Just as our Blessed Mother Mary and the Evangelist, called John, came together at the foot of the Cross to serve Christ crucified, so also do the parish families bearing their names come together to serve God by serving each other and all who make up the Body of The Risen Lord.

St. John the Evangelist
115 Middlesex Street
North Chelmsford

St. Mary
25 North Road
Chelmsford

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

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday - Friday • 9:00 AM
Saturday 9:00 am Mass alternates between parishes. Refer to calendars.

Sacrament of 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 OPC Chapel
Last 3 Wednesdays of month •
6:30 - 8:30 pm in OPC Chapel

Masses are Available via Live Stream
Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org
LIVVIEW 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.

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

Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel.”
-Luke 2:34
Sunday, February 2

Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 6
11 am Choir Ministry Rehearsal • 9:45 - 10:50 am • Choir Loft
Children’s Liturgy of the Word • 11 am Mass • PC Chapel
Group Baptism • 2:00 pm • Church
6 pm Music Ministry Rehearsal • 5:00 - 5:45 pm • Church

Monday, February 3

Matthew Bible Study • 10:00 am - 12 noon • PC Conf Room 1
Parish Council Meeting • 7:00 pm • PC Conf Room 1

Tuesday, February 4

Epic Bible Study • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 5

BS Troop 77 Meeting • 7:00 - 8:30 pm • Parish Hall

Thursday, February 6

Rosary • 12:00 - 1:00 pm • PC Adoration Chapel
Adoration • 3:00 - 9:00 pm • PC Chapel

Friday, February 7

Adoration • 7:30 am - 9:00 pm • PC Chapel
Knitting and Crocheting • 2:00 - 4:00 pm • Parish Hall

Saturday, February 8

Mass at 9:00 am
Adoration • 9:30 am - 3:00 pm • PC Chapel
First Reconciliation • 10:00 - 11:00 am • Church
Reconciliation • 11:00 am - 12 noon • Church
Music Ministry Rehearsals • 2:30 - 4:00 pm • Conf Room B
Anointing of the Sick, following 4 pm Mass • Church

Sunday, February 9

Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 6
Grace Notes Rehearsal • 8:10- 8:45 am • Church
11 am Choir Ministry Rehearsal • 9:45 - 10:50 am • Choir Loft
Children’s Liturgy of the Word • 11 am Mass • PC Chapel
6 pm Music Ministry Rehearsal • 5:00 - 5:45 pm • Church
High School Youth Group, following 6 pm Mass • Parish Hall

Hannaford Helps
Reusable Bag Program

This program makes it easy for shoppers to support their community and environment by buying durable, reusable shopping bags. A portion of each purchase goes to a local non-profit organizations in need.

St. Mary Table Ministry will receive a $1 donation for every $2.50 “Fight Hunger” bag sold during the month of February at the Hannaford Store located at 301 Pleasant Street in Dracut.

ONE-DAY RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
9:00 am - 6:30 pm
St John Old Parish Center

This retreat offers spiritual support for grieving parents who have experienced the death of a child, no matter the age or reason.

For more information, or to register, contact phassett99@gmail.com.

Upcoming PGC Workshop

Saturday, February 15th
9 am - 12 pm • St. John Parish Hall
Registration required...

All employees and volunteers, aged 18 years and older, who work with children, youth, or the elderly in the Archdiocese of Boston are required to participate in the Virtus, Protecting God’s Children program. This one-time workshop aims to educate parish adults in recognizing the signs and symptoms that indicate a child is being abused or exploited in some way, offer protective practices with a specific plan to prevent child sexual abuse, and instruct on reporting incidents of abuse.

Who is the king of glory? Is is the Lord!

