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

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

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

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.

Facebook.com/ChelmsfordCath Chelmsford Catholic Collaborative Instagram.com/chelmsfordcatholic

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.

“He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 14: 19-20
St. John Event
St. Mary Event
RESERVATION REQUIRED for all weekend liturgies

Sunday, August 2
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, August 3
Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet of Divine Mercy • 3:00 pm
Curbside Confessions • 4:00 - 5:00 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 4
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, August 5
Daily Mass • 7:00 am • St. Mary
Daily Mass • 9:00 am • St. John
LIVEVIEW Chaplet and Holy Hour • 3:00 pm
Curbside Confessions • 4:30 - 5:30 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 6
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, August 7
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 • 4:00 - 5:00 pm
LIVEVIEW Rosary • 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 8
Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm Mass • St. Mary
Weekend Liturgy • 4:00 pm Mass • St. John

Sunday, August 9
Weekend Liturgy • 7:00 am • St. Mary
Weekend Liturgy • 9:30 am • St. John
Weekend Liturgy • 11:00 am • St. Mary

Parking Lot Adoration will be held from 4:00 - 5:00 pm THIS WEEK rather than the regular schedule of 4:30 - 5:30 pm.
Please help us to pass the word!

REMINDER...

Confessions have moved indoors!

Mondays at St. John • 4:00 - 5:00 pm
Wednesdays at St. Mary • 4:30 - 5:30 pm

As you enter the rear parking lot, 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.

Speaking of attendants.... We are STILL looking for volunteers to serve as Lot Attendants. Since March, we have had two extremely loyal staff members (Thank You Heather and Courtney!) take on this task every week... twice a week. Once fall rolls around, staff will not be able to assist due to the increase in workload that comes with every September. The number of volunteers that come forward will not only determine how often one is scheduled, but will also determine if we will be able to continue offering this sacramental practice. August is a PERFECT time to pass the baton. If you are able to volunteer, please email christine@chelmsfordcatholic.org.

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 (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... 198,972 Hail Mary’s
YOU ARE invited to VBF 2020

Join us for a week of exciting online fun!
Monday, August 3rd - Friday, August 7th

As promised, here is your invitation! An invitation that we are so very happy and proud to share with you! Yet, we are sad, too. Sad that we are unable to share our summer VBF tradition with you in person. But, COVID can’t keep Jesus down, and the VBF spirit WILL NOT BE BROKEN.

Now, back to happy and proud…

We have enjoyed every single minute of putting this virtual program together, and we hope that is evident in your experience of it. If you have a child, or know of a child who is not part of the collaborative, please share this invitation with them. The more the merrier!

Traditionally, the age of those who participate in VBF is pre-k to 5th grade (entering 6th in fall)—known as Funsters—but this year, it is a family affair! Again... the MORE THE MERRIER!

Visit our website to read up on ALL the details, including how to gain access of the videos.

chelmsfordcatholic.org/vbf-vacation-bible-fun

We look forward to sharing this week with you. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email your happy hostesses, Dawn and Christine, at stjohnsvbf@chelmsfordcatholic.org.

PS... NO, there is no registration fee!

2020 Mass Intentions

Have Re-Opened!

We will let you know when the 2021 calendar opens!

Deacon John will be facilitating The Spiritual Exercise of St. Ignatius of Loyola retreat beginning this September. An information/inquiry night will be offered on Thursday evening, August 27th at 7 pm via Zoom. Details of how to attend this meeting can be found in his article on page 8.

Below are the specific dates of this 35-week retreat. All holidays have been taken into account, and since we are meeting via Zoom, weather-related cancellations will not be an issue... :)"
Please remember that your generous and consistent giving is needed and greatly appreciated as the offertory. Although we have entered into Fiscal Year 2021, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are delayed in finalizing the budget, so please be aware that the below *Offertory Budget Number is subject to change*. Additionally, we are also experiencing a delay in getting Q3 2020 and Year-End 2020 Finance Reports to you. We thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Due to needing to catch up on the past 3 weeks of offertory reports due to the recent staff quarantine, we are unable to publish the offertory from this past weekend. The offertory from the weekend of July 25th/26th will be published in next weekend’s bulletin. Please find the previous 3 weeks of offertory reports below.

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Meet Our Staff...

