PARISH OFFICE HOURS
The Parish Offices remain closed until further notice. Our phones will be answered during the following hours:
Mondays and Wednesdays • 9 AM - 12 NOON
Tuesdays and Thursdays • 2 PM - 5 PM
No phone hours on Fridays. Leave messages in general voice mail.

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 (reservations NOT required)
Monday - Friday • 7 AM at St. Mary/ 9 AM at St. John
All Masses can be livestreamed

DAILY DEVOTIONS LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE
Monday - Friday • 3 PM • Chaplet at St. John
Monday - Friday • 7 PM • Rosary at St. Mary

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Mondays • 4:00 - 5:00 PM • St. John
Wednesdays • 4:30 - 5:30 PM • St. Mary

EUCHARISTICADORATION
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.

July 12, 2020: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred— or sixty— or thirty-fold. Whoever has ears ought to hear.”
- Matthew 13: 8-9
Sunday, July 12
*Weekend Liturgy • 7:00 am • St. Mary
*Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am • St. John
*Weekend Liturgy • 11:00 am • St. Mary
*Weekend Liturgy • 6:00 pm • St. John

Monday, July 13
Parking Lot Confessions Cancelled
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

Tuesday, July 14
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, July 15
Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet and Holy Hour • 3:00 pm
Reconciliation [in church] • 4:30 - 5:30 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 16
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, July 17
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, July 18
*Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm Mass • St. Mary
*Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm Mass • St. John

Sunday, July 19
*Weekend Liturgy • 7:00 am • St. Mary
*Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am • St. John
*Weekend Liturgy • 11:00 am • St. Mary
*Weekend Liturgy • 6:00 pm • St. John

**RESERVATION REQUIRED**

**St. John Event**

**St. Mary Event**

**CHANGE in CONFESSION LOCATION and TIMES**

Confessions are being move indoors! We will be using Plexiglas barriers, just as we do for the distribution of Holy Communion. However, this Plexiglass barrier is in the shape of an ‘L’ offering a clear view on one side, and a ‘blurred’ side, which will allow for a ‘private’ confession, where the priest and confessor will be unable to see each other. We ask that you please drive into the parking lot as you did with parking lot confessions, and follow the traffic flow to the horseshoe drive in the front of the church. As you exit your car, please put your mask on, and enter the church through the front doors of the church. Attendants will be available to assist.

The Effective Dates and New Hours are Below

Beginning this past Wednesday, July 8th
St. Mary Confessions will be indoors, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Beginning Monday, July 20th
St. John Confessions will be indoors, NEW HOURS of 4:00 - 5:00 pm
NO CONFESSION AT ST. JOHN MONDAY, July 13th

**MASS ON A MOUNTAIN**

**AUGUST 1ST, 2020 DEPART ST. MARY’S AT 7:30 AM**

The youth (and adults) of both St. John’s and St. Mary’s are invited to join us for a hike up Mt. Sandwich in New Hampshire. In addition to the beautiful views that any mountain hike offers, Fr. Brian will celebrate Mass at the peak.

RSVP by emailing Courtney at ccallanan@chelmsfordcatholic.org
Deadline to RSVP is July 27th

Drivers and Chaperones are needed for this trip!!!

Let Courtney know if you can help in this way.

**3RD ANNUAL HAIL MARY CHALLENGE**

1,000,000 Hail Mary’s in 6 Months: June 1 - November 30

Email your counts to psidari@ymail.com, call them into him at (978) 729-1677, OR... drop them off into the black box located at the entrance of the parish offices.

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**Total To Date... 73,989 Hail Mary’s**
Christopher is a wonderful young man and anyone who knows him would describe him as being kind, respectful, and faithful. Christopher is incredibly active in the Chelmsford community and can often be seen lending a hand in a variety of ways. He routinely helps out his senior neighbors; whether they need leaves raked, snow shoveled, or simply someone to visit with them, Chris is happy to help! As a Boy Scout in Troop 77, he has volunteered for many summers at Camp Paul, helping to pass along the values of scouting to young Cub Scouts. He also organizes a yearly fundraiser with his family for the Epilepsy Foundation and works to promote education about the disease in schools. In addition to all that he does in the community, Chris has also served in many ways at St. Mary’s. He takes his faith seriously and does all he can to support his church community. Any time an extra pair of hands is needed for a project at church, Chris will gladly lend his. He has volunteered for many summers at Vacation Bible Fun, helping kids learn about the love of God through fun activities. This past year, Chris also stepped up to fill a great need—teaching 4th grade in Faith Formation. Whatever he is doing, Chris always has a fun and friendly attitude. Next year he will be attending Whitfield State and is going to be missed in Chelmsford, and especially at St. Mary’s. Congratulations, Chris!