Responsorial Psalm 24
Sunday, February 2
Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 7
Children’s Liturgy of the Word • 8:30 am Mass
Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Mariotti

Monday, February 3
Adoration • 9:30 - 11:30 am • OPC Chapel
SVdP Meeting • 7:00 pm • OPC
Families with Addiction Support Group • 7:00 pm • NPC

Tuesday, February 4
Coffee Group, following 9 am Mass • Hall
Adoration • 9:30 - 11:30 am • OPC Chapel
Open Music Rehearsal • 6:30 pm • Church

Wednesday, February 5
Adoration • 9:30 - 11:30 am • OPC Chapel
God, Pizza and Beer • 7:00 pm • OPC

Thursday, February 6
Charismatic Prayer Group • 10:00 am - 12 noon • OPC
BINGO • 6:45 pm (doors open at 3:00 pm) • Hall

Friday, February 7
Nocturnal Adoration • Fri, 9:30 am - Sat, 9:00 am • OPC Chapel
African Community Rosary • 6:30 pm • OPC Library
Baptism Preparation • 7:00 pm • Mariotti

Saturday, February 8
Mass at St. Mary • 9:00 am
Hospitality Meeting • 9:30 - 11:00 am • Hall
First Reconciliation • 2:00 - 3:00 pm • Church
Reconciliation • 3:00 - 3:45 pm • Church

Sunday, February 9
Faith Formation Events • Refer to Page 7
Children’s Liturgy of the Word • 8:30 am Mass
Coffee and Donuts, following 8:30 am Mass • Mariotti
Group Baptism • 2:00 pm • Church
VBF Leader Meeting • 6:00 - 8:00 pm • OPC

We are in need of facilitators for the 8:30 am Sunday Mass. Because you are part of a bigger team, you will serve approximately 4-5 times a year. For more information, or to sign up, contact the parish office.

St. John’s First Friday Nocturnal Adoration will begin THIS Friday, February 7th, following the 9 am Mass, and will continue through Saturday morning, concluding at 9:00 am. You can show up at any time. If you would like to commit to an hour, email joseph.ricciardi@gmail.com.

Just before Christmas, a purse was found in St. John’s church. As of now, it has not been claimed. If you are, or if you are aware of anyone of who may be, the owner of this purse, please contact the Parish Offices at (978) 251-8571/256-2374. You will be asked to give a description of the purse and its contents.

Join us THIS WEDNESDAY, February 5th at 7:00 pm in the St. John OPC. If you have not joined us in the past, we invite you to take this opportunity to stop by for pizza, a cold brew, great fellowship and a conversation about next week’s Gospel. Hope to see you there!

Join us... THIS Tuesday, February 4th

Lost and Found

We are in need of facilitators for the 8:30 am Sunday Mass. Because you are part of a bigger team, you will serve approximately 4-5 times a year. For more information, or to sign up, contact the parish office.

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, February 4th

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Memorandum regarding Flu Season Suspension of the Distribution of the Precious Blood

Given recent reports from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the CDC, the Office of Divine Worship is recommending that all parishes, shrines and chapels within the Archdiocese refrain from distributing the Precious Blood to the faithful until further notice. We are actively monitoring Influenza/Influenza-like Illness (ILI) activity in our region and have found it to merit serious attention at this time.

We also encourage parishioners to exercise discretion in shaking hands at the Sign of Peace when they are either recovering from, have been exposed to, or are afraid that they may be coming down with an illness or if they have concerns about the strength of their own immune system in resisting disease. A friendly smile, wave and/or slight nod of the head is always an acceptable substitute this time of year.

Based on a directive from the Office of Divine Worship in the Archdiocese of Boston, effective immediately, the Distribution of the Precious Blood will be suspended until further notice.

Questions from our Faith Formation Students:

What is your favorite holiday to do a Mass for and why?

Hands down—it’s Easter! I love celebrating Easter because it is the celebration of our salvation. Easter is a time of great joy and hope. It reminds us of how much God loves us and how much He wants us to be with Him in heaven. He allowed his only Son to suffer in such a horrible way and die such a horrific death in order that the gates of heaven would be opened to us. Easter is the reminder that God will never forget or forsake us even if we do that to Him. Easter is really the celebration of the greatest love story ever told, and we can experience it every day of our lives by simply being open to God each day.

What did Elijah do?

