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.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**WEALDEND 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

**WEALDAY 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 at 3 PM • Chaplet at St. John
- Monday - Friday at 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

**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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**St. Mary Church • 25 North Road • Chelmsford, 01824**

**St. John the Evangelist Church • 115 Middlesex Street • North Chelmsford, 01863**

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July 19, 2020: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of the Father.”

- Matthew 13: 43
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

Monday, July 20
Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John
* LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
Curbside Confessions • CANCELLED
* LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 21
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 22
Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John
* LIVEVIEW Chaplet and Holy Hour • 3:00 pm
Curbside Confessions • CANCELLED
* LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 23
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 24
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 • CANCELLED
* LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 25
Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm Mass • St. Mary
Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm Mass • St. John

Sunday, July 26
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

**PLEASE NOTE THAT AS OF THE PUBLICATION OF THIS BULLETIN, IT HAD NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED WHETHER OR NOT LIVESTREAM DEVOTIONS WOULD RESUME THIS WEEK. WE WILL UPDATE AS WE LEARN MORE VIA FLOCKNOTE and WEBSITE NOTICES. ADDITIONALLY, YOU WILL ALSO BE NOTIFIED IN THIS MANNER OF ANY CANCELLED MASSES.**

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

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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Due to the spouse of a staff member having tested positive for COVID-19, the following is in effect immediately!

According to an official from the Board of Health, due to the safety measures we have implemented, the risk of transmission to any parishioner is extremely low especially since all clergy members and seminarians tested negative for COVID-19 on July 12th. However, they will remain in quarantine until July 26th. Fr. Brian, who has been away, will reside elsewhere until the end of the quarantine.

We have been asked by many about how this COVID+ test may have impacted them in relation to their attendance at Mass last weekend. Although HIPAA laws do not allow us to tell you the name of who tested positive, what we can tell you is this...

An individual who unknowingly had contact with someone who had been exposed to the virus, was in attendance at the St. John 4 pm Mass last Saturday, July 11th. Please note that this individual was in step with all recommended protocols as implemented by the CDC, Governor Baker and the Archdiocese. If you attended this Mass, we suggest contacting your medical provider for their professional opinion as to what step you should take in the interest of your health and the health of others. Again, it is worth re-stating: according to an official from the Board of Health, due to the safety measures that we [the Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative] have implemented, the risk of transmission to any parishioner is extremely low especially since all clergy members and seminarians have tested negative. In the spirit of diligence, if you did attend the St. John 4 pm Mass, we kindly ask that you not attend Mass for the next 2 weekends. If you attended any of the other Masses this past weekend, we leave the choice to you as to how to best move forward for your own personal safety and that of your loved ones.

**CANCELLATIONS/ SUSPENSIONS**

- 3 pm LIVESTREAM Chaplet and 7 pm LIVESTREAM Rosary have been suspended until we hear differently from Fr. Brian. As he has been away and not exposed to possible infection and the churches have been, and will continue to be, professionally sanitized, he may reinstate these devotions this week.
- Monday and Wednesday Parking Lot/Curbside Confessions have been suspended until conclusion of quarantine.
- Friday Parking Lot Adoration has been suspended until conclusion of quarantine.

**CELEBRATION OF WEEKEND MASSES**

- Until the quarantine has ended—Sunday, July 26th—all weekend Masses WILL BE celebrated by Fr. Brian. As he has been away on vacation and hasn’t had any contact with the staff member whose spouse tested positive, he is available to safely celebrate Masses. However, Mass can ONLY be celebrated if there is sufficient volunteer staffing. If there is not, then the affected Mass(es) will need to be cancelled.
- IF YOU ARE A VOLUNTEER at any of our weekend Masses, and do not feel comfortable coming to Mass, please email Tina at tsousa@chelmsfordcatholic.org. We are most grateful for your service and do not want you to feel obliged to participate in any activity in which you are not comfortable.
- The announcement of any weekend Mass cancellation(s) will be made by 10 am Friday morning via Flocknote and website notifications.

