The reality is that when we choose to act in the lives of others, particularly when it is not asked for and is unexpected, amazing things can happen. When we are willing to live our lives as the Good Samaritan did, we will be living our lives as instruments of Christ. We become an instrument of his mercy, love, compassion, and healing presence. In a real way we bring the Cross and Resurrection directly into the lives of others. It is the greatest gift we can possibly give to another. Be that unexpected gift of Christ’s compassion to others.

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,
I just had a most magnificent dinner: tender ham, savory beans and pulled pork, corn bread, potato salad, coleslaw, apple cider, and pie for dessert. I sat with such pleasant people. We laughed, shared stories, ate our delicious food, and had a pie auction. I was at the famous Ham and Bean Supper at Saint John’s.

Father Corey spoke to us about how wonderful it is to sit together and share a meal. We have a beautiful community, and what a joy it is to be a part of it. As the evening went on and I watched people enjoy themselves, I found myself reflecting on our times together in the sanctuary, where we sing together, pray together, hear the Word of God together, and, together, take in our Savior through Holy Communion. I have a first-row seat while the Eucharist is distributed, and I wish the entire community could see what I see. How lovely are the faces of those who come forward to receive Jesus.

As I was contemplating these mysteries, I became aware of a pure, simple fact about Holy Communion: I have never, ever, been alone when I receive. Jesus is always given to me by the hands of someone else. What a comfort this thought is. I know that, at times, like all of us, I will face sorrow and pain. Sometimes I will feel alone and afraid. But as a Catholic, I will always have the opportunity to be united with Jesus and my community, given to me by the hands of the people in my church. I quote one of our precious hymns, the Table Song:

“We are the body of Christ.”
Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for making time to join and support our Annual Harvest celebration.

You are a blessing!

We could not have accomplished our vision without you. It was such a joy and honor to have you supporting us throughout the Harvest. Thank you for being a part of this year’s Annual Harvest—“Harvest of Abiding Love and Unity.” Your presence and financial contribution was highly appreciated. This will go a long way to promote the Gospel of Christ.

God richly bless you!

Yours Sincerely,

Peggy Hassett, Retreat Facilitator and Retreat Team
Proposed New Mass Schedule:  A Letter from Fr. Brian

I recognize that one of the most difficult issues that arises in the life of any parish is when a change needs to be made to the Mass schedule. It is clear to me that people are not trying to be petty or difficult when they get upset, angry, or complain about the change. For most of us, the particular Mass we attend is not determined solely by convenience. Most of us have a certain rhythm of life—how and when we like to do things. This routine is a natural part of our human existence. It helps us to create a context for how we enter into the day. What is also true is as we attend a certain Mass over time, a real sense of community is created with those with whom we celebrate. Each Mass is really a community within the greater community of our parish. Our practice of attending weekend Mass is an important part of how we set our day and our week. As Catholics, we do not take lightly our responsibility and duty to properly worship God. The reception of the Eucharist is the most important action we take each week, as it gives us the grace and strength to live our faith as Christ calls us to. Therefore, a proposal to change the Mass schedule is never taken lightly. It is a painful process and transition, but unfortunately, one that we are facing. As such, it is important to make such change in a proactive, rather than reactive, way.

This is the third time in three years that the subject of the weekend Mass times has been brought to your attention. After reading through what people have said in the previous two surveys, we are presenting (hopefully) the last proposal. It is important to realize that no matter what is proposed, not everyone will be happy. Having said that, I would ask that as you look at the proposed schedule, you do so with eyes that see more than what is good for you, but what is good for both communities as we try to meet the needs of everyone. We must rely on Christian charity for this to succeed.

The scheduled is based on some simple principles:
• That the Mass schedule be equitable
• Both parishes will have a Saturday afternoon/evening option
• Sunday Mass schedule offers options ranging from early morning to evening, equally split between parishes
• That there be sufficient times between the Masses for the priest to get from one Church to another
• That the schedule of Masses, if necessary, can be met by one priest.
• This may arise if a priest is sick, on vacation, or needed at another parish, and we are called upon to help

The proposed schedule will be:

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Which Mass do you currently attend?

church: __________  day: __________  time: __________

Under the proposed new Mass schedule, which Mass would you most likely attend?

church: __________  day: __________  time: __________

What issues, if any, do you foresee with any of the Masses in regards to other parish activity conflicts?

Is there a different Mass time you would recommend?* church: __________  day: __________  time: __________

If yes, what is your reasoning for this day/time?