Elijah was one of the most important prophets of Israel. He lived in a time when most of the people had, at some level, stopped worshipping God. Instead they worshiped the false gods (like Baal) of the people who lived around them. God called upon Elijah to try and bring the people back to Him, not just by doing the religious celebrations correctly, but more importantly, by how they lived their lives. God wanted them to come back and begin living his laws in their lives. In order to try and draw the people back, Elijah prayed that God would create a drought. And so, God did. No rain fell on the land of Israel for three years. Then Elijah prayed for rain and the rain came. Elijah wanted to remind the people of God’s power and where the good bounty of the land really came from. He wanted to show the people how dependent they were on God.

Elijah also set up a contest with the prophets of Baal. There were 400 prophets of Baal, and only one prophet of the true God—Elijah. Elijah proposed that the 400 prophets set up an offering to their god and Elijah would do the same. It would be a burnt offering. But rather than the 400 prophets and Elijah setting the fire, they would pray and ask their god to set the fire, and Elijah would ask God to set a fire to his offering. They all agreed. The 400 prophets of Baal went first. They prayed for hours and hours while Elijah made fun of them. He would say, “Maybe your god is asleep and needs to be awakened,” or “Maybe he went on a journey.” Over time it became clear that nothing was going to happen.

Elijah went next. He had the people around him drench his wood and offering with so much water that all of the wood and offering was floating in water. He then prayed very simply to God, and in a moment fire came from the sky and burned everything up. In that instant it was clear that there was only one true God.

At the end of his life Elijah was taken up in a chariot of fire to heaven. As part of the Jewish custom at the Passover, they leave one seat empty in anticipation of the return of Elijah.
The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family, and sets forth the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households. It was founded in Montreal in 1663, and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this name. In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, “Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues.”

**A Gift that was Shared!**

About 20 children, with parents and/or grandparents in tow, attended our recent Christmas Family Movie night. All enjoyed popcorn, juice and a visit from St. Nick!

Best of all, on Tuesday, January 14th, over 100 pairs of socks were delivered to the Lowell Transitional Center to assist meeting the needs of our homeless neighbors. These donated socks were the “admission price” for attending this movie night. Christmas is truly a season of giving!

The Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative ACTS core enjoys hosting this annual event. Watch for next year’s movie!!!

**NEW TO THE COLLABORATIVE?**

We warmly welcome all new parishioners to our family!

Please complete a registration form by contacting us in the parish office, or by clicking on Register in the Collaborative under the Parish Life tab on the home page of our website; www.chelmsfordcatholic.org.
ST. MARY FAITH FORMATION
• SCHEDULE and EVENTS •

Upcoming Deep Dive Events

Mardi Gras (RSVP IS REQUIRED)
Wednesday, February 19th • 6:30 - 8:00 pm
St. Mary Parish Hall

This event is held one week prior to Lent. Come join us for some festivities before this somber season begins. Many cultures have a day (or a whole season) focusing on fun and food in the days and weeks leading up to Lent. This year, we will be taking advantage of February school break to celebrate. We hope that you and your family will join us and make our celebration complete! To RSVP (required), please visit the website...

www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/mardi-gras

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CAUTION

Construction of the new LIFT is beginning with demolition on Monday, February 3rd. This construction will effect the dismissal of Sunday evening faith formation students. Because the normally used “Handicapped Use” door will be out of service, students will be dismissed from the rear door of the parish hall. For safety purposes, the gate will be closed in order to keep traffic from driving through. For those picking up a student prior to the 6 pm Mass, please enter the rear lot from the Fletcher Street side. For those attending the 6 pm Mass, please enter from the North Street side if you require the use of a handicapped parking space. For all other parking (rear and parish center lot), please enter from the Fletcher Street side. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students safe!

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10:00 - 11:00 am • Church

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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.

Catholic Heart Workcamp 2020

“I am”
July 19-24, 2020
North Haledon, NJ

I AM. These words can be found in the Bible hundreds of times. They refer to God, who is the Great I AM. Through all space and time, God continues to declare “I AM who I AM.” God is not dead; He is not only the God of long ago. He is the God who will always live forever and ever, who is alive today and beckons us into relationship by reassuring us, “I AM who I AM.” He is the God we meet in the Eucharist, in prayer, and in our service to His kingdom. We are pulled in an overwhelming number of directions when trying to discover our identity. We seek belonging and purpose in so many places. Still, the fullness of our worth can only be found in one place. Our truest identity is being children of the Great I AM. This summer, CHWC invites you to ask yourself the question: “Who am I?” Join us as we discover the answer to this question by encountering the great I AM through love, service, and connection to His people.