CONGRATULATIONS
This year’s $1,000 Kathie Nisco Award has been awarded to Christopher Barrett! No, because, you HAVE seen this article before—June 28th to be exact. But, due to a mis-print of information, it is being re-printed. Our apologies, a picture, and another “Congratulations” to Christopher!

2020 Mass Intentions
Re-Opening
Monday, July 20th
We will let you know when the 2021 calendar opens!

HEY VOLUNTEERS! You are EVERYTHING TO US!
We cannot survive these current days without you!

MOST IMPORTANTLY, we are in need of Parking Lot Attendants for our Confessions and future Curbside Communions. Future, because until we have at least 4 volunteers at each parish helping with this ministry, we will be unable to bring it to fruition. Curbside Communion will happen every Sunday at both parishes, and is meant as a way for our parishioners—who attend Mass via LIVESTREAM because they are still unable to physically be at Mass with us—to be able to receive Holy Communion. Parking Lot attendants will help with the flow of automobile traffic for those who attend.

Although our confessions have moved inside—effective last Wednesday at St. Mary and Monday, July 20th at St. John—attendants will still be required to direct a orderly flow of automobile traffic from the rear parking lot to the front entrance of the church, where individuals will leave their car and enter the church to receive the sacrament. This is a perfect time to be trained in his process, as it is new to all of us.

If you are able to volunteer your time with either of these attendant positions, please email churches@chelmsfordcatholic.org—write VOLUNTEER in subject line—with your contact information and which position and at which parish you would like to volunteer. Training will be provided.
As we have now entered into Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021) the offertory numbers for the weekend of July 4th/5th will be published in next weekend’s bulletin.

Additionally, since the COVID-19 pandemic hit back in March, we are experiencing some delays in getting Finance Reports to you. We are in the process of gathering and organizing Q3 and Year-End data, which we will be presenting soon. We thank you for your patience.

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Promoting the Gospel (June 28th) | $563

### St. John Weekly Offertory

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Promoting the Gospel (June 28th) | $738

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### St. John Weekly Offertory

- Visit our website at [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org](http://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.

### St. John Weekly Offertory

- Visit our website at [www.chelmsfordcatholic.org](http://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.
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

Current Council Members are ...

**St. John Members**
Scott Davidson (co-chair)  Laura Conte
Ray Wagner                  Karen Drake
Mike Condor                 Jessica Hägg
Katrina Horan               Matthew Kunze (youth)
Beth Jacavanco              Cathy Latina
Drew Jubinville             Lori McDonald
Angela McMaster             Steve McMillan
Ellen St. George            Augustine Tweneh
Delaney Schiefen (youth)    Alma (Chicki) Rigazio
Augustine Tweneh            Paul Therrien

**St. Mary Members**
Peter Lando (co-chair)  John Bagni
Lora Conte                 Jeff Brown
Rob Donnelly               Celeste Dunn
Karen Drake                Grace Ann Steed
Jessica Hägg
Matthew Kunze (youth)
Cathy Latina
Lori McDonald
Steve McMillan
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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 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.
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
lynnanne@chelmsfordcatholic.org
(978) 251-8571, ext 240

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

In response to parent concerns as they relate to the pandemic, the realities of COVID-19 and social distancing restrictions, we are designing an adapted model for the upcoming year.

Lots and lots of planning is going on 'behind the scenes' to provide a family-friendly program that is both enriching and engaging. Fully understanding and appreciating that you have been overwhelmed over the past few month, it is our goal to provide formation that does not add any additional stress to your family life.

"Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!"

- Psalm 31: 19

Growing in Faith through Reflection on the Readings...

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55: 10-11
The prophet Isaiah assured the captive Israelites exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful. Does this bring you comfort or distress? Why?

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8: 18-23
Paul speaks of a spiritual connection and yearning for freedom (redemption) shared between us and creation itself. What do you think a redeemed creation looks like?

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 13: 1-23
Why do you think Jesus explains the parable of the sower to his disciples but not to the crowds?
One day when I was at a friend’s house, he showed me one of those ‘pictures in a picture’. What I mean is, when you look at it you see one picture, but after you stare at it long enough another picture emerges. I think the picture “on top” was some sort of sunset over the water. The picture “underneath” was supposed to be a sailboat, dolphins leaping, and other such things. I remember staring at this picture for 20 or 30 minutes, and honestly, I never saw anything but the sunset. People kept trying to help me see the other picture. They gave me very specific instructions about what to do, but no matter how many different strategies I tried it did not make any difference. I was not able to see whatever everyone else could see.