All feedback MUST BE SUBMITTED via this form NO LATER THAN NEXT SUNDAY, November 3rd. Drop in the offertory basket, drop off to parish offices, or mail. Final Schedule will be announced in January. The implementation date of the new schedule will be announced in the February-March timeframe.
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, OCT 26** 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
**SUN, OCT 27** 10:30 am: Donald R. Donohue: Memorial
12:30 pm: Souls of Udoka Okoronkwo and Ifeoma Anene: Memorial
**MON, OCT 28** 9:00 am: Lawrence Gallant: Memorial
**SAT, NOV 2** 4:00 pm: Barbara A. Regan: 14th Anniversary
**SUN, NOV 3** 8:30 am: For the People of the Parish
10:30 am: Pietro De Vita and Attilio Cesario: Memorial

**St. Mary**

**SAT, OCT 26** 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
**SUN, OCT 27** 9:00 am: Christopher and Nora Gombon and Michael Mokrzycki: Memorial
11:00 am: Russell S. Knowler: 13th Anniversary
6:00 pm: Michael Hand: Memorial
**TUE, OCT 29** 7:00 am: LIVING INTENTION
For the 40 days for Life Initiative
**WED, OCT 30** 7:00 am: Robert Emmett Anderson: Month’s Mind
**THU, OCT 31** 7:00 am: Stanley A. Kijanka: 13th Anniversary
**SAT, NOV 2** 4:00 pm: Ann Marie Rawnsley: 4th Anniversary
**SUN, NOV 3** 9:00 am: For the People of the Parish
11:00 am: Paul Hastings: Memorial
6:00 pm: Judith Frost: Memorial

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.

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**St. Mary Memorial Altar Flowers**

This week’s St. John Rose for Life:

In Memory of... Brian J. Muscato
Missing you on our Wedding Anniversary

This week’s St. Mary Rose for Life:

In Memory of Helen McClellan

Rose Provided by Mahoney’s Garden Center

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**Funerals recently celebrated**

“There is an appointed time for everything” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Timothy Lafferty: October 19th at St. Mary
Larry Joseph Johnson: October 21st at St. John
Mary Moran: October 23rd at St. John

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**St. Mary Memorial Altar Flowers**

- Wednesday, Oct 28
  - Ephesians 2: 19-22
  - Psalm 19
  - Luke 6: 12-16

- Tuesday, Oct 29
  - Romans 8: 18-25
  - Psalm 126

- Thursday, Oct 31
  - Romans 8: 31-39
  - Psalm 109

- Saturday, Nov 2
  - Wisdom 3: 1-9
  - Psalm 23
  - Romans 5: 5-11
  - John 6: 37-40

- Sunday, Nov 3
  - Wisdom 11:22-12:2
  - Psalm 145
  - 1Thess 1:11-2:2
  - Luke 19: 1-10
Fernand R. Sevigny, 90, of N. Chelmsford, MA, formerly of Cambridge, died Thursday morning, October 3, 2019 at D’Youville Senior Care in Lowell, MA.

He was married to Marie (Blessington) Sevigny with whom he celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on May 23, 2019.

Born in Watertown, MA, he was the son of the late Peter and Jeanne Sevigny. He graduated from Marist Fathers High School in Bedford, MA with the class of 1948.

He previously worked at Baxter Healthcare of Bedford, MA, as a receiver. He was a resident of N. Chelmsford since 1977.

Fernand was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church; where he was a Lector, bingo worker, cantor and president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

He was a singer with St. Paul’s Archdiocesan Choir School in Cambridge and the Spindle City Singers in Lowell.

He was Proud “Grampy” to Sophie and Michael Stachulski, Benjamin, Leo and Fern Sevigny.

Besides his wife and grandchildren, he is survived by two sons, Paul and his wife, Ann Sevigny of Chelmsford, Robert and his wife, Emily Sevigny of Lowell; a daughter, Therese and her husband, Thomas Stachulski of Strafford, NH, a sister, Jeannette Holden and her partner, Robert Aumueller of Arlington, MA, a brother-in-law, Harvey Mills of Somerville, and many nieces and nephews.

Fernand was the father of the late Joseph Sevigny, and the brother of the late Lorraine Mills, the late Theodore and Norman Sevigny.

His visiting hours were Sun., Oct. 6th from 2 to 6 P.M. Funeral was Mon. Oct 7th at 8am from the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME, 106 MIDDLESEX ST. CHELMSFORD, MA with a funeral Mass at 9am at St. John the Evangelist Church in N. Chelmsford. Burial in St. Joseph Cemetery, Chelmsford. 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. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com ARRANGEMENTS BY DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 978-256-4040.