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**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Offices remain closed until further notice. Our staff will continue to support you via telephone and email. Please leave all messages on the General Voice Mailbox.

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)**

- St. Mary • Saturday at 4 PM/ Sunday at 7 AM and 11 AM
- St. John • Saturday at 4 PM/ Sunday at 9:30 AM and 6 PM

All Masses can be livestreamed

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

- Monday - Friday • 7:00 AM at St. Mary/ 9:00 AM at St. John

All Masses can be livestreamed

**DAILY DEVOTIONS LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE**

- Monday - Friday at 3 PM • Chaplet at St. John
- Monday - Friday at 7 PM • Rosary at St. Mary

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Parking Lot Confessions • 4:30 - 5:30 PM • weather permitting
- Mondays at St. John • Wednesdays at St. Mary

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

- Fridays • 4:30 - 5:30 PM • St. John Parking Lot

**PRAYER LINE**

To have prayers said for yourself or a loved one, call the parish office and ask for ext. 223. After hours, press 4.

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June 7, 2020: Trinity Sunday
Sunday, June 7
*Weekend Liturgy • 7 am • St. Mary
*Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am • St. John
*Weekend Liturgy • 11 am • St. Mary
*Weekend Liturgy • 6 pm • St. John

Monday, June 8
Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
Parking Lot Confessions • 4:30 - 5:30
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 9
Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 10
Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet and Holy Hour • 3:00 pm
Parking Lot Confessions • 4:30 - 5:30 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 11
Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Friday, June 12
Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet and Holy Hour • 3:00 pm
Drive-In Eucharistic Adoration • 4:30 - 5:30 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 13
*Weekend Liturgy • 4 pm Mass • St. Mary
*Weekend Liturgy • 4 pm Mass • St. John

Sunday, June 14
*Weekend Liturgy • 7 am • St. Mary
*Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am • St. John
*Weekend Liturgy • 11 am • St. Mary
*Weekend Liturgy • 6 pm • St. John

* RESERVATION REQUIRED

Family Faith Formation Registration

Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org/faith-formation-registration
From the left hand side bar, choose the parish at which you are registering. There you will find all the directions needed for an easy online registration! If you do not have access to a computer or have any questions, contact:

- St John’s Registration
  Lynn Anne LaDuke at lynnanne@chelmsfordcatholic.org
  (978) 251-857, ext 240

- St. Mary Registration
  Elaine Kindler at ekindler@chelmsfordcatholic.org
  (978) 256-2374, ext 216

Early Registration ends June 30th.
Standard Fees will apply July 1st

3rd ANNUAL HAIL MARY CHALLENGE

Our Collaborative is once again challenged to collectively pray 1,000,000 Rosaries in 6 Months!

The past 2 years, we have exceed our goal! Over the last 2 years (actually 12 months), we have collectively prayed a total of 2,247,689 Hail Mary’s!

Due to the guidelines as set forth by the Governor, and supported by the Archdiocese, there will be NO COLLECTION CONTAINERS for your weekly Hail Mary counts.

Please email your Hail Mary counts to psidari@ymail.com, or call them into him at (978) 729-1677. Or you can drop them off into the black drop box located at the entrance of the parish offices, as many of you do with your donations.
Deacon John Hunt joins us next Sunday, June 14th!

Deacon John Hunt is a permanent deacon of the Archdiocese of Boston. Ordained on September 19, 1998, this year marks his 22nd year of ordination.

One of 5 children—3 sisters and 1 brother—he grew up in Lowell under the guidance of John and Florence Hunt, both who have since gone home to the Lord, as well as his younger sister Mary Ann. He attended grammar school at St. Peter’s School in Lowell and Lowell High School, followed by attendance at Northern Essex Community College and the University of Lowell. Professionally, he has worked mostly in the semiconductor industry as an Engineer and currently as a Quality Manager for M.I.T. Lincoln Laboratory.

Deacon John claims the greatest treasures of his life to be his two daughters, Nicole and Rachel. Nicole, an RN and hairdresser, as well as a wife to TJ who is a licensed plumber, is mom to the owners of his heart; Eva age Six, Eliana age 4, and Luke age 8 months. Rachel is currently finishing her degree in Early Childhood Education, while working at a school that provides child care and pre-school programs.

In his free time, he loves to spend time with his grandchildren, read, study theology and scripture, play the guitar, golf and tend to his marine reef aquarium — home to two 20-year-old fish! Growing up, he would enjoy both fresh water and deep sea fishing with his dad. On the weekends, he also enjoys making use of his barbecue smoker.