**CELEBRATION OF DAILY MASSES**

- Daily Masses will resume this coming week under their regular schedule.
- Because Fr. Brian is the only collaborative priest not quarantining, he is the only priest available to celebrate BOTH Daily AND Funeral Masses.
- Some daily Masses may be cancelled, as a Funeral Mass will take precedence. We still have many brothers and sisters who were not afforded proper burial due to this pandemic, and I think we can all agree that to properly lay them to rest is of utmost importance in our faith.
- You will be given ample notice of any cancelled Masses via Flocknote and website notices.

**PARISH OFFICES NOT STAFFED, HOWEVER.....**

The offices are closed to all staff members until Monday, July 27th. Phones will be remotely manned between the hours listed below in order to accommodate our parishioners who do not have computer access so they can make their weekend Mass Reservation.

- **Monday [9 am - 5 pm]**
- **Tuesday [2 pm - 3 pm]**
- **Wednesday [9 am - 5 pm]**
- **Thursday [2 pm - 3 pm]**

We ask that any other business be addressed via email or direct extension [staff emails and extensions can be found on page 5], or phoned in the following week in order to keep our phone lines open for these individuals.
We have now entered into Fiscal Year 2021 which runs July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021! Due to COVID-19, our current budget number, as listed below, is subject to change.

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.

Lastly, due to the staff quarantine, the offertory numbers for last weekend—July 11th/12th—are not available to report this week. This coming weekend’s numbers will also not be available for next weekend’s bulletin. We will catch up on offertory reports as soon as we are able.

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### ST. MARY Online Giving

- 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 WeShare

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

**St. Mary Members**
John Bagni  Jeff Brown
Paul Brzezenski  Celeste Dunn
Grace Ann Steed

**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

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 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.
Family Faith Formation Program

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

WELCOME TO THE SEASON OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Beginning this week, and straight through to September, our 2nd graders will be receiving the Gift of the Eucharist for the very first time. They and their families have been so very patient, waiting for the time when this celebration could take place. As we welcome them to the table, let us pray…

O Jesus, You have loved us with such exceedingly great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist. Inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Your glory by praying for (our children/ your child’s name) to prepare worthily to approach Your holy table for the first time.

Saint John the Baptist, forerunner of the Messiah, prepare the way for Jesus in the heart of (these children/your child’s name).

Saint Tarcisius, keep safe the children who are making their First Holy Communion.

Growing in Faith through Reflection on the Readings…

FIRST READING: WISDOM 12: 13, 16-19
The Jewish sage speaks of God as master of all, who judges us with clemency and governs us with leniency. What are some areas of your life that make you grateful for a merciful God?

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8: 26-27
Paul teaches the Christians in Rome that the Spirit helps us “to pray as we ought.” When do you find yourself most at prayer?

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 13: 24-43
We hear today a series of parables describing aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven: the parable of the weeds among the wheat, the parable of the mustard see, and the parable of the yeast. What do you think makes Jesus’ parables such an effective method for teaching about the mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven?
It was back in high school that I first started working on computers. We had state-of-the-art equipment (in a sense) for the day—the Radio Shack TRS-80. It was affectionately called the “trash-80.” It was an interesting machine to use: you saved your programming work on a cassette tape. The only problem was that you had to remember the volume level you used when you were recording. If the volume was not set at the same level when reading the information off the tape, you would lose your program. Trust me when I say that I lost a lot of programs using that system. It could get quite frustrating. But that year of taking computers paid off in the end. When I went to Boston College and decided to continue working on computers, I signed up for the same programming language (BASIC) that I took in high school.

At the first class, the professor outlined ten different subjects he would be covering. He said, if you know how to do these ten things, you do not belong here. After class I went to the professor and told him I knew all of that stuff—so what should I do? He responded, “Take the class and get an easy A. Or, go speak to Professor Gips in the Computer Science Department and see if he will let you take the next class up.” I decided to speak to Professor Gips. I told him what the teacher had said and wondered if I could take his class. We talk for a bit. I think he wanted to discern how much I really knew. When we were done, he said to me, “I have two classes for Structured Programming, at 11 am and 2 pm. The 2 pm class will probably be your best bet for an opening.” I went to the 2 pm class and was able to get in, and so he signed the form that allowed me to take the class.

