The Parish Offices are closed to the public until further notice. Our staff will continue to support you via telephone and email.

**Weekend Mass Livestream Schedule**
Saturday • 4:00 PM and Sunday • 11:00 AM
Click on St Mary Church LIVEVIEW from home page of website
Sunday • 8:30 AM
Click on St John Church LIVEVIEW from home page of website

**Weekday Mass Livestream Schedule**
Monday - Friday • 9:00 AM
Click on St Mary Church LIVEVIEW from home page of website

**Daily Devotions Livestream Schedule**
Refer to pages 2 & 3

“**Open Church**” Hours
Refer to pages 2 & 3

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Parking Lot Confessions • 4:00—6:00 pm • weather permitting
Mondays • St. John Parking Lot
Wednesdays • St. Mary Parking Lot

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

Sunday, April 5
Morning Prayer • 7 am
Mass • 11:00 am
Rosary • 7:00 pm

Monday, April 6
Morning Prayer • 7 am
Daily Mass • 9:00 am
Rosary • 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 7
Morning Prayer • 7 am
Daily Mass • 9:00 am
Rosary • 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 8
Morning Prayer • 7 am
Daily Mass • 9:00 am
Tenebrae • 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 9
Rosary • 6:30 pm
Mass of the Lord’s Supper • 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 10
Rosary • 6:30 pm
Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ • 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 11
Rosary • 6:30 pm
Easter Vigil • 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 12
Morning Prayer • 7 am
Mass • 11:00 am
Rosary • 7:00 pm

Saint Mary Schedules

Open Church Schedule

Sunday, April 5
12:15 - 1:30 pm • 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Monday, April 6
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 7
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Wednesday, April 8
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 9
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Good Friday, April 10
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 11
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 12
12:30 - 3:00 pm

Parking Lot Confessions

Wednesday, April 8 • 4:00-6:00 pm • weather permitting

Social Distancing does not have to mean...
Sunday, April 5
Mass • 8:30 am
Daytime Prayer • 7 am
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

Monday, April 6
Daytime Prayer • 12 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
Passion Narrative by Andrew John • 3:15

Tuesday, April 7
Daytime Prayer • 12 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
Passion Narrative by Andrew John • 3:15

Wednesday, April 8
Daytime Prayer • 12 pm
Holy Hour • 3:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 9
Morning Prayer • 9:00 am
Daytime Prayer • 12:00 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

Good Friday, April 10
Morning Prayer • 9:00 am
Stations of the Cross • 12:00 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 11
Morning Prayer • 9:00 am
Daytime Prayer • 12:00 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 12
Mass • 8:30 am
Daytime Prayer • 12 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm

Let’s lessen the distance between us by taking advantage of the many events happening at both parishes. Each church has its own LIVEVIEW link that can be found on the home page of our website in the right-hand sidebar.

Social isolation... so join us online!

Parking Lot Confessions Monday, April 8 • 4:00-6:00 pm • weather permitting
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.

Since the Suspension of Masses: • Weekend of March 14th/15th: received $7,787 (shortfall of -$9,353)
• Weekend of March 21nd/23rd: received $6,390 (shortfall of -$10,750)

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St. John 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.

Since the Suspension of Masses: • Weekend of March 14th/15th: received $4,741 (shortfall of -$6,299)
• Weekend of March 22nd/23rd: received $6,096 (shortfall of -$4,944)

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Thank you to all of you, whose donations to the St. John Grand Annual, total $47,140... 94.28% of goal!

ST. JOHN

• Visit our website at www.chelmsfordcatholic.org and click on the WeShare logo located in the right-hand sidebar on the homepage.

Or scan the above QR code with your Android or iPhone. Open your camera app. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder and you will see a notification with a link. Click on the notification to open the link. You will be taken to the St. John’s WeShare site on your phone.

• Choose your Giving Opportunity, i.e Weekly Offertory
• Set up your payment options, withdrawal dates, etc.
• If you prefer, there is an option to make a one-time donation.

Online Giving

• Visit our website at www.chelmsfordcatholic.org and click on the Online Giving logo located in the right-hand sidebar on the homepage.

Or scan the above QR code with your Android or iPhone. Open your camera app. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder and you will see a notification with a link. Click on the notification to open the link. You will be taken to the St. Mary Online Giving site on your phone.