Resumption of Masses

As most of you know by now, we have re-opened our doors for the celebration of Masses! With this wonderful news also comes the responsibility to be sure that everyone is aware of the necessary guidelines that NEED to be followed. Those of you who are recipients of Flocknotes are well aware of them. Those of you who do not receive these golden nuggets of information can find all needed information on what is required for Mass attendance by visiting us at https://chelmsfordcatholic.org/re-opening-of-our-churches. It is here where you will find ALL you need to know! For those of you who do not have access to a computer, please refer to last week’s bulletin, page 2.

- The current schedule of both weekend and daily Masses is:
  Daily Mass: Monday - Friday ● St. Mary at 7 am ● St. John at 9 am
  Weekend Liturgy: Saturday ● 4 pm at both St. Mary and St. John
  Sunday ● St. Mary at 7 am and 11 am ● St. John at 9:30 am and 6 pm

- For the reservation link and access code, please refer to the Flocknote that you will receive at some point this weekend. For those of you who do not have access to a computer, you may phone-in your registration between the following hours (these hours have changed).
  Monday, Wednesday ● 9 am - 12 noon
  Tuesday, Thursday ● 2 pm - 5 pm

- Phone-in reservations are ONLY AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER.

Introducing Our Seminarian...

Khanh Le

Khanh Le, a 2nd Theology seminarian of Saint John’s Seminary, is studying for the Archdiocese of Hanoi, in the North of Vietnam.

He will be spending the summer months with us here at the collaborative.

Welcome Khanh Le!

And Happy to Announce...

that Andrew John, originally scheduled to depart in May, will now be remaining with us throughout the summer!
Since the Suspension of Masses:

**St. Mary Offertory Summary FY 2020**

- Weekend of March 14th/15th: received $7,787 (shortfall of $9,353)
- Weekend of March 22nd/23rd: received $6,390 (shortfall of $10,750)
- Weekend of March 28th/29th: received $11,969 (shortfall of $5,171)
- Weekend of April 4th/5th: received $11,144 (shortfall of $5,996)
- Weekend of April 11th/12th: received $18,384 (average of $1,244)
- Weekend of April 18th/19th: received $15,380 (shortfall of $1,760)
- Weekend of April 25th/26th: received $15,379 (shortfall of $1,761)
- Weekend of May 2nd/3rd: received $17,000 (shortfall of $140)
- Weekend of May 9th/10th: received $17,892 (average of $752)
- Weekend of May 16th/17th: received $12,993 (shortfall of $4,147)
- Weekend of May 23rd/24th: received $10,538 (shortfall of $6,538)

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Since the Suspension of Masses:

**St. John Offertory Summary FY 2020**

- Weekend of March 14th/15th: received $4,741 (shortfall of $6,299)
- Weekend of March 22nd/23rd: received $6,096 (shortfall of $4,944)
- Weekend of March 28th/29th: received $8,207 (shortfall of $2,833)
- Weekend of April 4th/5th: received $8,272 (shortfall of $2,768)
- Weekend of April 11th/12th: received $13,512 (average of $2,472)
- Weekend of April 18th/19th: received $9,604 (shortfall of $1,436)
- Weekend of April 25th/26th: received $8,526 (shortfall of $2,514)
- Weekend of May 2nd/3rd: received $8,7276 (shortfall of $2,313)
- Weekend of May 9th/10th: received $8,449 (shortfall of $2,591)
- Weekend of May 16th/17th: received $10,622 (shortfall of $418)
- Weekend of May 23rd/24th: received $9,254 (shortfall of $1,786)

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**As of May 17th, Grand Annual donations are $49,065... up to 98.13% of our goal.**

**ST. MARY Online Giving**

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

**ST. JOHN WeShare**

- Visit www.chelmsfordcatholic.org and click on the WeShare logo located in the right-hand sidebar on the homepage.
- Choose your Giving Opportunity (Weekly Offertory)
- Set up your payment options, withdrawal dates, etc.
- If you prefer, there is an option to make a one-time donation.
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION
ANNUAL COLLECTION JUNE 13TH/14TH

Our Society greatly relies on the continued generosity of our parishioners to provide funds used to assist needy individuals and families living in our parish community. We are most grateful for your past support, and ask for your continued support during our upcoming annual collection.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we anticipate that for the remainder of the year, many unemployed individuals on reduced incomes will be calling SVdP for assistance in paying rent, utilities, food and other bills. As you read in the St. Mary Annual Report earlier this year, over half of their expenditures help individuals pay for rent. Since rents have increased significantly in recent years, we anticipate this trend will continue. With your assistance, we will endeavor to meet the needs of our struggling neighbors.