As the semester progressed, I got to know some of my classmates better. And one day in the middle of the semester they started talking about their GPAs (I don’t remember why). They turned to me and asked, “so, what’s yours?” I responded, “I don’t have one yet.” They replied, “What do you mean you don’t have one?” I told them, “I’m only a freshman and this is my first semester in college.” They were flabbergasted. Freshmen did not usually take this class, which is something I did not realize at that point. They were doubly surprised because of how well I was doing in the class. I have to admit that it was not so much about my being smart, but that programming has just always come natural to me. And I was generally helping them to understand some of the concepts Professor Gips was teaching.

When I started at BC, I began as a history major (probably still my favorite subject). But the more I got into computers, the more I realized I was good at it and I really enjoyed it. I always assumed I would graduate with a history degree and maybe teach, like my Dad. But this experience helped me realize that I had another option.

In fact, at the end of my freshman year Professor Gips hired me as one of the Teaching Assistants in the Computer Science Department. From that point on, my life took a very different trajectory than the one I had envisioned in high school. It is interesting that a class I took in high school, because it sounded more interesting than physics, put me on a path I did not see coming at all.

The more classes I took in computer programming, the more hooked I got. I could literally spend hours programming, losing track of time completely. I would get so focused on the problem to be solved that it was the only thing I could really think about. This “problem” helped me realize that there was probably something here for me. I had a subject I loved, was very good at it, and I could actually make some money doing something I loved when I graduate. It seemed like a win-win situation. But who would have known that a decision made in high school would change the direction I foresaw so clearly for my life.

How often this happens in our lives that the small choices we make can start us down paths we do not even know exist, or that would be a possibility for us. This is also true in how we come to live out our faith in Christ. We often think that the big decisions we make in our faith journey are the most important, but the reality is that those big decisions usually are a product of a bunch of smaller decisions.

Small decisions like: Whether or not we choose to pray every day. Whether or not we choose to read scriptures every day. Whether or not we choose to stop and ask ourselves, what is Christ calling me to do or say in this moment? Whether or not we choose to look to our faith for the real answers to what is occurring in our lives. Whether or not we decide that each day—really each moment—we must try to discover God in the here and now. Whether or not I am going to seek to live in the moment. Whether or not I am going to live my life in gratitude to my God. Whether or not I am truly willing to take up my cross and follow Christ no matter where He leads me. Whether or not I am willing to live each day in humble submission to the will of God.

These are the small decisions we make each day that will help us determine the larger ones. And it is really these small decisions that will determine the path we will ultimately take.

Let us decide wisely on these small choices!

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.
FROM OUR ASST DIR OF FAITH FORMATION
COURTNEY CALLANAN

Early this year, I subbed in a second-grade faith formation class. It was the last class before this group was scheduled to make their First Reconciliation, and so we were reviewing what they needed to know about the sacrament. After going over an age-appropriate Examination of Conscience, one of the little girls said to me, “I don’t do that many sins.” Before I could say that even if we do not sin a great deal, it is still important to be sorry for the sins we do commit, she added with a great sigh, “...but I do a couple of sins a lot.”

I thought to myself, “You and me both, honey, you and me both.” This is a fact that I have been more conscious of during the pandemic. There is something about having priests I know (i.e., Fr. Brian and Fr. Corey) hear my confession that makes me more acutely aware that my list of sins each month is remarkably similar to my list from the previous month. “I don’t do that many sins…” (big sigh) “...but I do a couple of sins a lot.” I suspect that the second-grader and I are not alone in having this struggle and it can be a terribly frustrating one.

Blessedly I came across a video on Ascension Presents from Fr. Mike Schmitz* where he talks about this not being the “all is lost” situation it can feel like at times. He makes two points. First, that confessing the same sins time and time again is a good thing, in the sense that at least we know specifically where we need to do better and what we need to work on. He points out that it is far easier to improve when we know what the problem is; if we know that we are committing a particular sin each month, we can pay attention to it and improve.

Second, he points out that if we are confessing the same things every time we go to confession, we may have lost sight of the fact that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is certainly a place where we receive forgiveness for our sins, but also an invitation to repentance and conversion. He suggests that when we go to confession we should both name our sins and, in Jesus’ name, renounce them. This, he says, will help us to remember that in confession we are not only forgiven but are made new.