~ CLERGY ~

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Christine Trznadel, Communications Coordinator  
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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  St. Mary Members
Scott Davidson (co-chair)  Peter Lando (co-chair)
Ray Wagner  Laura Conte
Mike Condor  Rob Donnelly
Katrina Wagner  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

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
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Grace Ann Steed

ST. MARY FINANCE COUNCIL

Finance matters concerning St. Mary’s can be sent to:  
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Current Council Members are …

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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.
Due to the current restrictions and health concerns presented by the pandemic, we have made some temporary adjustments to our adult child protection training requirements. All employees and volunteers who may have contact with children continue to be required to complete Protecting God’s Children training. Since we can’t gather together for trainings, this requirement can be met through ‘attending’ two online trainings: VIRTUS online PGC Training and Massachusetts online Mandated Reporter Training.

**ONLINE PGC TRAINING**

www.virtusonline.org

1. Click on “First Time Registrant”
2. Click on “Begin Registration Process”
3. Select “Boston” from the drop down list

Once registration is complete you will be directed to an online PGC training through VIRTUS. Upon completion of that training, individuals will be directed to a link to an additional online training on mandated reporting in Massachusetts. Both online trainings must be completed to be in compliance with child protection requirements.

**MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING**

http://51a.middlesexcac.org/

Send a copy of the mandated reported certificates to Michelle Gee at MGee@rcab.org. Please send a copy of your PGC certificate to Heather.
The other day, as I was finishing the celebration of our first, First Communion Mass at Saint Mary’s, I started the prayer to Saint Michael and completely blanked out as to how it goes. I cannot tell you how often I have prayed this prayer, and sometimes multiple times in a day. And yet there I was, standing before the altar and unable to continue. I have to admit that I started to laugh which, of course, made it even more difficult to remember what I was supposed to say. Eventually I had to simply give up. The congregation found it pretty amusing, as did I. But, at the next First Communion Mass, at Saint John’s, I made sure I had a prayer card with Saint Michael’s prayer on it.

We all have had these moments in our lives when the things we normally do, which are sort of second nature to us, seem to be lost. The harder we try to retrieve them, the more they get out of our reach. And yet, we usually struggle to try to accomplish what appears to be a futile endeavor. After a time we have to admit that we cannot do it.

Living out our faith life can at times feel like this kind of moment. If we are honest with ourselves most of us, at some level, have a general sense of God’s expectations of us. But, when it comes time for us to act or to speak, we have a hard time remembering what is expected of us. We may truly struggle to discern, and the words we want to say can be on the tip of our tongue but they escape us, and so we feel lost in the moment.

The great thing about our faith is that it is not about remembering everything perfectly. Rather, it is about being open to God’s grace. God wants us to succeed. He wants us to come to know his grace in our lives. As Catholics, grace is everything. We cannot do or speak anything of value or merit without grace. Even our desire to do good is based on God’s grace. We are completely dependent on God for all things, even for the ability to act correctly. Recognizing the importance of grace in our lives, the next question might be, what exactly is grace?

The Catechism teaches us “Grace is favor, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God, adoptive sons, partakers of the divine nature and of eternal life.” (1996) “Grace is a participation in the life of God. It introduces us into the intimacy of Trinitarian life: by Baptism the Christian participates in the grace of Christ, the Head of his Body. As an "adopted son" he can henceforth call God "Father," in union with the only Son. He receives the life of the Spirit who breathes charity into him and who forms the Church.” (1997)

For me, there is a simpler definition of grace: any interaction/experience of God is a moment of grace. God, interacting in our life by bestowing his grace on us, will change us in some way. That change is a sign of God’s favor, of his love, which will bring about some level of transformation within us. But it is important to note that God never forces us to accept his grace. It is freely given, and it must be freely accepted.

God wants us to have a real relationship with Him. God wants us to live our earthly life with Him in order to be happy with Him in the next life. It is only possible by grace. On our own we will mess up and make choices that will inevitably lead us away from God. We simply need to look at the scriptures, or human history, to see the truth of this statement. God never wants us to be lost. He will never abandon or forsake us. Instead, He works hard to get us moving in the right direction.

It is pretty incredible to think about the depth of God’s love for us. No matter how much we may reject Him—no matter how far we may go astray—God is always there, patiently waiting to give us what we need to return to Him with our whole heart and being. Again, we simply need to read the scriptures, or look at human history through the eyes of faith, to see the truth of this statement.

We do not deserve God’s grace. We cannot earn it or merit it. Rather, in God’s abundant love for us, He freely offers us his grace as the means to return to Him.

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.
St. Ignatius of Loyola’s Story

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper’s hospice, in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything—prayer, fasting, sacraments, penance. At length, his peace of mind returned.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the Spiritual Exercises.