Life is kind of like that. We are confronted with various situations in our lives and we are called to understand what is occurring. We are called to try to discern the meaning that exists in a particular event. The problem is that many times as we listen to other people telling us what is happening and what it means, it does not seem to make sense to us. We can mull over what has occurred and yet not be able to see the picture they are seeing. For some very simple reasons, it is hard sometimes to communicate to others what we are encountering.

The question then is, how can one try to really communicate the picture that he or she is seeing? How can you help the other person recognize that the picture you are seeing is as real and valid as what they are seeing, which might not even be close? It is about growing in good communication.

We grow in good communication skills as we come to discover who the other person is. How does this other person process information? We do not all process events in the same way. Some experience an event through their emotions while others do so through their intellect. Neither way is better than the other, and each has its strengths and weaknesses. But how we process what is happening will affect our understanding of what has occurred. When we talk about what has happened, its ultimate meaning could be, and most likely will be, different for each person. This can lead to misunderstanding and frustration if we expect the other person to process events exactly as we do.

We also have to realize that our life experiences impact the way we interpret events in our lives. We have to be honest with ourselves and realize that our own take on a particular situation will always be affected by the events of our past. Therefore, we cannot expect that another person will see things exactly our way. Instead, they too are impacted by their own past, which influences the way they come to terms with events that occur.

Finally (and I know this is not politically correct, but it is still true), men and women are different. How they view the world and how they encounter events is impacted by their gender. But, it is important to note that one is not better than other—just different.

Good communication takes all of these and other factors into account. Communication is not about trying to convince someone that they are right or wrong. It is not about getting them to see the picture as you see it, or to see the ‘picture in the picture’. Rather, it is about creating a sense of mutual understanding that will give each person insight as to how the other perceives a particular issue or event. This understanding allows for a deeper appreciation and further discovery of the other person. In the end, it can lead people to come to an agreement that is mutually beneficial, which might be simply to agree to disagree.

The biggest trap we can fall into when trying to communicate our experiences, feelings, and so forth is our need for others to see the picture just the way we do. But, for most people that will not be possible. And it is here that the biggest frustrations in our relationships with others can arise. We create impossible expectations of others and then become disappointed when they cannot fulfill them. We interpret their “refusal” to see the picture we see as coming from their insensitivity.

The truth of the matter is simply that they are different from us, and so they will see things differently than we do. I was never able to see that ‘picture in the picture’ but that did not mean that I thought the people around me were lying. Rather, for whatever reason, my eyes simply could not focus in the way that would allow me to see it. I was fascinated by what they told me they saw and honestly wished I could have seen it myself.

We are called to do for others what God does for us. We are called to meet people where they’re at—to accept them for who they are in the moment. That does not mean we don’t challenge people to embrace the truth of the faith, or Christ. But is that something they’re ready for? Can they focus on the picture of life right now and see the reality of God in it? We are all on different paths in our journey with the Lord. The picture we see of Christ in our lives and in the world is not so clear on every path.

Our lives as Christians are about helping people see the ‘picture in the picture of life’, which is Jesus Christ. But let us never forget that what is easy for us to see is not always that easy for others to see. Rather than getting frustrated with them, let us try to discover what might help to bring their lives into focus.

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.
What Kind of Seed Am I?

Jesus taught using parables, and I think most of us could talk about many if not all of them without even looking in the Bible. The Parable of the Sower is extremely well known thanks, in part, to the musical, “Godspell.” Acting out what happens to each kind of seed was humorously portrayed and quite memorable.

But it’s also well-known because we can see ourselves as the different types of seed, depending on how our faith has grown. We want to be the good seed. We want to be the source of great fruit not only in our own lives, but also in the lives of others. We want to believe that we truly understand what it means to be an effective disciple.

I confess, there are times that I can still be all four kinds of seed, even after declaring my life is for Jesus; that I am a daughter of The King.

- **Seed on the path**
  Not really understanding the importance of what God is telling me.

- **Seed on rocky ground**
  Not able to publicly acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

- **Seed among thorns**
  Not fully trusting that God will provide what I need.

- **Seed on good soil**
  Ah, at last: I get it; I proclaim; I trust; God works miracles!

What kind of seed will you be in the face of so much going on in our country and our world?

We need to pray: to understand God’s Word; to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord; to trust that all things are possible with God; to be willing to pay the price of being the fruitful seed.

Let’s pray for each other that we can be part of a tremendous harvest for the Kingdom of God.

