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WEEKEND MASS LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

Saturday • 4:00 PM and Sunday • 11:00 AM
Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org
Click on St Mary Church LIVEVIEW

WEEKDAY MASS LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday • 9:00 AM
Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org
Click on St Mary Church LIVEVIEW

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Parking Lot Confessions every Wednesday, weather permitting
4:00 - 6:00 pm • St. Mary Parking Lot

EUCHARISTICADORATION

Scheduled Adoration and Exposition is suspended, however, Jesus is always present in the tabernacle. If you are healthy and would like to visit He who loves us most, the door is open!

PRAYER LINE

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

March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jesus told her, “I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live.”

~John 11:25

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**Collaborative Calendar**

- **Sunday, March 29**
  Weekend Liturgy • 11:00 am • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Rosary • 7:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM

- **Monday, March 30**
  Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Rosary • 6:30 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Fr. Brian Presentation (see pg 3) • 7:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM

- **Tuesday, March 31**
  Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Rosary • 7:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM

- **Wednesday, April 1**
  Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Parking Lot Confessions • 4:00 – 6:00 pm • St. Mary Parking Lot
  Rosary • 6:30 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Fr. Brian Presentation (see pg 3) • 7:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM

- **Thursday, April 2**
  Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Rosary • 7:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM

- **Friday, April 3**
  Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Stations of the Cross • 7:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM

- **Saturday, April 4**
  Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Rosary • 7:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM

- **Sunday, April 5**
  Weekend Liturgy • 11:00 am • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM
  Rosary • 7:00 pm • St. Mary LIVESTREAM

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**YOUR WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH - PSALM 119:105**

- **THIS WEEK’S MASS READINGS**

- **Monday, Mar 30**
  Deuteronomy 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
  Psalm 23
  John 8: 1-11

- **Tuesday, Mar 31**
  Numbers 21: 4-9
  Psalm 102
  John 8: 21-30

- **Wednesday Apr 1**
  Dan 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95
  Daniel 3 (psalm)
  John 8: 31-42

- **Thursday, Apr 2**
  Genesis 17: 3-9
  Psalm 105
  John 8: 51-59

- **Friday, Apr 3**
  Jeremiah 20: 10-13
  Psalm 18
  John 10: 31-42

- **Saturday, Apr 4**
  Ezekiel 37: 21-28
  Jeremiah 31 (psalm)
  John 11: 45-56

- **Sunday, Apr 5**
  Matthew 21: 1-11
  Isaiah 50: 4-7
  Psalm 22
  Philippians 2: 6-11
The season of Lent calls us to love better, and by better understanding the four ways of love—Storge (empathy), Philios (friend), Eros (romantic) and Agape (unconditional ‘God’ love)—Fr. Brian will walk us through these, one by one, in the hopes that we are better able to give—and receive love from family, friend, neighbor, and God.

**Vacation Bible Fun 2020**

August 3 - 7

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway, where kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life’s ups and downs.

Registration opens March 20

**The Fifth Annual... Pastor’s Pasta Supper**

complete with Salad, Bread, Dessert and Beverage

**Saturday, May 2nd**

Following St. Mary 4 pm Mass

St. Mary Church Hall

Join us for this FREE event!
### St. Mary Offertory Summary FY 2020

The offertory is our main source of funds for paying our daily operating expenses. Please remember that your generous and consistent giving is needed and greatly appreciated.

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As we continue to serve our parishioners within the parameters allowed during these difficult times, we ask that you continue your financial support, or even consider increasing it if you are able—especially in light of our inability to gather at weekend Masses.

If the weekly offertory shortfall continues, both St. Mary and St. John will close fiscal year 2020 with significant deficits—as evident by the substantial shortage in weekly offertory since the suspension of Masses. (In comparison to last week—the first week of suspended Masses—St. Mary offertory went down by $1,397 and St. John increased by $1,355). In order to keep you informed, we will be putting financial updates each week in the bulletin, on our website, and in Flocknote messages to our parishioners.
With Mass still suspended, and no foreknowledge of how much longer we will need to practice social distancing, we fall further and further into the red and closer to financial crisis. As you can see from the facing page, we remain far from where we need to be in order to reach our weekly offertory budget. While we have had a slight increase in online giving sign-ups, we continue to experience a decline in weekly giving.

We plan on re-sending the March 13th Flocknote this coming week—with some minor adjustments. Our purpose in doing this is not to incur guilt on any of our parish members, but rather to reiterate the inescapable facts that we are in dire need of your financial support.