$500 per person
$100 non-refundable deposit due at registration
Online Sign-ups available...
https://chelmsfordcatholic.org/catholic-heart-work-camp

Steubenville East 2020 Theme: RESTORED
July 10-12, 2020 in Kingston, Rhode Island

“Restore us, O God; Let thy face shine, that we may be saved.”

Can you remember a time when you weren’t anxious about something? The chaos of our lives can overwhelm us, we’ve forgotten who we are—and, more importantly, who God is. We have a good, loving Father in heaven who created us to share in His glory, to see everything and everyone with His eyes. His greatest desire is to raise us up out of our fear and anxiety and restore us to the hope and abundant life that only He can give. This summer, over 50,000 Catholic teens across North America will attend one of 25 Steubenville Youth Conferences to encounter the God who calls us out of darkness and into His marvelous light. Will you be one of those teens? Lift your eyes to the glory of God. Be restored.

$275 per person
$50 non-refundable deposit due at registration
Online Sign-ups available...
https://chelmsfordcatholic.org/steubenville-east

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR THESE EVENTS IS MARCH 1, 2020
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Reverend Arnold Colletti, Sr. Priest in Residence
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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.
In November I was asked by the Seminary if I would teach a course for them on RCIA. It was probably not the best decision, but I agreed to do it. Developing a course is not a simple process, or at least for me, it is not a simple process. First, you need to determine the goals you want to achieve. What is it that you want the students to walk away with when you are done? Then it becomes necessary to decide on the flow of the material: in other words, what should be presented each week. Obviously, it is important to have a logical flow so that one week builds on another, helping you to achieve your goals. Furthermore, choosing the materials to be read and how to present the subject matter through notes and Power Point presentations for each class is essential. It is important to ensure a coherent approach is delivered in order to achieve the objectives for the course. In this particular class the students will also practice both presiding and preaching, and so I will need to give adequate time for this. In addition, I will need to determine how I will grade their performance as objectively as possible. Finally, how do I grade their overall knowledge of the material? When I taught my first class, I was honest with the students: this is a work in progress.

When it comes to teaching, I like to have a better sense of how things are going to develop than I really have at this moment. But, sometimes it is necessary to trust where the process seems to be leading you. The reality is that I have the knowledge and background to teach RCIA and its liturgical components. I understand what is necessary for good presiding and good preaching. But, it is helpful to have a grasp on how it will all piece together into a true tapestry that allows for real learning.

God has given us all particular gifts, and true humility is not about denying that we have those gifts, but rather, embracing and thanking God for them. We will often get placed in uncomfortable situations and will not be sure about the best way forward. It is in these moments that we should depend on God the most, and recognize that the best way forward is to stay focused on Christ. It is in these moments that we are called to walk on water. It is easy to feel the wind, and see the waves, and allow these things to distract us. It is easy to become focused on what we do not have—what talents we are lacking. It is easy to think that we are being called to do something truly beyond our abilities. But, if Christ calls us out of the boat, then He sees something in us that tells Him we can do it.

Our biggest problem in any given situation is believing that we truly know ourselves. The reality is that only God truly knows us. He can read our hearts in ways that we do not have the capacity to. It is like the story of Saint Paul. Saint Paul was a persecutor of the Church and was determined to destroy the Church. He concurred at the death of St. Stephen. He arrested people and had them prosecuted for their faith in Jesus. When he was heading to Damascus, he had one goal in mind—to root out as many Christians as possible and drag them back to Jerusalem for trial. He thought he was doing the right thing and would do all in his power to achieve his goal. But... a funny thing happened on the road to Damascus. He met Jesus!

The world looked at Paul in a particular way. He was a great Pharisee! He was a devout Jew, he lived his faith with conviction, and he followed the law to the letter, ensuring all that he did was in accord with the teachings of scripture. Paul also saw himself in this way. He would be the great scourge of those who defiled the truth of the Torah by following Jesus. It was clear to Paul and to the world who he was, what his gifts were, and how God meant for him to use those gifts.

