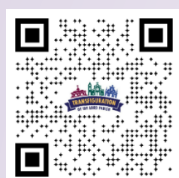
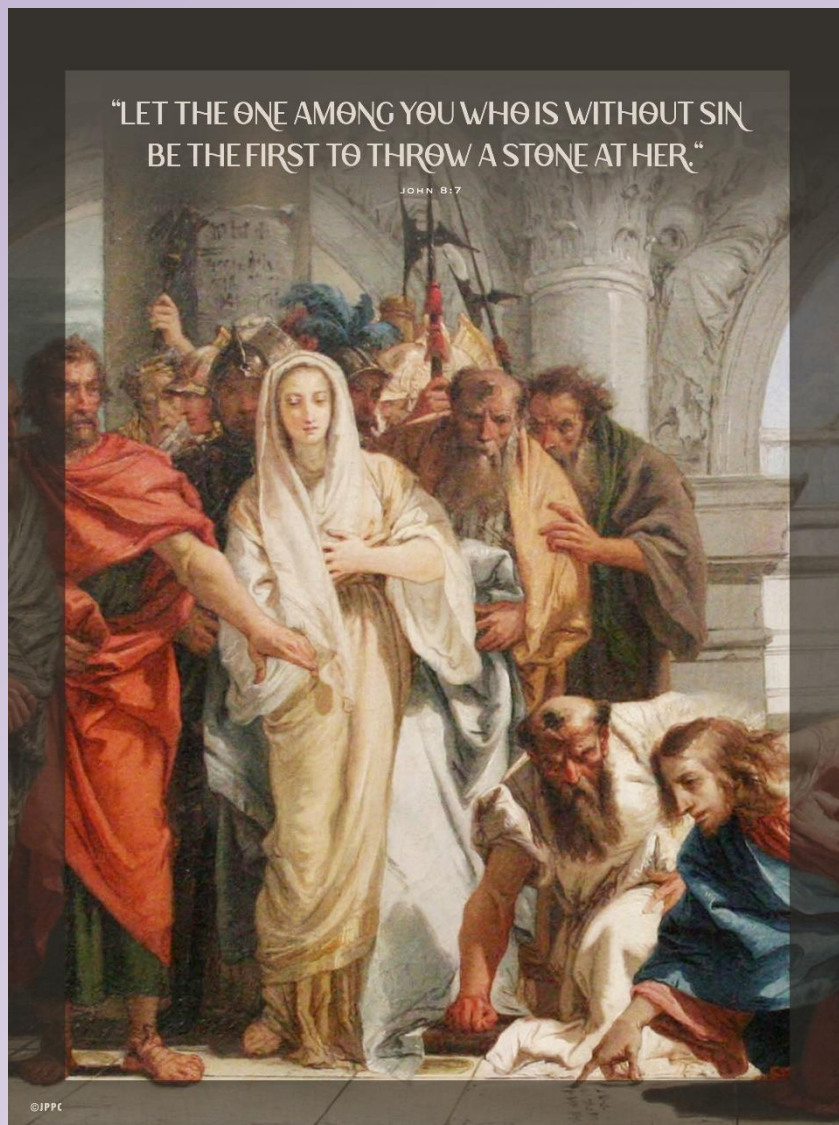


Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled on Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm, with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at stmaryna@noozi.com for more information and available dates.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Saturday morning and afternoon. Please contact the Parish Office at least nine months in advance to begin preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick

Pastoral care to those in need of the sacrament of the sick is arranged with Father Rodney. Please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the 1st Tuesday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am with Morning Prayer and ending at 6:00 pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction.

Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. You are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. You may also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Or you can use this link for on line giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary Church

Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Sunday 9:30 am Saint Mary Church

Sunday 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

Weekday Masses

Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Thursday 8:00 am Communion Service

Saint Mark Church

**Friday 7:00 pm Saint Mary Church*
during Lent**

Links to: Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

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MASS Intentions

April 3 -Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday **April 2**
4:00 pm Joseph Maione

Sunday **April 3**
8:00 am Catherine Lontok

Sunday **April 3**
9:30 am Raymond, Jr., William &
 Richard Vandette

Sunday **April 3**
11:00 am Leo J. Wagner & Dorothy
 Simon

Monday **April 4**
4:30 pm Kyle Johnson

Tuesday **April 5**
8:00 am Lena Marcil

Wednesday **April 6**
4:30 pm Norbert Turek

Thursday **April 7**
8:00 am Virginia & Augusto Almeida
 Judith & Manuel Moreira

Friday **April 8**
7:00 pm

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April 10 -Palm Sunday

Saturday **April 9**
4:00 pm Mary & Joseph Cabral

Sunday **April 10**
8:00 am Tom Cahill

Sunday **April 10**
9:30 am Charles Anastos

Sunday **April 10**
11:00 am Gloria Gaskin

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Please join us

Friday, April 8 in Saint Mary Church,
Father Rodney will be available for
Confessions from 6:00 – 6:25 pm
Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30 pm
Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm

From Father Rodney

“April showers, bring May flowers.” These words can be traced back to England from the 1500s poet Thomas Tusser. Back then, he wrote, “Sweet April showers do spring May flowers.” In England, the month of April brings huge weather swings with the jet stream lifting northward at the start of spring. Here in New England, much of the same can be said. Not too sure about the jet stream but we know that April can be a wet month. By all accounts, it is one of the soupiest months of the year, but it does lead to warmer, longer, and sunnier days.

The Prophet Isaiah in the 43 chapter of this lengthy book of scripture uses an image that is helpful to us as our days of Lent quickly comes to a close. He writes, “for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.” When we think of the desert, we often think of a dry, barren waste that is uninhabitable. Isaiah is aware of this and prophies in the name of the Lord that the unpleasantness of the desert will indeed change, and God will play a major part in bringing about that change because He Himself will put the water there bringing new life. As He vivifies the desert, bringing it new life there is something required of us: God wants us to announce His praise. Spreading the Good News is a requirement of all disciples and not simply the ordained. Water is essential for our existence both: both physical and spiritual. Without water, plants do not grow; without water we cannot survive. If we desire a strong and healthy relationship with God, we need to drink of the waters of His wellspring. As our Lenten days begin to come to an end, have we used these days to ready ourselves to live as the newborn people who depend upon our God for the life He wants us to live? The life He wants us to live leads to newness of life. May we all use these final days to ready ourselves for the glories of Easter when we bask in His Glory that He so freely shares with us.



Triduum and Easter Schedule



Holy Thursday
7:00PM at Sacred Heart Church
Mass of the Lord's Supper



Good Friday
3:00 PM at Saint Mark Church
Passion of the Lord

Good Friday
6:30 PM at Saint Mary Church
Stations of the Cross



Easter Vigil
8:00PM at Saint Mary Church
Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday morning
8:00 AM at Saint Mark Church
9:30 AM at Saint Mary Church
11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church

Palm Sunday Taize' Service

St. John Neumann Parish cordially invites you to their Palm Sunday Taize' Service, Sunday, April 10th at 7 pm.

"Come, still yourself before the Mysteries"

St. John Neumann Church
Rt. 18 – 157 Middleboro Rd.
East Freetown, Mass 02717

Pray for Ukraine

Please join together in praying a decade (or more) of the Rosary daily for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for the end of the war. At the back of each of the churches in the Parish there is a blue binder with the Ukrainian colors on the front. If you feel led by the Holy Spirit to do so, please sign your name as a simple commitment to pray daily until the end of this crisis. Sometimes even as a people of God we can feel overwhelmed or powerless when we see the images coming out of Ukraine and hear about demonstrators in Russia being beaten and any independent news sources being shut down. We can lose heart. We often forget that we have the most powerful weapon of all... prayer and when we come together as a community there is real power. Thank you for taking a few moments out of your day to unite with the larger Catholic/Christian community to pray for an end to this crisis.