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**FROM OUR FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR**

ELAINE KINDLER

During the recent race riots we heard the term “White Privilege.” What does that mean? Those of us who are white find it difficult to see that we constantly receive special treatment because of social systems built to prioritize people with white skin.

Recently a woman told me her story...

She was fourth in line at a red light. After some time she and the others recognized that the light was not going to change. The second car went through the intersection, then the third, and finally she went. As she went through, she noticed that the driver of the first car—still waiting for the light to turn—was black. Immediately she felt the fear that driver felt if he would go through the red light.

Father Richard Rohr wrote about ‘white privilege.’ “The ego believes the lie that there isn’t enough to go around and that for me to succeed or win, someone else must lose. And so we’ve greedily supported systems and governments that work to our own advantage at the expense of others, most often people of color or any highly visible difference. The advances of the white person was too often at the cost of other people not advancing at all. A minor history course should make this rather clear.”

In Saint John’s Gospel (15:17) we hear Jesus say to the Apostles, and to us: “I demand that you love each other, for you get enough hate from the world.” In another place John writes, “If you cannot love the person next to you whom you see, how can you love God whom you have never seen?”

Father Rohr continues: “If God operates as me, God operates as ‘thee’ too, and the playing field is utterly leveled forever. Like Jesus, Francis, Clare and many other humble mystics, we then rush down instead of up. In the act of letting go and choosing to become servants, community can at last be possible. The illusory state of privilege just gets in the way of neighboring and basic human friendship.”

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**FROM OUR SENIOR PRIEST IN RESIDENCE**

FR. COLLETTI
THANK YOU to all who have submitted and shared with us thus far. I believe I speak for all when I say that we truly enjoy reading your words! It is one more way that we are bound together in community—a true showing that we are really more alike than we are different. I continue to invite others to come forward, as the Spirit leads….

Please email to christine@chelmsfordcatholic.org In the subject line, please reference BULLETIN ARTICLE, and within the body of the email, please let me know if, in addition to publishing it in the bulletin, I have your permission to share it via Flocknote. If editing is required, I will send it to prior to publishing.

OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCE

Cain and Abel are making an offering. Abel’s sacrifice is pleasing to God, Cain’s is not. This gives rise to the sin of hatred, and fratricide is its resolution. The thirsting earth soaks up Abel’s blood as it shouts to heaven for vengeance. This shouting prefigured the scene on Calvary, where Christ’s Blood cried to heaven for the redemption of mankind.

Millenia pass, and now we see Israel oppressed by Egypt. God commands the people to kill a lamb and to sprinkle the doorposts with its blood; houses thus besprinkled are spared by the messenger of death. But where the doors are not reddened with the blood of the lamb, all male firstborn from king to slave die. This blood on the doorposts was a type of the Blood of Christ. Can the blood of a lamb save a man? No, but as a figure of the Redeemer’s Blood it certainly does. For when the Destroyer sees the thresholds of a human heart marked with Christ’s sacred Blood, he must pass by. And another soul is saved.

In a vision the prophet Isaias saw a man treading out grapes (in the Orient, trampling upon grapes in the wine-press was the usual means of extracting the juice). The prophet asked the man: "Why are your garments so red? "The wine-press I have trodden alone," he answers, "because from the nations there is no one with me." The trodder of the wine-press is Christ, His garments crimsoned by the Blood of redemption.

Excerpted from The Church’s Year of Grace, Pius Parsch

NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCE

The Church reminds us of the first drops of blood that flowed for our redemption on the day when Jesus was circumcised.

It is night on Mount Olivet, and the moon is shining. We see the holy face crimsoned with blood during the agony in the garden. Unhappy, despairing Judas casts the blood-money down in the temple. "I have betrayed innocent blood!"

In the scourging chamber we see the Lord in deepest humiliation; under raw strokes the divine Blood spurts out over the floor. Christ is led before Pilate. Pilate shows the blood-covered Body to the crowds: Ecce homo! We go through Jerusalem’s streets following the bloody footsteps to Golgotha. Down the beams of the Cross blood trickles. A soldier opens the sacred side. Water and Blood.

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Catholic teaching on social justices calls us to work to protect the dignity of all members of our one human family by confronting racism in all its forms.

During this significant time in our nation’s history, we must come together as a faith community to be leaders in the fight against racism. This is more than simply not being racist—it is about being actively anti-racist. It is about standing in solidarity with our sisters and brothers who have been harmed by the evil of racism. It is about working to ensure that people of color are treated equally in all aspects of American life.

This will not be an easy journey, but it is one we will embark on together through prayer, listening, and responding. As a first step on this journey, the Collaborative Social Justice Committee is organizing an event this summer to listen to the stories and experiences of members of our community with racism. We are currently seeking people who would be willing to share their stories during this event.