There are a few ways in which you can make your donation: (1) electronically through the online giving links on the home page of our website; (2) cash; or (3) check. Checks should be made payable to the church in whose chapter you wish to make your donation to, with SVdP noted on the memo line. Your envelope (cash or check) may be dropped into the donation boxes when you attend Mass, into the black boxes found at the entrance of the parish offices, or mailed to (please do not mail cash):

Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative
St. Mary Church SVdP OR St. John the Evangelist SVdP
115 Middlesex Street
North Chelmsford, MA 01863

Since we do not have any of our SVdP envelopes in either of the churches due to COVID-19 guidelines, please clearly mark a blank envelope with either “St. Mary SVdP” or “St. John SVdP.” Please be assured that all donations underwrite our charitable mission and provide direct assistance to the needy in our community.

We thank you for your generosity and ask that you keep our needy neighbors in your prayers. May God bless and protect you and your families.

Beginning on Sunday, June 14th, 2020

The Feast of Corpus Christi

“And behold I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20

A recent Pew Study found that many Catholics view the Eucharist as a mere symbol. Some Catholics even believe the Church actually teaches it is only symbol, not the body and blood of Jesus Christ, bringing to mind Flannery O’Connor’s famous rejoinder on the matter. At a literary gathering back in the 1940s, author Mary McCarthy said she always thought of the Eucharist as a symbol and “it was a pretty good one.” O’Connor replied, “If it’s only a symbol, to hell with it.” She made her point. If the Eucharist isn’t really the body and blood of Christ, then why bother going to Mass? Why bother being Catholic?

Cardinal Seán O’Malley has announced a Year of the Eucharist to bolster the faith of those who already believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and to encourage those who struggle with this belief. Over the course of the next year, the Cardinal invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Boston to learn more about the Eucharist and to spend more time before the Eucharistic Lord, asking Him to reveal Himself to you.

To learn more, visit https://chelmsfordcatholic.org/year-of-the-eucharist
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

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**ST. JOHN FINANCE COUNCIL**

Finance matters concerning St. John’s can be sent to: SJ.FC@chelmsfordcatholic.org

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 do so 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 best to accommodate your request.
One year when my family was on vacation with Phyllis MacDonald (my Mom’s friend) and her family up in New Brunswick, we were staying at Lake Magaguadavic. It was a somewhat isolated area and so at night it would get very dark. There was not a lot of light pollution, hence you could really see the stars. At night the sky was truly ablaze with what seemed like millions and millions of small lights. The night sky was something you could sit and marvel at and never really get bored. We rented two cabins on the beach and let’s just say there were more people than the cabins could comfortably accommodate for sleeping. Therefore, most nights when it did not rain, we slept right on the beach. It was pretty awesome.

One night Phyllis’ niece, Kathy, woke up to see the sky ablaze with color. As you looked up you saw pink, green, yellow, blue, violet, and so forth stretching across the horizon. It was a truly amazing sight to behold, but Kathy had no idea what was happening. When she saw all the different colors, she started screaming at the top of her lungs that the world was ending. She ran into the cabin and woke everyone up, as she had already done to those on the beach.

After Phyllis got her calmed down, people explained to her that it was Aurora Borealis (or the Northern Lights). She had not heard of them but once she understood what it was, she was in awe of what she was seeing. After everyone had a good laugh, her attitude completely changed. When she understood what was happening, her fear changed into awe and joy at this unusual experience.

I think this can happen so often in our faith life. There is so much about our faith that we do not fully understand or appreciate. Our faith can at times seem arcane and truly convoluted. How often I will hear people say, “I am spiritual but not religious.” The response I want to give is, “Well, I’m both.” I think there is a negative connotation to the concept of religion because it comes across as big and complicated. Religion is seen as driven by rules and fear. ‘If you do X, then you go to hell.’ ‘If you don’t do Y, then you go to hell.’ The whole thing that seems to drive this concept is that religion controls our basest drives, to try and make us better moral or ethical beings. Religion is about how it makes us feel, and so, if it doesn’t make you feel good, or if it creates ‘negative’ feelings, then you’re better off without it.