*I highly recommend watching the video itself. Confessing the Same Sins Over and Over Again on youtube- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlyxGLXWHls

FROM OUR SEMINARIAN
Andrew John Rondelli

Indulgences: Part 2

In Part 1, we focused on why Christ instituted through the Catholic Church indulgences, to satisfy for the punishment due to the absolved sins we have committed in our life. Let us now consider how a Catholic is to obtain an indulgence, following Pope Paul VI’s admonition that indulgences have “prescribed conditions through the intervention of the Church,” the “minister of Redemption.”

The Enchiridion Indulgentiarum, or Manual of Indulgences, defines an indulgence as “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain and clearly prescribed conditions through the intervention of the Church, which, as the minister of Redemption, dispenses and applies authoritatively the treasury of the expiatory works of Christ and the saints.” Let’s try to break this definition down and apply it to the acquiring of indulgences.

First, a person seeking an indulgence must be a baptized Catholic, not excommunicated, and in the state of grace when executing the work of the indulgence. A person also needs to have the sincere intention of gaining the indulgence before doing the particular work associated with it.

An indulgence may be applied either to oneself or to a deceased person in Purgatory by petitioning God that the act be applied accordingly, but not to other living persons, respecting each person’s freedom to choose to serve God.

An indulgenced act is one that is approved by Holy Mother the Church, e.g., praying the Rosary in a church or in a family or gathering of the faithful, Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament for at least one half hour, the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, and the devout reading of Sacred Scripture for at least one half hour. The Church deems these acts to be so beneficial to the faithful that one who completes any of these religious works and fulfills the necessary requirements receives a plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence remits all temporal punishment of the Catholic who acquires it. The faithful may gain a plenary indulgence only once in the course of a day, unless at the hour of death.

The necessary requirements to gain a plenary indulgence include performing the indulgenced work, having detachment from all sin, including venial sin, and fulfilling these three conditions: 1) making a sacramental confession within 20 days of the indulgence sought; 2) receiving Most Holy Communion within 20 days of the indulgence sought; 3) praying for the intentions of the Pope, such as with one Our Father and Hail Mary.

But there are also partial indulgences, granted to the Catholic who does not fulfill all these requirements for a plenary indulgence. Partial indulgences remit some temporal punishment due to sin. Acts of mercy and charity, penance, and acts of devotion, including pious invocations, in themselves are not as arduous and lengthy as acts worthy of plenary indulgence. Yet they still qualify as partial indulgences. Partial indulgences, unlike plenary indulgences, may be obtained multiple times on the same day.

To aid us along the straight and narrow way, here are some indulgenced prayers to begin gaining partial indulgences each day: “My sweetest Jesus, be not my Judge, but my Savior!” “Jesus, My God, I love Thee above all things!” “Jesus, Mary, Joseph!” “Mary, most sorrowful Mother of all Christians, pray for us!” “Divine Heart of Jesus, convert sinners, save the dying, deliver the holy souls from Purgatory!”
As we continue to practice social-distancing, is there a ‘thought’ or reflection that you would like to share with us? If so, please email it 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. Thanks to all who have submitted!

Keep ‘em Coming!

St. Mary Parishioner, Bob Camacho, submitted the following to be shared. He has been inspired to jot down the following one-liners—none original—and thought some may be inspiring to you! Bob, thank you for spreading some good news and words to live by!