The problem for Paul and the world is that God saw something very different in him. God looked into the heart of Paul and recognized his true gifts and talents. When God spoke to Ananias, He told him to go and baptize Paul. Ananias responded, essentially: Lord I know about this guy and he is a big problem. God’s response was simple: “I have chosen him to be my messenger to the Gentiles.” What the world could not see, what Paul could not see, God could see. Paul, of course, became the greatest missionary the Church has ever had. Not only did Paul bring the message of Christ to the Gentiles, but the very words he wrote entered into our scriptures. Paul’s writings were important because God saw another one of his gifts. Paul was so open to the Holy Spirit and had penetrated so deeply the mysteries of our faith that his very writings have been recognized as God’s own words. When it comes to our faith and morals, they are without error. And, they have become a bedrock for our properly understanding the teachings of Christ.

It is clear, both in Paul’s writings and in the Acts of the Apostles, that Paul was not certain of why he was called. But, it is not a question about our having all the answers. Rather, it is about our willingness to hear the call of the Lord and to follow. We need to recognize that God can read our hearts in ways we do not understand, and we simply need to trust.

The world may see us one way. We may see ourselves another way. But, what really matters is how God sees us. We have the best opportunity to discover what God sees in us when we are called out of the boat to walk on water.

If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to ask me directly, or send your questions to me at fr.brian@chelmsfordcatholic.org.

Please keep me in your prayers.

In Christ,
From Our Asst Director of Faith Formation

Courtney Callanan

Recently there was a thread on a Facebook friend group of mine that invited people to reply to the prompt, “Badly Explain Your Profession.” A good number of the answers given were very amusing. A historian, whose work relies heavily on 19th century correspondence, wrote, “I read dead people’s mail.” An editor wrote, “I tell people how to word better.” My favorite was probably from a flight attendant who offered, “I assure you that it’s comfortable and normal to be confined in a tin can with dozens of other people, speeding hundreds of miles an hour, thousands of feet above the ground.” It was neat to see what everyone came up with to describe their jobs, both because a lot of the responses were entertaining, but also because it was interesting to see which aspects of their jobs people highlighted when boiling them down to a single sentence.

It was also an interesting thought exercise for me. Obviously the intent was to be humorous while also reasonably summarizing what one did. Eventually I settled on, “Real estate agent for a gated community?” I was rather pleased with what I came up with, as I thought it was both funny and accurate (if a little glib). A real estate agent is tasked with convincing people that they want to live somewhere, and then helping to facilitate the process to make that happen, which is not all that different from what I do. I am hoping to counsel people so that they want to spend their eternity in Heaven, and then assist them in getting there.

Of course, this is not just my chosen profession. It is part of my baptismal call and not just mine, but part of everyone’s. It is part of what it means to be a disciple of Christ: we are all called to help evangelize the world. If I am being honest, this is something at which I could be better. I am pretty good at evangelizing when already in a church, but do less of a good job once outside the walls of one. I will happily talk to teens in a Confirmation class about the beauty and importance of Mass, but I could not tell you the last time I invited a friend to church. I do not think I am alone in this. We can easily forget (or ignore because it makes us uncomfortable) that disciples are made by other disciples, and part of being a disciple is helping to lead others to Christ. This is a thing that will take action and often courage, but should be a primary part of our identities as Christians. Yes, we want to go to Heaven but we should want everyone around us to go too, and work towards that.

From Our Seminarian

Andrew John Rondelli

A Reflection from the March for Life 2020

Along with our Parochial Vicar Father Corey Bassett-Tirrell, I represented you, the parishioners of Saint John the Evangelist and Saint Mary Parishes, at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 24th. On this day, an estimated 700-800 thousand pilgrims witnessed to the protection of all human life, from the moment of conception to natural death, on the grounds of our country’s federal buildings.