The reality is, of course, very different. Our faith is not about rules. It is not about getting every theological concept down. It is not about being able to answer every question on the test. Rather, our faith is far less complicated. But, far more difficult!

It is about having a true relationship with God, not on our terms but on His. As I look at the progression of my relationship with God through the years, it has been a truly amazing journey. When I was child, did I understand my faith as I do now? Not a chance! But what I knew about it was enough: God is always with me and He loves me. I recognized also that I owed God obedience, but not because I was afraid of what might happen if I didn’t do what He called me to. Rather, it was about my desire to love Him. I recognized that God knows better than I do, and so I had to simply put my trust in Him. It was not always easy, nor have I always made the correct choice, but it always comes back to the truth that God loves me—no matter what.

As I have traveled along my journey of faith, the reality is that, at times, it’s been scary. At times I have felt like Kathy. I did not understand what was happening: it was like looking at the sky and seeing colors that did not make sense. Generally, these were the moments God was calling me out of my comfort zone and challenging me to grow towards being the person He created me to be, rather than the person I had become because of poor decisions. God was calling me to reject the sin and brokenness in my life, to embrace the reality of who I truly am. God calls us in those moments, to allow Him to break down the barriers and walls we have created, to protect ourselves from the world and, honestly, from ourselves.

We have a tendency of trying to see ourselves in a particular way, and that is how we want the world to see us. But the problem is that God sees the truth of us. He recognizes what we have fabricated and seeks to tear it all down. But we can become very afraid of what it is that we will see in ourselves. Therefore, we work diligently at trying to prevent that from happening. We allow fear to prevent God’s grace from helping us to grow in a real relationship with Him. We allow it to remain ‘all about me’.

The truth of the matter is that when I have let go of the fear of what I, and others, might see, God has done some pretty amazing things in my life. It is in those moments that I have come to discover more about God and, in the process, more about myself. It can be painful not because of what God is doing, but because of the choices I can make to stop it from happening.

It is a matter of looking at the sky, seeing an amazing sight, and realizing what it is that is happening. Are you ready to let go of the fear and see the truth of who you are in the eyes of God? He is doing something amazing in your life, and the only question is, do you really understand what it is?

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**

As we enter the 4th month of pandemic there is a quote that keeps coming to my mind from JRR Tolkien’s *The Fellowship of the Ring*. Frodo Baggins, a young hobbit, spent much of his youth wishing he could have a great adventure, like the ones he heard about in stories. As it would happen, he gets his wish; he and a group of companions are given the task of destroying a powerful and evil ring and undergoing an arduous and dangerous journey in order to do so. At a point well into their adventure and yet far from its end, Frodo finds himself bone-tired and scared. Being a hero in a great tale has lost its luster; he wishes he was back home living a life of ordinary days.

“I wish it need not have happened in my time,” he says to Gandalf, the wise wizard mentor of their group, one night as they keep watch together. Gandalf replies, “So do I and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”

I have always loved this quote but recently am finding a new appreciation for it and the place from which Frodo is speaking. I imagine many of us can relate to him and his desire that this chapter was not a part of his story. However, as much as I can relate to Frodo, it is Gandalf’s response that I have been trying to hold on to during COVID. JRR Tolkien was a devout Catholic and his faith infused all of his writings. I see this very clearly in what Gandalf says. He reassures Frodo that he is not alone in his suffering. Something that we as Catholic Christians can be sure of because we have a God who chose to suffer with us. He reminds him not to be overly preoccupied with what is beyond his control but to simply focus on what he can do. In the Gospels, Christ tells us again and again to do. In the Gospels, Christ tells us again and again to not worry but to trust that God will take care of us.

There is actually more to this quote that I had completely forgotten until I went to look it up for this article. Gandalf continues by saying, “There are other forces at work in this world, Frodo, besides the will of evil. Bilbo was meant to find the Ring. In which case, you were also meant to have it. And that is an encouraging thought.” Here again I think we see Tolkien’s Catholic faith shining through in a way that is very applicable to our present situation. I am reminded by it to be encouraged by all of the beautiful kindness and generosity I have seen during this time and to trust that with the Lord’s help we will get through this time. Yes, there have been and there will continue to be many challenges in our world as a result of this virus. However, none of these challenges are beyond the power of God.