- Death is the happiest event in life for those who have prepared for it.
- We’re all gonna die; so what!!!
- What do we not see that the Lord is presenting to us? (remove the scales from our eyes)
- God: “What more can I show you I haven't yet shown?”
- At the 3:00 hour look upon the crucifix.
- Have I found a way to be a bearer of Divine Mercy to the world?
- It is not hard to obey when we love the One whom we obey.
- Wake up in the morning and ask, ‘how do I love today?’
- The one who seeks to fill himself first ends up only being full of himself.
- Make the needs of my neighbor my own.
- Help me to see as You see.
- If you want to follow Jesus, you’d better look good on wood.
- Pray, hope and don’t worry.
- Even if you were the only person on the planet, Christ would have died for you.
- What trial, or obstacle, or sorrow, or affliction can overwhelm the man or woman who trusts in the God who raises the dead?
- Jesus draws all of us into His embrace.
- View each other with the vision of the Creator.
- “Dying to self”: letting go of the parts of ourselves that prevent us from moving closer to God.
- You’re not trying to win an argument, you’re trying to win a soul.
- A saint is not a celebrity.
- Make your life a sacrifice for others.
- Don’t try to just ‘get all your prayers in,’ but try to get ‘into all your prayers.’
- Work so that the Kingdom of God will exist among us today.
- Come Holy Spirit, fill me with Your peace.
- Better the pain of discipline, than the pain of regret.
- Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?
- When our attraction is seen as a gift, as His presence, then the desires of the flesh are not opposed to those of the Spirit.
- Continue on your journey through the city of man to the City of God.
- Do all the good that you can, for all that you can, for as long as you can.
- Life’s goal: The glorification of God in all we say and do and are.
- Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest.
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 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  
**TUE, JUL 21** 9:30 am: Douglas Diette: Memorial  
**SAT, JUL 25** 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish  
**SUN, JUL 26** 9:30 am: J. Edward Clancy: Memorial  
6:00 pm: John Ryan: Memorial

**St. Mary**

**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  
**MON, JUL 20** 7:00 am: Jeannine Bilodeau: 6th Anniversary  
**WED, JUL 22** 7:00 am: Arlene LaPorte: 5th Anniversary  
**THUR, JUL 21** 7:00 am: Orin ad Mary Hibschle: Memorial  
**FRI, JUL 24** 7:00 am: John Dulczewski: 1st Anniversary  
**SAT, JUL 25** 4:00 pm: For the People of the Parish  
**SUN, JUL 26** 11:00 am: Emma Sarno: 21st Anniversary

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**Mass Intention**

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**Rose for Life**

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

This week’s St. John Rose for Life:

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**“Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”**

-Psalm 119:105

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**Monday, July 19**

Micah 6: 1-4, 6-8
Psalm 50
Matthew 12: 38-42

**Tuesday, July 20**

Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20
Psalm 85
Matthew 12: 46-50

**Wednesday, July 21**

Songs 3: 1-4
Psalm 63
John 20: 1-2, 11-18

**Thursday, July 22**

Jeremiah 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Psalm 36
Matthew 13: 10-17

**Friday, July 23**

Jeremiah 3: 14-17
Psalm [Jeremiah 31]
Matthew 13: 18-23

**Saturday, July 24**

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15
Psalm 126
Matthew 20: 20-28

**Sunday, July 25**

1Kings 3: 5, 7-12
Psalm 119
Romans 8: 28-30
Matthew 13: 44-52

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Margaret Ann (Butler) Gervais of Lowell, MA

Mrs. Margaret “Peggy” Ann (Butler) Gervais a 69 year resident of Lowell died Thursday, April 16, 2020 at D’Youville Senior Community.

She was married to the late Mr. Frank J. Gervais, Sr. who died in 1981.

Born in New York City, NY on January 20, 1927, the daughter of the late Michael and Katherine (Lannon) Butler. She was a graduate of Lowell High School with the class of 1945.

She was employed with Southwell Labs in Chelmsford and DuPont Medical Labs in Billerica until her retirement in March of 1992.

Margaret was an active communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in N. Chelmsford where she was a Eucharistic Minister and a member of the Hospitality Group.

She received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition on September 13, 2001 for her outstanding dedication to the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Margaret enjoyed summers at York Beach in Maine, but was most happy spending quality time with her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Predeceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law Mary and “Mac” McMullen of Nashua, NH and Katherine and Fred Haley of Lowell, MA

She is survived by a son Frank J. Gervais, Jr. of Lowell, two grandchildren, Danielle Plourde and her husband, Robert of Dracut, and Joanne Gervais and fiancé DJ Weingarten of Londonderry, NH, a great-granddaughter, Kaylee Plourde of Dracut, MA, a special niece Mary George of Andover, MA., as well as several, nieces, nephews, cousins and close family friends.

There were no visiting hours. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at St. John the Evangelist Church in N. Chelmsford. Burial in Fairview Cemetery, Chelmsford. Memorials may be made in her name to the St. John the Evangelist Church Building Fund, 115 Middlesex St. N. Chelmsford, MA 01863.