Beginning this past Tuesday, March 24th, the parish offices were closed to the public in answer to the Governor’s ruling that all non-essential businesses be closed. Granted, to our parish families, we are NOT non-essential, therefore all of our staff members remain reachable through email and phone. Our general mailbox with be regularly monitored during our published business hours; our general email (churches@chelmsfordcatholic.org) is monitored daily from 7:00 am - 10:00 pm; and all staff members extensions and emails can be found on page 7 so that you can reach out directly to them.

We continue to offer Mass and Devotions via LIVESTREAM seven days a week (see schedule on page 1); our Churches remain open for personal prayer time according to the schedule found on page 2; our priests are available for Parking Lot Confessions on Wednesdays—weather permitting—from 4:00 - 6:00 pm in the St. Mary Parking Lot; Flocknotes are sent daily, with the goal of providing you and your families with information to help you feel connected and less alone (if you are not receiving these messages, please refer to the top of page 6); and our Prayer Warriors are ready, willing and able to pray for your intentions, and can be reached at (978) 256-2374/ 251-8571, ext 223.

In order to meet the continuing and growing needs of our parish families, we unfortunately need to ask again that you consider making use of online giving. Directions on how to do so can be found in the right-hand column. If you are on the envelope system, we ask that you mail your donation envelope(s) to the parish offices, or drop it into secure drop boxes—emptied daily by our staff—that can be found at the front door of the parish offices or at the handicap entrance at St. Mary Church.

Thank you for the part you are playing in providing for the financial health of our collaborative community in meeting our financial obligations, such as payroll and daily operating expenses.
We wake up each morning to an influx of new information about what is happening in the world around us, and we wonder... when will things get back to normal? Our goal is to be by your side; to keep you up-to-date and connected to each other during this difficult time. We are able to do this efficiently and effectively through a communications/email tool called Flocknote! Whether it be Mass suspensions, office closures, LIVESTREAM schedules or the ‘getting popular’ Hymn of the Day, many—we are being told—are feeling less alone and isolated. If you are not receiving these notifications, you can sign up on the home page of our website (right-hand column, scroll to bottom) or you can email christine@chelmsfordcatholic.org with your first name, last name, which parish you are registered to, and your email. We'll get you set up immediately so you are IN THE KNOW. God Bless.

### Family Faith Formation Program

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### Deep Dive Events

All Lenten Deep Dives have been suspended. In light of this, Deep Dive expectations for all grades have been waived for this Faith Formation year. However, it is expected that the Youth-Led Good Friday Stations, Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil), Crowning of Mary, Bed Building, and Corpus Christi Processions will happen as planned and we would encourage participation as your family is able.

### Classes and Family Gathering Sessions

Faith Formation Classes and Family Gathering Sessions for the entire Collaborative have been suspended. Families are asked to please complete the remainder of the scheduled lessons at home. Directions for your student(s) grade home lessons, as well as any grade specific information, can be found in the Flocknote message that was sent on March 13th.

### Youth Ministry

"You, dear young people, are not the future but the now of God."

~ Pope Francis, World Youth Day Homily, Panama

### Signed, Sealed, Delivering

With the suspension of all Masses and Parish Activity, this fundraiser will need to be adjusted. As soon as we come up with an alternate plan, we will let you know. As always, if you would like to make a donation to either of the summer trip—Catholic Heart Workcamp and/or Steubenville East—you can drop off to the parish offices or to the black dropboxes located at the front entrance of the parish offices and at the handicapped door in the rear of St. Mary’s.

### Our Collaborative is in need of more Protecting God’s Children Workshop Facilitators

**VOLUNTEER**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Protecting God’s Children Facilitator Training
Saturday, May 16 . 10:00 am—3:00 pm
The Archdiocese Pastoral Center . 66 Brooks Drive . Braintree
**FREE TRAINING and LUNCH PROVIDED**

To register and/or for more information, contact Michelle Gee at (617) 7416-5994 or mgee@rcab.org.
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: CollaborativePPC@chelmsfordcatholic.org or 978-256-2374/978-251-8571, ext 145
Current Council Members are ...