We Welcome

On March 26 we welcomed a new member into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish at the sacrament of baptism. We welcome: *Ava Grace Parrillo*, daughter of Patricia & Anthony Parrillo. Congratulations to Ava Grace, her parents, godparents, family and friends on this joyous celebration of faith and family.

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

Please note new email address:

TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com

Faith Formation classes for the remainder of the 2021 -2022 year are as follows:

First Grade: Saturday, April 2nd – 10:00 -11:15 am

Second Grade: Saturday, April 2nd – 10:00-11:15 am

Eucharist Workshop will be held for all second grade students preparing for First Communion. Please attend the workshop offered during your regular class time

Tuesday, April 5th from 4:15 – 5:30 pm

Saturday, April 9 from 10:00 – 11:15 am

Grades 3, 4, and 5 workshops have been cancelled for April.

Seventh Grade: Monday, April 4th -6:30 -7:45 pm



HOLY EUCHARIST

First Communion will be held on **Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Saint Mary Church,** groups as follows:

10:00 am for students with the last name A-J

1:00 pm for students with the last name K-Z.

Parish Contributions

Collection figures from March 19/20:
\$12,579.49

Collection for Ukraine: \$21,994.00
SMHS School for Ukraine: \$1,025.00



Ministry Scheduling

The next ministry schedule (April 9/10 through June 18/19) has been emailed and is on the parish website under "Quick Links". A separate email will be sent with the Triduum and Easter Sunday ministry schedule. It will also be posted on the parish website. Please contact Monica with any questions.



*Eternal rest grant unto our beloved dead,
O Lord.*

*Let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest always in the loving arms of God.*

Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 1:00 pm at 14 Park Street with a maximum of four families. Please contact Monica in the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and visit the parish website www.saintmaryna.com and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information.

What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor? If you have been asked to be a godparent, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent, please see Father Rodney after Mass. You may contact the office for more information.

Pope Francis

"When we go to Confession, God erases evil. He makes us new inside and thus enables joy to be reborn within us. With God, no sin has the last word."



~March 25, 2022

Women's Guild Meeting

The Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Women's Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. All women of the parish are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Mary Parish Center for a short business meeting and refreshments followed by a guest speaker from New Hope at 7:00 p.m. New Hope is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving those affected by domestic and sexual violence serving 41 communities throughout South-Central and Southeastern Massachusetts. We will be collecting \$10 Dunkin Gift Cards to help support New Hope's many volunteers, gift cards can be brought to the meeting or dropped in the collection basket at Mass.

Knights of Columbus

Council #330 of North Attleboro was founded over 120 years ago in 1898 and this Council has always represented the entire Catholic community of North Attleboro. Charity is our leading principle, and our focus is on providing support and assistance locally. We are looking for Catholic men to join our Council and help us support our community as our members have been doing since 1898. If you are interested in learning more about membership, please contact Jim Schromm, jim.schromm@verizon.net or (508) 643-3623.



Please return any Easter flower envelopes by Wednesday, April 6 so the names of your deceased family and friends will be included on our altars during the Easter season.

Donation Statements

The 2021 year end tax reports are available for those parishioners using the budget envelope system. Please contact Monica in the office, email preferred, (stmaryna@noozi.com), if you would like your statement. You may also call (508-695-6161) and leave a message with your name and address. Letters can be mailed or emailed to you.

Men's Group Next Saturday!

Join us next Saturday April 9 at St. John's in Attleboro. Fr Dave Pivonka will discuss the Wild Goose – the Holy Spirit and Freedom. Program starts at 7am and runs through 8:15am. Join us at 6:30am for a free breakfast! Each week stands on its own so even if you can only make one week it will be worth it for you and us!



The Children's choir rehearsals are held at **Sacred Heart following the 11am mass until 1:30pm.** The children's choir will sing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. (More information to follow regarding Mass times) Grade 1-6 and 7-12 are all welcome.