• Click on ‘Set up New Account’
• Set up your payment options, withdrawal dates, etc.
• If you prefer, there is a “Quick Give” option to make a one-time donation.
A HUNDRED THOUSAND THANK YOU’S!

How blessed we are with a parish family that supports each other! Through these difficult times, we are reminded that God is in our midst. In our community, we have proven the accuracy of that age-old adage... “the family that prays together, stays together.” As we celebrate Mass and devotions together in spirit through LIVESTREAM; as we experience the dedication and loving leadership of our priests alongside the generous mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our parking lots; as we are comforted by the words of our Cardinal, as well as our very own Pastor... we are reminded of what is truly important: a Faith that can’t, and won’t, be shaken.

One of the ways we are seeing this is through the many Flocknote comments and personal emails from our families, offering thanks to, and prayers for, our clergy and staff. Another way we are seeing this is from the numbers of ‘attendees’ at our LIVEVIEW events (2 weekends ago, over 650 people viewed Mass; and this past weekend, the number increased to 765). And yet another way is through the steady increase in our weekly offertory. As you can see from the facing page, you are hitting a home run. We may not be hitting our budgetary goal, but we are seeing your commitment to us, and we could not be more grateful.

Due to the Presidents recent extension of practicing social distancing to April 30th, followed by the Governor’s ‘stay-at-home’ order until May 4th, the offices will remain closed to the public until that date. But, we remain at your service to the best of our ability. Our general mailbox with be regularly monitored during our published business hours; our general email (churches@chelmsfordcatholic.org) is monitored daily from 7 am - 10 pm; and all staff members extensions and emails can be found on page 7 so that you can reach out directly to whomever you need. Please know that 90% of the answers you are looking for can probably be found on our website... www.chelmsfordcatholic.org.

We have added additional devotional practices and have extended our LIVEVIEW events across both parishes every day of the week; our churches remain open for personal prayer according to the schedules found on pages 2 & 3; our priests are available for Parking Lot Confessions at both parishes from 4 - 6 pm (weather permitting)—Mondays at St. John and Wednesdays at St. Mary; Flocknotes will continue, 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 page 10).

In closing: this would not be a true financial page without asking that you continue to assist us in meeting the growing needs of our parish families. If online giving is an attractive option for you, directions on how to do so can be found in the facing page. If you are on the envelope system, you can mail your donation envelope 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 crucial 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.

THIS YEAR’S EASTER COLLECTION

Things are different this year. All you have to do is turn on the news, drive down 495 at rush hour, or go grocery shopping in search of toilet paper, paper towels, Purell and/or cleaning supplies, and you will notice... something is definitely different!

This ‘different’ is effecting us all, and in an attempt to ease the financial pain that the local parishes are experiencing, the Archdiocese is generously allowing the monies from the Easter Collection—traditionally earmarked for the Clergy Benefit Trust—to benefit the local parishes: for us, that is both St. Mary and St. John.

When sending in your Easter donation, please keep the following in mind:

- If you would like your Easter donation to benefit your parish, please write your check to either St. John or St. Mary, based on where you regularly worship.
- Any check written to the Clergy Benefit Trust will be sent to the Archdiocese to support that cause.
- Online giving options for both parishes are clearly labeled for your Easter donations to benefit your choice of beneficiary.

As always, we thank you for your support and presence in our faith community.

God Bless!
Heather Hannaway  
Director of Faith Formation  
hhannaway@chelmsfordcatholic.org

Courtney Callanan  
Asst. Dir. of Faith Formation  
callanan@chelmsfordcatholic.org

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Elaine Kindler  
ekindler@chelmsfordcatholic.org  
Lynn Anne LaDuke  
lynnanne@chelmsfordcatholic.org

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.

First Holy Communion
Following President Trump’s directive to continue the practice of social distancing until April 30th, Governor Baker extended the stay-at-home advisory for Massachusetts until May 4th. Due to this, the following changes have been made regarding First Communion Interviews and First Communion Masses:

St. John’s:  
All previously scheduled First Communion Interviews and Masses have been cancelled. At this time, no date has been determined for rescheduling of the celebration of First Communions. What we do know is that we will be celebrating as a single group at a Sunday morning Mass once we are able to come together again.