He finally achieved his purpose of going to the Holy Land, but could not remain, as he planned, because of the hostility of the Turks. Ignatius spent the next 11 years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, his orthodoxy was questioned; Ignatius was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others—one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier—vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity—the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, Ad majorem Dei gloriam—“for the greater glory of God.” In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

Today we live in a society where we are health conscious. We watch what we eat and we even exercise. We spend money on gym equipment and memberships, and some, unlike me, even use them. What about our soul? St. Ignatius designed a retreat to take care of this. This retreat is called the Spiritual Exercises.

What are the Spiritual Exercises?

The Spiritual Exercises grew out of Ignatius of Loyola’s personal experience, as a man seeking to grow in union with God and to discern God’s will. He kept a journal as he gained spiritual insight and deepened his spiritual experience. He added to these notes as he directed other people and discovered what “worked.” Eventually Ignatius gathered these prayers, meditations, reflections, and directions into the carefully designed framework of a retreat, which he called “spiritual exercises.”

Ignatius wrote that the Exercises: “have as their purpose the conquest of self and the regulation of one’s life in such a way that no decision is made under the influence of any inordinate attachment.” He wanted individuals to undertake these exercises with the assistance of an experienced spiritual director who would help them shape the retreat and understand what they were experiencing. The book of Spiritual Exercises is a handbook to be used by the director, not by the person making the retreat.

I have made the Spiritual Exercises many times over the years and have also led others in this amazing journey. It is a life-changing experience—an experience that has brought me much closer to the Lord. However, it requires commitment; commitment to weekly attendance and to the daily prayer, scripture readings and meditations for the 35 weeks.

I will be leading (via Zoom) a group of men and women in these Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, beginning Thursday evening, September 3 from 7 - 8:30 pm. The Spiritual Exercises will continue on for 35 weeks—Thursday evenings—and end on May 27, 2021. An exact schedule is posted on our website and on page 3 of this bulletin.

If you are interested in this journey or have any questions, please join me for an information/inquiry session on Thursday evening, August 27 at 7 pm via Zoom. The Zoom Meeting ID is 991 6356 4924; the password is 586768. Please confirm your attendance at the information/inquiry session by email: deaconjohn@ChelmsfordCatholic.org

Please know you are all in my prayers.

Source: FranciscanMedia.com
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. John Parishioner, Tristan Macdonald, wrote and published the following on his blog in response to the homily delivered by Fr. Colletti on Sunday, June 28th. If you like this article, consider reading more of his writings at www.awalledbutwindyroom.wordpress.com. A Walled but Windy Room is a Catholic blog authored by Tristan. Enjoy!

All the trees of the field shall clap their hands... During the homily at my home parish this past Sunday, the priest made a thought-provoking point. He began by speaking about a hawk that lives in the tallest tree next to the church downtown: this majestic creature, this implacable predator that soars with such a broad wingspan, sometimes deigns to land near him—something that reminds me of both my maternal grandfather, who would feed chickadees (his favorite birds) so often and remain so still that they would land in his hands, and the practice of falconry, at which I can’t help but marvel due to the close cooperation between such a seemingly proud predator and us weak creatures. The priest then said something that struck me: hawks, like other things in nature but unlike us fallen humans, glorify God by just being themselves.

What does this mean? After all, non-human material things have no intellect or will with which to freely praise God, so how can they glorify Him? The answer might lie at least partly in a wise description Joseph Ratzinger gives of Jesus: He exists not for Himself, but for others, “completely open on both sides” to His Father and us. His entire being is self-gift, a pouring out of Himself (though this doesn’t entail that He needed to create us—He didn’t; His self-giving existence is perfectly fulfilled in His love for His Father, whom He does need, so His creation of the universe and humanity was completely gratuitous, done out of sheer love, not mere need).

Because of Jesus’s essence of self-giving, an essence shared by the other persons of the Trinity as well, He and His Father created the things of the universe as gifts to each other. And, because they actively sustain those things in existence at every moment, this gift-giving is ongoing. A hawk’s whole life is a continuing token of love from divinity to divinity; it is God’s glorification of God (which would sound selfish if God were only one person, but is actually the exact opposite due to God’s three-personed nature—the triune reality that makes it possible to identify God with love itself).