Culminating at the Supreme Court Building, the March for Life lasted four hours that Friday afternoon, over which I saw many familiar faces. (I have participated for the last thirteen years.) In addition, I saw adolescents from the next generation, younger than myself, as well as a few onlookers. Standing on the street of the most powerful judiciary building in the United States, I met and had long conversations with two bystanders in particular.

One observer, perhaps a non-practicing Christian, wanted to remain “balanced” regarding the issue of abortion. This exchange spurred a longer discussion about truth, morality, and the nature of man. We ended amicably, and we plan to communicate again soon. The other spectator, a Hindu man, tried to convince me that our Catholic truths are contradictory and that the pilgrims peacefully protesting are hypocrites. Quite the intellectual, this man debated with me for about two hours on religious and moral matters. With our last interchange, the Hindu man likely left with some consternation, as he had valiantly attempted to prove his beliefs were superior to the Catholic Faith, but to no avail.

Reflecting on these experiences at Washington, D.C., I concluded what our responsibility as Catholics to evangelize the world entails. We must be like Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds with whomever we meet in the world, starting with our neighbor—any person with whom we come in contact, especially strangers. In the words of Saint Peter, “as He Who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct” (1 Peter 1:15). Moreover, we must be ready to express what we believe as Catholics, as well as be able to defend the Catholic Faith from attacks.

It is not enough for us to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, to confess our sins at least once a year, to keep the prescribed fasts and abstinences, and to follow the Ten Commandments. We must grow in our knowledge of the Catholic Faith continually. But how do we do this? Participate in one of the Bible studies offered at our parishes. Read the Bible at home in conjunction with a Catholic commentary, which you can find many online. Listen to Archbishop Fulton Sheen’s lectures online or other Catholic programs. And, as with all things, pray for the grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all that you do, for the greater glory of God.
Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative is sponsoring Men’s and Women’s ACTS® Retreats at St. Thecla Retreat Center, Billerica

ACTS

Men’s Weekend: February 13-16
Questions? Contact Drew at (603) 475-5633 or andrewjubinville@verizon.net

Women’s Weekend: April 23-26
Questions? Contact Beth at (978) 551-3048 or womensACTSretreat2020@gmail.com

The ACTS® Retreat is a three-day Catholic retreat that runs from Thursday evening and ends with Sunday morning Mass. It is based on the Gospels and teachings of the Church and provides retreatants with the opportunity to deepen their faith. The retreats are organized and facilitated by lay people in the collaborative. Please consider joining us for the weekend.

Registration forms can be found at the entrances of both churches or can be downloaded from our website: www.chelmsfordcatholic.org.

Choose ACTS from the left hand side bar.

Join us in congratulating

Fr. Colletti on the 58th Anniversary of his Priesthood
February 2, 1962—February 2, 2020

Father Colletti grew up in East Braintree, the son of Arnold and Nellie (Storm) Colletti. He came from a family of five children; three brothers and a sister. He prepared for the priesthood at St. Philip Neri School for Delayed Vocations and St. John’s Seminary.

ORDINATION
February 2, 1962
St. Catherine, Norwood
Most Rev. Jeremiah F. Minihan

FIRST MASS CELEBRATIONS
• Cardinal Cushing Chapel with Cardinal Cushing
• Sacred Heart, Weymouth
• Sacred Heart, Middleborough

ASSIGNMENTS
• St. Theresa, Billerica: 1962-1968
• Our Lady of Fatima, Sudbury: 1968-1972
• St. Brigid and Sacred Heart, Lexington: 1972-1976
  Director of Religious Education for both parishes
• St. Brigid Lexington: 1976-1985
• Immaculate Conception, Malden: Pastor: 1985-1994
• Sacred Heart, Lexington: Pastor: 1994-2006

Fr. Colletti was granted senior priest/retirement status on June 1, 2015. At that time he was given senior priest-in-residence status here, with us, at the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative... and what a blessing he has been to all of us!

Your dedicated service over the past 58 years has been a source of comfort, inspiration, and strength for the people of God.

With prayers of gratitude and joy for all your faithful work!

Thank you, Fr. Colletti, for your many years of devoted and caring ministry!

God needs priests. Is He calling you? If you are 30-60, you may be surprised!