St. Mary’s:  
All previously scheduled First Communion Interviews have been cancelled. A decision on First Holy Communions is pending as they are schedule throughout the month of May.

As this is an unprecedented situation for all of us, we thank you for your patience and forbearance in the decisions we have had to make in this time of uncertainty. Please be assured that we are monitoring reports closely and will keep you informed as new information becomes available to us.

Our Collaborative is in need of more Protecting God’s Children Workshop Facilitators
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  
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**ST. JOHN FINANCE COUNCIL**

Finance matters concerning St. John’s can be sent to:  
SJ.FC@chelmsfordcatholic.org  
or 978-251-8571, ext 146  
Current Council Members are...

| John Bagni                    | Jeff Brown |
| Paul Brzezenski               | Celeste Dunn |
| 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.
On March 5th our group gathered in Gethsemane to pray a Holy Hour. It was a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for people to go to confession. I was blessed to be able to hear the people’s confessions. This opportunity allowed one person who was not part of our group to come to my confessional. The person was clearly suffering and needed to encounter God’s mercy and love. It was a powerful moment and truly humbling for me as a confessor. The person was clearly in pain from their sin and uncertain of the kind of reception they would receive. But, what they truly needed became evident to me. And so, I did all I could do: I reassured them of the depth of God’s love. No matter what we do, no matter how we act, our God will never stop loving us.

As the night continued, I went to kneel before the Blessed Sacrament, and all I could do was give thanks to God for allowing me to be his instrument of mercy. Encounters like this remind me of how truly blessed my life is—that, through me, God pours forth his grace and mercy. It reminded me of what it really means for the priest to be **in persona Christi**—for the priest to truly be Christ in the lives of God’s people. And, as I knelt before Christ himself in that moment, it was powerfully brought home to me what a beautiful gift my priesthood is.

The power of the night was made even more present as we joined a procession of the Blessed Sacrament out of the Church and into the Garden. As I processed behind the Blessed Sacrament, behind Christ himself, it brought home to me the reality that this is where Jesus walked. (Some of the trees in that Garden were witnesses to his agony because olive trees can live for thousands of years.) As we walked with Christ back to the altar, which was set behind the rock where Jesus prayed, it was a truly awe-inspiring moment. And, as Jesus was reposed back into the tabernacle, something snapped in me.

We were getting ready to leave the Church, but I kept my distance from the people because I was losing control of myself. The tears started flowing and I could not control what was happening to me. I felt both a deep sense of sorrow and remorse, but also of hope at the same time. The moment clearly brought home to me the reality that I am sinner. I am the reason that Jesus suffered his Agony in the Garden. I am the reason He felt so alone and abandoned. How often have I—like his disciples that night—fallen asleep to my faith and calling, and have focused more on what I wanted, what I desired. The whole truth of my being a sinner and what it cost Christ was hitting me hard.

All I could do was tell God—tell Jesus how sorry I was for all that I have done to make what happened to Him so necessary. I could only weep for my brokenness and stupidity throughout the years. I could only weep for how alone Christ must have felt in that garden. I could only weep because what Christ encountered was not someone else’s fault: it was wholly and completely mine. I needed to take ownership of the part I played in what Jesus encountered in that place, on that night.

But I also recognized the depth of love that Christ has for me. He suffered his passion and death even though He knew what I would do, but **not** in spite of what I would do. Rather, He knew what I would do and how much I would need his healing in my life. The life I am called to live is impossible without the death and resurrection of Christ. The life I am called to live is only possibly because of what Christ said that night in that place, as He knew He was about to be betrayed, abandoned, and denied by his closest friends—that He would handed over by the people He had taught, fed and healed and they would cry out for his death. As He sweated drops of blood and cried out to his Father, He spoke those words that changed all of human history, “not my will, but yours.”

It is that moment of love that allows me to grow and change. It is that moment that allows my life in Christ to be possible. It is that moment that I am reminded of how much I am **not** called to have a perfect life, but rather, to have a heart humbled and contrite. It is a life that is centered in the truth that without Christ I am truly nothing. Without Christ my life has no real meaning. Without Christ my life has no real direction.

My heart broke that night, but it was also healed by the power of Christ. I am a sinner, no different from the one who came to me in the confessional. Like that person I need to always remember the depth of love that Jesus has for me. It is a love that is unconditional, unmerited and unwarranted. It is a love that will help me know that I will **never** be forsaken or abandoned—no matter what!