If you play an instrument, we also welcome you to join us! We are always looking for instrumentalists to enhance the liturgy. (String, brass, woodwind, drums/percussion, guitar, bass, piano, etc.) **For more information on either group, please see our music director, Nikkie Barton, after Mass or via e-mail at Transfigurationmusicdirector@gmail.com**

Bulletin Advertisers

Did you know, that we do not pay for the bulletins to be printed, or be available on line each week? Our parish bulletin company, John Patrick Publishing Co., sends us a check each year thanks to the revenue generated from businesses that advertise in our bulletin. We all know that businesses have been struggling during the pandemic, and we greatly appreciate the support of those companies and businesses that have devoted some of their funds to help our parish community. The next time you need some type of service, please take a look at the bulletin. Our vendors can be found in a link on the parish website, or physically on the bulletins. Thank you to those businesses that support us, and thank you for supporting them!

Readings for April 3

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD,
who opens a way in the sea
and a path in the mighty waters,
who leads out chariots and horsemen,
a powerful army,
till they lie prostrate together, never to rise,
snuffed out and quenched like a wick.
Remember not the events of the past,
the things of long ago consider not;
see, I am doing something new!
Now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it?
In the desert I make a way,
in the wasteland, rivers.
Wild beasts honor me,
jackals and ostriches,
for I put water in the desert
and rivers in the wasteland
for my chosen people to drink,
the people whom I formed for myself,
that they might announce my praise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the
captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for
them.”
The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.
Those that sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,
They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves.

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

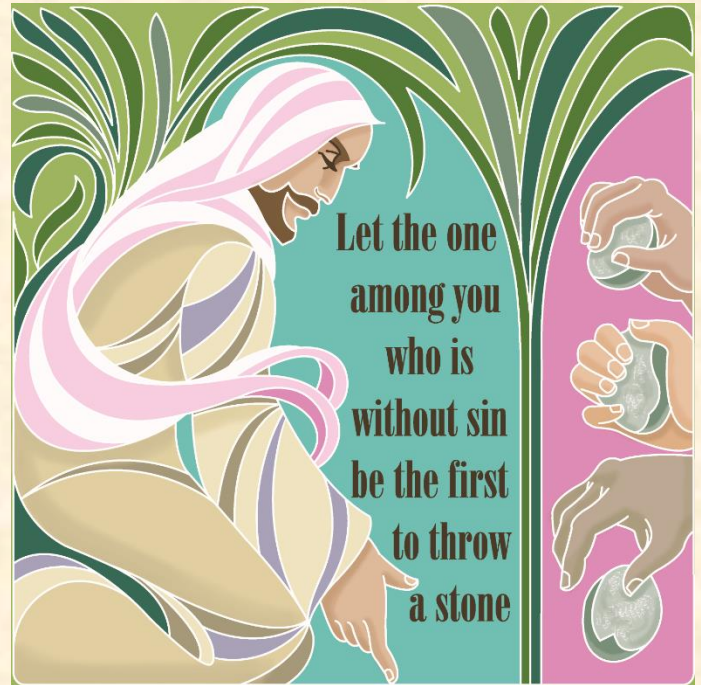
And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

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Catholic Relief Services
228 West Lexington Street
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29 March 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I hope and pray that this letter finds you well as you continue to help bring the mercy and compassion of Christ to those in need around the Globe.

It is obvious to many in our great nation and around the Globe that the dire situation in Ukraine worsens by the day and that we need to help. Our parish has taken steps to prayerfully get involved in bringing an end to the current conflict in Ukraine but our hearts were moved to help monetarily. Along with this letter, you will find checks totaling \$23,019. This includes a donation from Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Community which is located in North Attleborough, Massachusetts as well as a donation from our parish school – Saint Mary Sacred Heart School – as the students collected and are making a donation of \$1,025. This figure is included in the larger number previously stated. We chose Catholic Relief Services as you are a well-known charitable organization that is known for accomplishing great work with very little overhead.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Be sure of the continued prayers of each and every parishioner and may God bless the work that you do.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev) Rodney E. Thibault, J.C.L.
Pastor



Sacred Heart Church † Saint Mark Church
Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church