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**FROM OUR SEMINARIAN**

**Andrew John Rondelli**

Indulgences: Part 1

What is an indulgence? An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins, the guilt of which God already has forgiven. The graces granted through an indulgence come from all the graces won for us by the saving work of Jesus Christ.

You might be scratching your head as to what an indulgence accomplishes in removing “temporal punishment due to sins.” Remember The Andy Griffith Show episode “Opie the Birdman” (Season 4, Episode 1), when Opie Taylor carelessly kills a mother bird in a tree? When Opie apologizes to his father, Andy Taylor, for killing the bird, Pa replies to Opie, “That won’t bring that bird back to life. Being sorry is not the magic word that makes everything right again.” The next day, we see Opie decide to take the three orphaned birds under his protection: “Since their ma ain’t coming back, and since it’s my fault, and since just being sorry won’t help, I’m going to take over and feed them.”

This anecdote illustrates for us why indulgences are so important. Whenever we sin, we commit an offense against God by disobeying our Creator and Redeemer and enact an injustice against ourselves and most often our neighbors in some way. Recognizing our guilt and having sorrow for our offenses against God and man, we turn to the sacrament of confession (also known as penance or reconciliation) and confess to God through the priest our sins and receive absolution.

However, as Andy Taylor told Opie, being sorry does not make everything right again. That mother bird is dead at the hands of Opie’s carelessness, and the bird’s chicks are hungry and will die without intervention. In a similar way, sins by their very nature are offensive to God and man, and have a ripple effect throughout creation, to varying degrees. For example, a robber owes to his victim what he has stolen and satisfaction for any negative effects of that theft. Worse, a murderer owes to his victim the victim’s very life. Hence the murderer’s sentence in a just court of law would be proportionately higher than the robber’s sentence.

Sin, which is an act based on a disordered attachment to some lesser good (namely wealth, honor, fame, power, or pleasure) over our highest good, incurs a debt to God proportionate to the gravity of the crime. This debt requires satisfaction, or full payment of the debt to God, Who is all good and our Last End. When Opie realizes that his confession of guilt does not make everything right again, he resolves to restitution for killing the mother bird by caring for her chicks. So also we sinners, after receiving absolution in the confessional and making a canonical penance from the priest, have temporal punishment due to sins to repay to God. From this follows our belief in Purgatory, the state in which our souls are cleansed of any remaining sinfulness. But we can limit our stay in or even bypass Purgatory with indulgences!

Stay tuned...for Part 2.
The Sidari Family; Paul, Margie and Jessica are living examples of Faith in Action. Paul has been deeply involved in parish life and a great example of a Knight. He has dedicated himself to working with families in planning funerals for their loved ones in the Ministry of Hope. He has organized and carried out many Rosary events including the annual Million Hail Mary Challenge. Paul volunteers as a Catechist to the Confirmation I & II classes, has served on the Collaborative Parish Council and was chosen to be a member of the Cardinal’s collaborative writing team which assisted in drawing up the blueprint for plans and activities for St Mary/St John’s Parishes. He has faithfully committed serving Christ with the meaning of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity as he starts his 39th year in the Knights, and this past year has held the position of Grand Knight and has led the Fourth Degree Knights as the Faithful Navigator.

Margie is an accompanist for the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative Music Ministry. Since 2012, she has been Leader of the Adult Contemporary Choir at St. Mary Parish. She volunteers in the Music Ministry Community Outreach Program, providing music at the Chelmsford Senior Center for the Table of Plenty suppers, and assists in Rosary events by providing music leadership. In 2017 she joined the Prayer Shawl ministry, knitting shawls for families who need a warm hug, and serves the St. John’s Lasagna Ministry by making lasagnas for the homeless of the Lowell Transitional Center. She loves working activities with Knights of Columbus, Soup and Stations and the many Special Olympics events.

Jessica is a young person who is an excellent example to all youth. She has been involved in the music ministry as both a youth and young adult. She joined in 2016 and has also played her clarinet for special masses. She now loves singing with the 11 am Adult Contemporary Choir on Sundays. She is always working behind the scenes; helping at events Paul and Margie are involved in and always works with a smile on her face.

The Drew Family is a refreshing example of living their faith through love and compassion for Christ. Ross & Mary have four daughters: Mara, Sara, Lara, and Clara, who over the years have shared a love for their St. John’s community through service.

Ross has served in many capacities over the years; altar server trainer, Children Liturgy of the Word leader, and Thursday night bingo volunteer. Along with Mary, they have participated in working with adults as they make their journey of entering our Catholic faith through the RCIA program, and Ross has worked with teens as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Together, they also help to catechize families as they prepare to baptize their children, and both have served on the Parish Council.