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**ST. JOHN FINANCE COUNCIL**
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Current Council Members are ...

| John Bagni                           | Jeff Brown                           |
| Paul Brzezenski                      | Celeste Dunn                         |
| Grace Ann Steed                      | Grace Ann Steed                      |

**ST. MARY FINANCE COUNCIL**
Finance matters concerning St. Mary’s can be sent to: SM.FC@chelmsfordcatholic.org or 978-256-2374 ext 147
Current Council Members are ...

| Armand DiLando                       | Lauren Desforge                      |
| Jack Parsons                         | Ted Powers                           |
| Paul Rigazio                         | Paul Therrien                        |

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.
The 58th Chapter of Isaiah is called the “fasting chapter” where the prophet speaks about real fasting: taking care of each other so that God may say to His people, “Yes, I am here.” The prophet encourages a fast of whatever gets in the way of living authentic human lives rooted in our God. This is the purpose of all fasting.

The Archdiocese of Hartford encouraged a technology-fasting initiative, entitled, “I phone — will U?” Look at what is happening to us. What separates us instead of bringing us to really be in the presence of another? Can we really have two thousand “friends”? You see it all over, especially at restaurants: people sitting at the same table are texting someone, somewhere else.

Kevin Ott suggests the baby step of a “phone Sabbath”—not bringing phones to church, or refusing to bring phones when visiting friends. This can reverse the effect of pushing human interaction aside.

This kind of fasting may also give us quiet time to ponder where our life is taking us, to think about and pray for loved ones during Lent. What do we do when we enter our car—turn on the radio? What do we do when we enter the house—turn on the TV? Noise is our constant companion. What did Jesus do? He spent quiet time in conversation with His Father. He taught his disciples to come apart from the business of life to do the same.

As Tim Cronin wrote, “Once Lent has passed onto Easter, we need not return to being controlled by social media. Our new founded discipline will then, according to the Archdiocese of Hartford, give God a chance to ‘call our hearts.’”

Spreading Gratitude and Not Germs

It is with extreme honor and excitement that I write to inform you that as of January, I began my new role as Interim Director of Music Ministries for the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative. This experience has been nothing short of amazing, being that I consider sacred music a vocation rather than a job. Not to mention, the gift to serve in my hometown! In such a short period of time I have learned so much from so many, and how two music ministries maintain their own very special identities. The exposure to new music, talents, and kindness has truly been a blessing that I hold dear.

Currently, our weekend schedule of nine Masses has been an adjustment; however, as I look to the future of our new Mass Schedule, I see so much unlocked potential on the horizon. The potential for us to learn from one another through song; the potential to come together to create beautiful music more than just twice a year; and finally, the potential to further evangelize and fulfill our baptismal promise.

As we move forward, I have been greeted with such patience by the music ministries as we figure out our new norm, and how best we can support each other for the greater good of the collaborative. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your part in making this a seamless transition, and most of all, for your support.

In a time when the world is changing so rapidly, and each day we are under a new restriction for our safety, I thought it would be best to share my gratitude to both staff and parishioners while practicing social distancing. I am so grateful for this blessed opportunity and I will continue to serve the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative to the best of my ability during my time as Interim Director of Music Ministries.

I look forward to our future potential to blossom as spring approaches.

Thank you
The pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the beginning of this month was my second time experiencing such a time of prayer. To be honest, I was not sure what to expect this time around. The reality is that no trip can ever be the same. On my first trip, my Mom was able to attend, and it was with a group of completely different people. On this trip, the group included people who were not from either parish, and even some who were from the other side of the country. I wondered how this group would come together and how would it look.

We went to pray and celebrate Mass at many of the same places that I had attended on my last trip. But the hard part for me was really trying not to anticipate—based on my previous experiences—but to let go and simply participate in the here and now. The last pilgrimage was a truly intense moment in my life, and so, at first it was hard to separate that experience from this one. But, through the grace of God the transition happened—and happened quickly. The pilgrimage truly took on a life of its own, particularly when we had to make some changes ‘on the fly.’ When we got news on Wednesday that the West Bank was closed and we would not be able to visit either Bethlehem or Bethany, it was brought home to me that this trip would indeed be different. But, what was awesome to experience was the reaction of the group. Everyone was fine with adjusting to whatever would happen. No one complained; rather, everyone looked back to what they had already experienced and looked forward to whatever would come next. In fact, the tour company offered to get anyone home early who wanted to leave, but everyone said, no.

The Masses were supposed to be celebrated at Bethlehem and Bethany, but instead took place in two very unique and really unexpected, powerful places. The Bethlehem Mass took place in a small chapel at the Church of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. When we entered that small Chapel, it felt like it was hewn out of rock and that we were entering into a time in the past. We could almost feel ourselves being transported to another time and being surrounded by our spiritual ancestors. It was a powerful moment both to preside and to preach. And, as we sang, the the sound of true joy filled the room: the connection with Christ and our faith was palpable.