If you would like to speak about your experiences during this event or are interested in learning more about the Social Justice Committee, please email Craig at cbonaceto@gmail.com.

The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

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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, JUL 11**: 4:00 pm: Norman Dubois: 17th Anniversary
- **SUN, JUL 12**: 9:30 am: For the People of the Parish
- **THU, JUL 16**: 9:30 am: Doris Rita Leo: Memorial
- **SAT, JUL 18**: 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
- **SUN, JUL 19**: 9:30 am: Donald J. Morand: 20th Anniversary
  - 6:00 pm: John Ryan: Memorial

### St. Mary

- **SAT, JUL 11**: 4:00 pm: Michael Harkin: 18th Anniversary
- **SUN, JUL 12**: 7:00 am: For the People of the Parish
  - 11:00 am: Joseph & Mary Fischer and Ken & Dolores Dobbins: Memorial
- **MON, JUL 13**: 7:00 am: Marguerite Farley: Memorial
- **TUE, JUL 14**: 7:00 am: Marie & Joseph Porcello: Memorial
- **WED, JUL 15**: 7:00 am: Brigit Sebastian: Memorial
- **FRI, JUL 17**: 7:00 am: For the People of the Parish
- **SAT, JUL 18**: 4:00 pm: Dennis Harrington: Memorial
- **SUN, JUL 19**: 7:00 am: Margaret Conley: 1st Anniversary
  - 11:00 am: Jennifer Casanova: 10th Anniversary

### St. John's Beautification Offering

This offering funds the beautification of our Altar. Your voluntary donation can be accompanied by the request that it be “In Memory/Appreciation Of,” or “For the Intentions Of” someone.

- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Palermo, Sr.
- Mr. and Mrs. William Chase
- George and Irene Toohey
- Nurses, Doctors, Essential Workers

**Monday, July 12**
- Isaiah 1:10-17
- Psalm 50
- Matthew 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday, July 13**
- Isaiah 7:1-9
- Psalm 48
- Matthew 11:20-24

**Wednesday, July 14**
- Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16
- Psalm 94
- Matthew 11:25-27

**Thursday, July 15**
- Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19
- Psalm 102
- Matthew 11:28-30

**Friday, July 16**
- Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22
- Psalm [Isaiah 38]
- Matthew 12:1-8

**Saturday, July 17**
- Micah 2:1-5
- Psalm 10
- Matthew 12:14-21

**Sunday, July 18**
- Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
- Psalm 86
- Romans 8:26-27
- Matthew 13:24-43

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**Funerals Recently Celebrated**

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

- **Beverly Murphy**: July 10 at St. John
- **Timothy Moyrihan**: July 10 at St. John
- **Jean Phair**: July 18 at St. Mary

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There is an appointed time for everything,
And a time for every affair under the heavens.
A time to give birth, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to tear down, and a time to build up.
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance.
A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them;
A time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces.
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to cast away.
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
A time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time of war, and a time of peace.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Helen (Senoski) Murray of Lowell formerly of Chelmsford

Helen (Senoski) Murray, age 93, of Lowell, formally of Chelmsford passed away on Monday, April 13, 2020 at D’Youville Senior Center in Lowell.

She was pre-deceased by her husband of 29 years the late William P. Murray, who passed in July 1978.

Born in Lowell, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Amelia Senoski. She graduated from Lowell High School with the class of 1944 and worked for many years for Hockmeyer Textiles before starting her family. After raising her children she worked for many years at Mrs. Nelson’s Candy House where she enjoyed her interaction with the customers and keeping up with the local news.

Helen was a devoted homemaker to her husband, children and grandchildren. She loved hosting their holiday celebrations. She enjoyed time with the girls, childhood friends, and later on trips to the lake with new friends who became family. She enjoyed gardening and spending time at the beach.

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

She was a proud longtime resident of Chelmsford.

She is survived by her sons, David and his wife, Gail Murray of Dracut and Christopher and his wife, Susan Murray of Pepperell, grandchildren, Brian Murray, Jeffrey Murray, and Sarah Murray along with many nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Michael Senoski, Joseph Senoski and Vivian Burns.

The family would like to thank the staff at the D’Youville Senior Center for the wonderful care they provided Helen particularly Tymphony who was especially good to her.

Due to Covid-19, there was a private Graveside Service at St. Patrick Cemetery in Lowell. Online guest book is available at www.dolanfuneralhome.com ARRANGEMENTS BY DOLAN FUNERAL HOME 978-256-4040.