Mary plays a key role in our annual VBF week, heading up the group that brings an array of craft activities that help lead the children to learn a lesson of Jesus’ love. And she does this with her daughters by her side! She has also chaperoned the annual summer mission trip, Catholic Heart Work Camp, of which her daughters attended. And on a more personal level, she brings communion to our homebound community, with a smile on her face and a prayer on her lips.

Ross, Mary, Mara and Lara have all served as Catechists over the years at different grade levels, bringing Christ to their students in word and example. And let us not be surprised that the girls have followed suit in their commitment to Christ and community. All girls served as Altar Servers from the time they received first communion until graduating high school; then all transitioned to EMHCs. Ross, Mary, Mara, Lara and Clara still serve as EMHCs.

Coffee and Donuts anyone? For many years, the family coordinated this Sunday morning post-Mass community gathering, that many have become so very fond of!

This is a family that is always willing to help!

Congratulations

to both families from the Bishop Ruocco Council.

A plaque will be awarded at a Mass in the Future to both families.
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 you schedule your intention.

St. John

SAT, JUN 6 4:00 pm: Cole Family: Memorial
SUN, JUN 7 9:30 am: David Smith: 5th Anniversary
6:00 pm: The People of the Parish
THUR, JUN 11 9:00 am: James Petersen: 1st Anniversary
FRI, JUN 12 9:00 am: Seam Patrick Nagle: Memorial
SAT, JUN 13 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, JUN 14 9:30 am: Janice McDermott: Memorial
6:00 pm: John Wayne King, Jr.: 1st Anniversary

St. Mary

SAT, JUN 6 4:00 pm: Elaine Findley: 6 Month’s Mind
SUN, JUN 7 7:00 am: Marguerite Farley: Memorial
11:00 am: Estelle Decker: 2nd Anniversary
MON, JUN 8 7:00 am: Wedding Anniversary
TUE, JUN 9 7:00 am: Pamela Ann Waessner: 7th Anniversary
WED, JUN 10 7:00 am: Amelia Lafauci: LIVING INTENTION
SAT, JUN 13 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
SUN, JUN 14 9:00 am: Alice Gregoire: Memorial
11:00 am: Nora Gambon: Memorial

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

TUESDAY, JUN 9
1Kings 17: 7-16
Psalm 4
Matthew 5: 13-16

WEDNESDAY, JUN 10
1Kings 18: 20-29
Psalm 16
Matthew 5: 17-19

THURSDAY, JUN 11
Psalm 98
Matthew 5: 20-26

FRIDAY, JUN 12
1Kings 19: 9, 11-16
Psalm 27
Matthew 5: 27-32

SATURDAY, JUN 13
1Kings 19: 13-19
Psalm 16
Matthew 5: 33-37

SUNDAY, JUN 14
Deut 8: 2-3, 14-16
Psalm 147
1Corinthians 10: 16-17
John 6: 51-58

A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy.

The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood. We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don’t just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move.
Maureen Cobleigh of Billerica, MA

Maureen Elise Cobleigh, 72, of Billerica, MA and formerly of Tyngsboro, died Monday, March 23, 2020 at Lahey Medical Center.

Born in Lowell, MA she was the daughter of the late Frank and Rita (Leblanc) Cobleigh. She graduated from the Winslow School and Lowell High School. Maureen earned her Bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Lowell Technical Institute and her Master’s degree in education from University of Lowell.

She retired from Billerica Public Schools in 1997 where she was a high school math teacher for 25 years.

Maureen was a communicant of St. Theresa Church of Billerica, MA and St. John the Evangelist Parish of North Chelmsford, MA. Compassion was in her nature and donated platelets for 20 years at Dana Farber.

She enjoyed traveling, playing cribbage, and other card games.

She is survived by her sister, Michelle E Healy and her husband James of Naples, FL, a niece Leigh Davis and her husband Thomas of Nanuet, NY, and two grand-nephews Kevin and Stephen Davis of Nanuet, NY, as well as many close friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral Mass on Monday, June 8th 2020, at 11:00 AM at St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St. N. Chelmsford. Her burial was privately held in Thompson Cemetery, Tyngsboro. Memorials in her name may be made to the Dana Farber Platelets Center at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute P.O. Box 849168 Boston, MA 02284. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com

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