“First Friday Visits”
Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary
558 South Ave | Weston, MA

Join the Seminary Community for Prayer and Fellowship • Holy Hour and Evening Prayer • Dinner with the Seminarians • Tour of the Seminary

Friday, February 7th... 4:30 - 7:30 pm
RSVP Msgr. Fay at (781) 899-5500, ext 127 or msgr.fay@psjs.edu
To learn more about the seminary, visit www.psjs.edu

Thank you, Msgr. Fay, for your many years of devoted and caring ministry!
The Financial Page
Fiscal Year 2020 runs from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Paul Fricano, Collaborative Business Manager
ext 220 or pfricano@chelmsfordcatholic.org

St. Mary

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Weekend of January 25th/26th

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Online Giving Programs: visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org.
Links to both programs can be found on the right-hand side of home page.

St. John Evangelist’s 6th Grand Annual Campaign

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" -2Corinthians 9:7

We are eternally grateful for your ongoing and faithful support of this campaign. Your generosity has helped us to REACH 43.82% OF OUR GOAL! Please know that NO gift is ever too small or unnoticed. If you have misplaced the official campaign letter and pledge card you can find them at the church entrances. Additionally, you may make your donation online by visiting https://saintjohnchelmsford.weshareonline.org. Again, THANK YOU for helping us get closer to our goal with every passing week.

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

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We have a tentative timeline for the new LIFT project at St. Mary’s! Demolition of the old elevator will begin THIS Monday February 3rd, followed by prep work, then finally... the long anticipated installation. This entire project is estimated to take 9-10 weeks, but with the usual and expected construction delays, that may change. During this time, there will be no access in and out of the exterior hall handicap door and interior hall kitchen door. We will update you as we progress along... IMPORTANT TO NOTE: Once this construction begins, it will effect the dismissal of Sunday evening faith formation students. Because the normally used “Handicapped Use” door will be out of service, students will be dismissed from the rear door of the parish hall. For safety purposes, the gate will be closed in order to keep traffic from driving through. For those picking up a student prior to the 6 pm Mass, please enter the rear lot from the Fletcher Street side. For those attending the 6 pm Mass, please enter from the North Street side if you require the use of a handicapped parking space. For all other parking (rear and parish center lot), please enter from the Fletcher Street side. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students safe!
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 you schedule your intention.

**St. John**

- **SAT, FEB 1** 4:00 pm: Barbara H. Cole: LIVING INTENTION
- **SUN, FEB 2** 8:30 am: All Scouts
  10:30 am: The People of the Parish
- **MON, FEB 3** 9:00 am: Collaborative Members of the Spiritual Society and Sanctuary Fund
- **TUE, FEB 4** 9:00 am: Robert Wright: 15th Anniversary
- **SAT, FEB 8** 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
- **SUN, FEB 9** 8:30 am: Nathaly Dickerson: Memorial
  10:30 am: Angela O’Keeffe: Memorial
  5:00 pm: Edward Comeau: 14th Anniversary

**St. Mary**

- **SAT, FEB 1** 4:00 pm: Raymond Anstiss, Sr.: Memorial
- **SUN, FEB 2** 7:00 am: Marguerite Farley: Memorial
  9:00 am: All Scouts
  11:00 am: For the People of the Parish
  6:00 pm: Martin Conley: 2nd Anniversary
- **WED, FEB 5** 7:00 am: Margaret Kijanka: 1st Anniversary
- **THUR, FEB 6** 7:00 am: Patrick Slattery: 5th Anniversary
- **FRI, FEB 7** 7:00 am: Philip & Anna St. Germain: Memorial
- **SAT, FEB 8** 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
- **SUN, FEB 9** 9:00 am: Frances & John Shaughnessy: Memorial
  11:00 am: Edna Lezotte: Memorial

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**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. This week’s Alter Flowers are**

**In Memory of Margaret Kijanka**

If you would like to donate altar flowers, please call the parish office.

*A Floral Moment by Juju Buds*

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**Rose for Life**

Someone special you’d like to honor? You can do that by having a rose signifying your intention placed in the church, as well as having your intention published in the bulletin. To book a Rose for Life, contact the parish office. Be sure to let them know at which parish you would like the rose placed. The suggested offering for a rose is $5.00.