The love that I encountered that night asks only one thing of me, or from any of us: **Come back to me with all your heart**!

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,
Easter Morning Lamentations

Lent was always my season. It is the season when the depth of Christ’s humanity is made known. As He spent forty days in the desert being tempted until his crucifixion and resurrection, my sometimes-melancholy nature relates.

Now that it is coming to an end, I feel a bit anxious because I don’t want it to be over. I feel closer to God during Lent, and driven to perfect my prayer in a way that I often struggle with at other times of the year. Intellectually I know much of this is just in my head, but my heart always feels heavier in the last week.

This is not something new to me: even as a small child I entered deeply into the Lenten season. It was a time of wonderment for me. My grandmother had given me a beautiful piece of dark purple velvet from her fabric stash, and helped me cut the edges evenly with her pinking shears to make an altar cloth in our little chapel shed. My sisters and I would crush up lavender and throw it on the floor so that we had all these purple flakes of flowers mixed in with the dirt on the floor. Our Jesus was covered with a small purple flowered hankie. I was reverent in my childhood devotion, spending hours sitting in our lil’ chapel and wondering what God’s plan was for my life. I knew I belonged to some greater mystery, but I just was not sure where exactly I belonged in it all. My little mind was always trying to connect the dots. I talked to Mary and the angels and lay out my list to God of all the things that burdened my young heart, and promised to try to be a calmer, quieter, and better listener—promises I am still trying hard to keep.

I was left alone with my God and He was present to me in a very poignant and real way. I entered the mystery and got absorbed in the awesomeness of it all. The possibilities were endless, and I had a small respite from the reality of my littleness.

On Easter morning, sitting there with my Easter basket and goodies, at some point I always cried. I felt a little bit farther away from my God, and the brightness of Easter overwhelmed me. I had this sense that I was unprepared and undeserving of the grandness of it all. My family still teases me about my Easter morning lamentations.

I suppose I enter so fully into Lent because I am painfully aware of the littleness of my life, and that I am desperately human. I feel keenly the grit of it all. At the beginning of the season we mark our heads with ashes and draw nearer to God. We are reminded that we are human and broken, and that God was too: made human and broken for each of us.

As we anticipate Easter, may we remember that the table has been set with great care, at a great cost, by the Host himself, our crucified King. May we never take Him for granted and may He be adored and glorified, loved and praised throughout the world, now and forever.

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Spiritual Communion

During this unprecedented time in America and other nation-states throughout the world, many Catholics cannot partake in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as they normally would, whether weekly or daily. In this collaborative, we are blessed to have the ability to “tune-in” to Holy Masses offered privately by our priests through our website’s livestream. This allows the homebound among us—pretty much our entire two parishes at the moment—to watch the re-presentation of Calvary virtually.

Many practicing Catholics now experience a hunger for Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament, being unable to receive Him in the Body and Blood of the Eucharist while public Masses are suspended. When we reflect on What the Holy Eucharist is, this yearning makes perfect sense. As the Roman Catechism states, it is “the Heavenly Food of our souls, enabling us to support and preserve spiritual life.”

Because of the all-goodness of God, Who offers graces in a myriad of ways, we can be fed by the Bread of Life by uniting to Christ spiritually. The spiritual reception of the Eucharist, or “Spiritual Communion,” is available to us at any time we are so disposed (that is, free from attachment to mortal or serious sin).

What is “Spiritual Communion”? Those who receive the Eucharist in spirit only are “those who, inflamed with a lively faith which works by charity, partake in wish and desire of that Celestial Bread offered to them, from which they receive, if not the entire, at least very great fruits” (Roman Catechism). In other words, Spiritual Communion apart from the sacramental reception—the latter meaning consuming the Host and drinking from the Precious Chalice—is the act of earnestly desiring to receive Christ spiritually into the soul.

Accordingly, an authentic desire for Holy Communion, for union with Christ, is possible even when the physical reception of the Blessed Sacrament is impossible, as is the case now. One may make a Spiritual Communion at any time, either by praying the words of a specific Spiritual Communion, such as that composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori below, or by simply stating from one’s heart this pious request. In fact, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, the priest who sacrificed his life for a Polish family man at Auschwitz, would make a Spiritual Communion every fifteen minutes.