The Mass at Bethany was our Sunday celebration and our guide found a wonderful spot in the Judean Wilderness to celebrate Mass. We were on top of a hill overlooking the Judean Wilderness. It was where Jesus may well have been during his forty days in the desert. Presiding and preaching in this moment was beyond just an emotional response; I truly felt connected both to Christ and to the people gathered with me. Here we were—in Lent—celebrating in the place where Jesus experienced his time alone with God, seeking to understand his own calling. And the whole point of pilgrimage is to deepen our relationship with Christ. Pilgrimage is not a vacation, but a time of intense prayer and reflection on where we are with the Father and Jesus. For me, the connection became even more evident. The Judean Wilderness is not a place of grandeur, but is, in fact, somewhat desolate. But it is in that very desolation that we can recognize both our needs and the very real presence of our God. And that is what happened to me in that moment: in the truest sense, what I encountered was deepest joy. The powerful reality of my God being with me and my deepest need to truly worship, praise, and glorify Him.

This pilgrimage was very different from my last, and it was truly a blessing in a very different way. It was by God’s grace that I was able to simply let go and be in the moment. It brought home to me what my life in Christ is really supposed to be about. We can too easily get distracted and lose focus on what truly matters. We can allow our own expectations to color how we see the world and our sense of how things should work out. When that happens, we can get caught in the trap of trying to relive or recapture the past. Or, we can get caught in the trap of simply dreaming about what the future holds and should bring to us. Either way, we become passive participants in our own lives. We stop being truly engaged in what life is all about.

The ultimate reality of every life is that it should lead us, in all its moments, to give praise and thanksgiving to God. If we are truly engaged, we will come to recognize that God is present with us and among us at all times. The truth is that we are all on pilgrimage in this life. We are on our personal and corporate journey to the Lord in Heaven. Every moment is a time to be open to an encounter with the living God—and not simply in the wilderness. But to do that we must remain focused and disciplined; that is ultimately the purpose of this holy season. Lent calls us into the wilderness, to renew our desire for our Father and Jesus.

Each day I say the following prayer, and I hope it may help you to bring into focus the true meaning of your life:

Lord,
help me not to live in the past and not to wait for the future, but to live this day, to live this moment glorifying and praising you.

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,
As you can well imagine, the many closures, illnesses and panic are impacting both our food and piggy banks. The many services we offer our communities are in a more crucial state than ever. The outbreak is making it difficult for food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens across the country; it is no different here in our own local community. Pair that with school closures and job disruptions, and you have a recipe of supply far from reaching demand.

Both of our parishes have a SVdP Chapter that directly serves its local community, and both are in need of help. If you can assist them in helping our neighbors in need, please consider the following:

- Financial contributions can be mailed or dropped off to the parish offices. Checks can be written to SVdP. Please note in the MEMO line if the donation is for St. Mary or St. John.

- St. John SVdP food pantry is in desperate need of donations of soups, pasta, boxed foods and canned goods. Toilet paper and hand sanitizer—if any can be found or spared—is also most welcome during this time of public health crisis. Donations can be dropped off between the hours of 10 am - 5 pm. Please enter through the elevator entrance, take elevator down to the hall, and leave your donation along the wall to your right before you would take a left to enter the hall.

Thank you! for your continued and compassionate support of our work.

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn’t. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, “Come out!” He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn’t negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn’t diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don’t cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs.

Are we going to listen this time?
Mary Denise (O’Brien) Dunn, 83, of Chelmsford died Sunday morning, February 2, 2020 at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Chelmsford.

She was married to the late William F. Dunn, who died on January 14, 2016.

Born in Brookline, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (McGillicuddy) O’Brien. She graduated from Mount Alvernia Academy in Chestnut Hill. Denise earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Boston College in 1958 and a Masters of Education in Reading and Language from UMASS Lowell in 1981.

Denise retired from the Chelmsford Public Schools; where she was a reading teacher at the McCarthy Middle School for twenty-two years.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Chelmsford.

She is survived by her daughter, Denise Dunn of Chelmsford and many nieces and nephews.

Denise’s family would like to thank the staff at Sunny Acres Nursing Home for the love, support and care they provided her.

Her visiting hours were Tues. Feb. 4th from 4 to 8 P.M. Funeral was Wed. Feb 5th 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 her name to the Alzheimer’s Assoc., 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 or the Salvation Army 150 Appleton St., Lowell, MA 01852.

Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com ARRANGEMENTS BY DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 978-256-4040.