So, we exist in the middle of a divine exchange of gifts, in the crossfire of God’s love for God. What a wonder-inspiring way to view the universe! And, most wondrously, we are the crown jewels in that exchange; we, with our intellect and will and resulting capacity to love, are gifts made in the very image of the gift-giver, gifts capable of freely giving themselves. Consequently, we defy our nature and degrade ourselves when we seek primarily to grasp, to covet, to possess. In the words of Robert Barron—originally meant to describe the divine life, but also applying to our own made in divinity’s image—man “only exists in gift form, and when he gives [himself] away he will find more [life] flooding into his heart.”

CONFRONTING RACISM. Catholic teaching on social justices calls us to work to protect the dignity of all members of our one 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 September 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.
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, AUG 1** 4:00 pm: Pietro De Vita: 4th Anniversary
- **SUN, AUG 2** 9:30 am: Iris Garcia Barragan: 1st Anniversary
  6:00 pm: For the People of the Parish
- **MON, AUG 3** 9:00 am: Collaborative Members of the Spiritual Society and Sanctuary Fund
- **TUE, AUG 4** 9:00 am: Rose Mary Amirault: Memorial
- **FRI, AUG 7** 9:00 am: Kathleen Wright: 10th Anniversary
- **SAT, AUG 8** 4:00 pm: Matthew Mulkern: 1st Anniversary
  Florence Mulkern: 9th Anniversary
- **SUN, AUG 9** 9:30 am: Thomas and Mary Crowe: Memorial
  6:00 pm: For the People of the Parish

**St. Mary**

- **SAT, AUG 1** 4:00 pm: Mary Branco: 2nd Anniversary
- **SUN, AUG 2** 7:00 am: For the People of the Parish
  11:00 am: Leo and Rose Fava: Memorial
- **WED, AUG 5** 7:00 am: Joseph Anthony Webb: Memorial
- **THUR, AUG 6** 7:00 am: Marguerite Farley: 2nd Anniversary
- **SAT, AUG 8** 4:00 pm: Michael McDonald: Memorial
- **SUN, AUG 9** 7:00 am: For the People of the Parish
  11:00 am: Mary Corrigan: 1st Anniversary

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**Funerals Recently Celebrated**

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

Alfonso Hontanar • July 31 at St. Mary

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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. The suggested offering for a rose is $5.00.

This week’s St. John Rose for Life:

**In Memory of Nathaly Dickerson**

St. John Rose provided by Anne’s Floral and Gifts

This week’s St. Mary Rose for Life:

**For the Protection of the Unborn**

St. Mary Rose provided by JuJu Buds

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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, Aug 3**

- Jeremiah 28: 1-17
- Psalm 119
- Matthew 14: 22-36

**Tuesday, Aug 4**

- Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22
- Psalm 102
- Matthew 14: 22-36

**Wednesday, Aug 5**

- Jeremiah 31: 1-7
- Psalm [Jer 31]
- Matthew 15: 21-28

**Thursday, Aug 6**

- Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14
- Psalm 97
- 2 Peter 1: 16-19
- Matthew 17: 1-9

**Friday, Aug 7**

- Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3,6-7
- Psalm [Deut 32]
- Matthew 16: 24-28

**Saturday, Aug 8**

- Hebrews 1:12-2:4
- Psalm 9
- Matthew 17: 14-20

**Sunday, Aug 9**

- 1Kings 19: 9, 11-13
- Psalm 85
- Romans 9: 1-5
- Matthew 14: 22-33
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June Alethia Mullin of Milford, MA

June A. (Lambert) Mullin, (AKA Alethia June Mullin), 91, of Milford, Ma and formerly of Chelmsford, died Thursday, May 7, 2020 at the Blaire House of Milford.

She was born in Lowell, the daughter of the late Leon and Margaret (Esposito) Lambert. She attended the Immaculate Conception School and graduated from Lowell High in 1946. She worked at Prince Macaroni, married James R. Mullin Sr., and moved to East Chelmsford to raise a family.

When she retired from Silicon Transistor in Chelmsford, she wintered in Florida and summered in Massachusetts. June loved to travel in cars, ships and planes, with family and many friends. Playing cards, spending time with her family, laughing and smiling, were her best of times. June was generous to all. She was a former communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

June is survived by her children William Mullin of Pepperell, MA, James R. Mullin and his wife Wendy of Foxboro, MA, Robert Mullin and his wife Lori of Townsend, MA, and Donna Pappas and her husband Michael of Townsend, MA. June also has seven beloved grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and a nephew, all her greatest legacy. She was the sister of the late Geraldine Sonius and aunt to the late Richard Sonius.