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”

Let us resolve during this time of pestilence to make a Spiritual Communion every day, such that we stay united to our Lord when sacramental reception of Holy Communion is impossible.
We joyfully welcome the following children into our Collaborative Family. May the Lord continue to bless these children and their parents, and fill their homes with the light of faith.

**Baptized at St. John’s**
Bravelee Tiger Allaby-Ladebauche • Devin Michele Allaby
Reese Matteline Allaby • Olivia Lee Flynn

**Baptized at St. Mary’s**
Joseph Michael Cirrone • Liam Paul Coleman
Patrick Parlee Durkin • Leonard Raymond Hennigan
John Francis Leary IV • Shane Joseph Rowley

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels and saints charge over those who sleep. Tend to your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. All for love’s sake.

~ St. Augustine

Tom Kendzia is a professional liturgical musician, composer, speaker, performer and author with almost 40 years experience. Committed to parish ministry since 1977, he has served Catholic parishes in Connecticut, Arizona and Rhode Island. He also works as a liturgical consultant for William H. Sadlier, Inc., Harcourt Religion, Our Sunday Visitor and other major curriculum companies. His articles have been published in a variety of national magazines and books.

He is regularly featured at national conferences, diocesan workshops and parish events throughout the US, Canada, Europe, Asia and the Caribbean. He has performed regularly in Ireland since 2002.

Tom is currently music director at Christ the King Catholic Church in Westerly, Rhode Island, a post he has held since 1986, and...

**He will be performing a concert at St. Mary’s!**
This FREE concert will begin at 7:00 pm on Saturday, May 29th!

The following day, Sunday, May 30th, he will be hosting a workshop for our Music Ministers. For more information on this workshop, contact John Volpe.

Vacation Bible Fun 2020
August 3rd - 7th
Registration is open!
www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/vbf-vacation-bible-fun

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

We continue to be barraged every day with new information about what is happening in the world around us, and we wonder… when will things get back to normal? Will they ever be normal again?

Our goal is to be by your side; to keep you up-to-date and connected during this difficult time when we are asked to go against our God-given nature of communing WITH each other, and to instead, embrace social distancing FROM each other. We are able to do this efficiently and effectively through a communications/email tool called Flocknote! Whether it be office closures, livestream and open church schedules; reminders about our popular Parking Lot Confessions, many—we are being told—are feeling less alone and isolated.

If you are not receiving these notifications, send an email to 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.
Stephen Charles Leary a longtime resident of Westford

Stephen Charles Leary a longtime resident of Westford, 74, died Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Lowell General Hospital. He was the husband of Birgit (Osinski) Leary with whom he celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary May 18, 2019.

Born in New Castle, PA, on December 7, 1945, he was the son of the late Edward and Margaret (Redding) Leary. He graduated from Lowell High School with the class of 1963.

He graduated with a B.S in Criminal Justice from Boston State College and a Master’s Degree from Anna Maria College of Paxton, MA.

Stephen served with the USMC during the Vietnam War.

He retired in 2005 as a Major on the MA State Police.

Stephen was an outdoorsman that enjoyed fishing, boating, hunting, and skiing.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his children, Kristin Leary of Holyoke, MA; son, Sean and his wife Brienne Leary of Lexington, MA; daughter Heather and her husband James Campbell of Manchester by the Sea, MA; five grandchildren, Patrick Shattuck, Tripp, Finley and Sloane Campbell, and Gavin Leary; sisters, Rosemary and her husband Michael Jeans of Concord, MA, and Judith and her husband Alfred Boccia of Westboro, MA; brother, Peter Leary and his wife Elizabeth of Seabrook, NH; sister in law, Barbara Leary of Nashua, NH, Joyce Leary of Andover, MA, and many nieces and nephews.

Stephen was predeceased by his brothers Edward Leary, and John “Jack” Leary

His visitation was Friday, Feb. 14th from 12 Noon to 1pm at the DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 106 MIDDLESEX ST. CHELMSFORD, MA with a Liturgy of the Word at St. John the Evangelist Church at 1:30 P.M. Burial in Fairview Cemetery in Chelmsford. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Westford Veteran’s Gift Fund, Westford Veterans Agent 55 Main St. Westford, MA 01886. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com

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