This week’s St. Mary Rose for Life:

*For the Protection of the Unborn*

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**FUNERALS RECENTLY CELEBRATED**

- **January 25 at St. Mary**
  - Gerald Cohen
- **January 29 at St. Mary**
  - Patrick Daley
  - Doris Rita Leo
- **January 31 at St. John**

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**St. Mary Memorial Altar Flowers**

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

**Monday, Feb 3**

- 2Samuel 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13
- Psalm 3
- Mark 5: 1-20

**Tuesday, Feb 4**

- 2Samuel 18: 9-10, 14, 24-25,30-19:3
- Psalm 86
- Mark 5: 21-43

**Thursday, Feb 6**

- 1Kings 2: 1-4, 10-12
- Psalm: 1Chron 29
- Mark 6: 7-13

**Saturday, Feb 8**

- 1Kings 3: 4-13
- Psalm 119
- Mark 6: 30-34

**Sunday, Feb 9**

- Isaiah 58: 7-10
- Psalm 112
- 1Cor 2: 1-5
- Matthew 5: 13-16
Rose Mary Amirault of Chelmsford
Beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend.

Rose Mary Amirault, age 88, of Chelmsford, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 at Sunny Acres Nursing Home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was married, for nearly 40 years, to the late Paul O. Amirault, who died Jan. 15, 1998.

Born in Hopkinton, MA, she was the daughter of the late William and M. Frances (Doucette) Surette. She graduated from Hopkinton High School with the class of 1949, and Framingham State College with the class of 1953, where she earned a BA in Education, with a minor in Food and Nutrition.

She retired in 1996 from Semicon Inc. of Burlington, MA. Before having children, Rose Mary had a brief career as a Registered Dietitian, where she worked at Mary Hitchcock Hospital in NH, in two Boston area hospitals, and at Framingham Union Hospital, as Head Dietitian. She was a member of the American Dietetic Association.

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She was a long-time communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

A life-long, devout Catholic, Rose Mary prayed the Holy Rosary daily and watched “Daily Mass” on Boston Catholic TV.

Rose Mary enjoyed collecting, and learning about lighthouses, reading, doing many counted cross stitch projects, knitting, crocheting afghans for her family, and listening to Classical music. She was an avid Boston Red Sox fan. She loved spending time, talking, and playing board games with her children and grandchildren. She also enjoyed annual trips to Cape Cod, where she would sit in her beach chair on the beach and visit with her dear friends.

Rose Mary is survived by her 3 daughters, Joan and her husband Joseph Murphy of Tyngsboro, MA, Mary Amirault and her husband Michael Garvin of Chelmsford, MA, and Patricia and her husband Michael Crowder of Canton, GA; 3 sons, William and his wife Eva Amirault of North Plainfield, NJ, David and his wife Marianne Amirault of Mineoak, IL, and John and his wife Maura Farley of Lexington, SC; 14 grandchildren, Catherine and Anthony Pastore, James and Carrie Murphy, Joseph Murphy, Jr., Edward and Megan Amirault, Christian Cruz Rosas, Grace, Rosemary, and Jack Farley, and Emily Rose Crowder; one great-grandchild, Brooklyn; sister, A. Lorraine Teeter of Cleveland Heights, OH; sister-in-law Marianna Surette of Southboro, MA; many nieces and nephews including Carmel Castalone of Wilmington.

She was the sister of the late William and James Surette.

Rose Mary’s family would like to thank the staff at Sunny Acres Nursing Home for loving care they gave Rose Mary for the last 5 years.

Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend her calling hours on Friday, December 13, 2019 from 3pm to 7pm at the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME, 106 Middlesex St., Chelmsford. Her funeral was Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the funeral home at 10am followed by a Funeral Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church at 11am. Interment was in Pine Ridge Cemetery, Chelmsford. Memorials may be made in her name to: Sunny Acres Activities Fund or to St. John the Evangelist Church. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com. ARRANGEMENTS BY DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 978-256-4040.