

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2022

“Blessed
are those servants
whom the master finds
vigilant on his arrival.”

LUKE 12:37



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

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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 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 online 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

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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M A S S intentions

August 7-19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	August 6
4:00 pm	Edith Myers
Sunday	August 7
8:00 am	Celeste Conlan
Sunday	August 7
9:30 am	Robert & Sheila Roche, Robert Otrando
Sunday	August 7
11:00 am	Roger Corriveau
Monday	August 8
4:30 pm	Edward "Snap" Nolan
Tuesday	August 9
8:00 am	
Wednesday	August 10
4:30 pm	Rob Deschenes
Thursday	August 11
8:00 am	Gloria Gaskin

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August 14-20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	August 13
4:00 pm	B. Mike Malone
Sunday	August 14
8:00 am	David Parenteau
Sunday	August 14
9:30 am	Josephine Tucci
Sunday	August 14
11:00 am	David Corvese

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Parish Contributions

Collection figures from July 23/24:
\$10,033.20

Many thanks to all those who continue to remember our parish community in your prayers and budgeting during the summer months.



Florence Murray

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.

From Father Rodney

“Faith is the realization of what is hoped for, and evidence of things not seen.” (Heb. 11.1).

These are the powerful words that we heard at the beginning of the Second Reading which is taken from the Letter to the Hebrews. We often do not speak enough about the important role Abraham played in the history of salvation. The writer of Hebrews attests to and stresses the pivotal role Abraham played. God promises Abraham that He will make Abraham’s descendants “as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.” What did Abraham do when God made this promise? He trusted God. When God asked Abraham to leave the comfort of his homeland what did Abraham do? He trusted God. When God asked Abraham to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, what did Abraham do? He trusted God. Because of this trust; because of this faith, all of Abraham’s hopes, dreams, desires, and longing were given to him. I cannot honestly say that my faith is as strong as Abraham’s faith but I can still know that as I hope in this life for the good things in the life to come, my faith will grow and be realized. As we are nourished by the Eucharist may each of us see the evidence of the things not seen.



This Saturday, August 6th, is the *Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*. Prominently displayed in each of our church buildings, let us take a moment to again consider Raphael's greatest masterpiece, the **Transfiguration** (completed in 1520) which illustrates two scenes narrated in succession in the Gospel according to Matthew. The Transfiguration of Jesus is above, with Christ in glory between the prophets Moses and Elijah, representing the Old Testament Law and Prophets. Below, in the foreground, the Apostles meet with the troubled youth who will be miraculously cured by Christ on his return from the mountain top. The original painting is now housed in the Vatican Museum. A large mosaic reproduction was installed in St. Peter's Basilica in 1774.



As members of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, let's continue to ask God to show us what this episode in the life of Christ and his Apostles means for us--the community of disciples in North Attleborough. Transfigure us O, Lord!

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/kschiffer/raphaels-greatest-masterpiece-the-transfiguration>

Catholic Appeal 2022

Thank you! We have surpassed the amount that our parish donated to the Bishop's Catholic Appeal in 2021. *The books for the 2022 Appeal closed and our parish donated or pledged a final total of \$107,825.00 and increase from last year's total by \$5,577.00.* Thank you, each and every parishioner who has ensured that the Corporal Works of Mercy will be a reality here in the Diocese of Fall River.

New to the Parish?

Welcome! If you are new to the North Attleborough area, we welcome you to our parish community. Parish census forms are found on the parish website (www.saintmaryna.com) or you may contact the Parish Office – stmaryna@noozi.com - for more information regarding registration.



Free Summer Concerts Thursdays - 6:30 PM

The North Attleboro Cultural Council is sponsoring a free summer concert series on Thursdays at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Gazebo at 43 South Washington Street in North Attleboro. The concerts will run through August 18th. Featuring a food truck, Del's and Palagi's Ice Cream. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the concert.



Pray for Ukraine

From Pope Francis at the June 26 Angelus:

“And let us not forget the suffering of the Ukrainian people in this moment, a people who are suffering. I would like you all to keep in mind a question: what am I doing today for the Ukrainian people? Do I pray? Am I doing something? Am I trying to understand? What am I doing today for the Ukrainian people? Each one of you, answer in your own heart.”



Pope Francis

“We must return to the essence of Christianity: the love of God, the driving force of our joy that sends us out to trod the pathways of the world, and welcoming our neighbor. This is the simplest and most beautiful witness we can give the world.”
~July 19, 2022



Thank you

A sincere thank you to all who donated or purchased items from the *What Not Shoppe* at the Christmas in July Fair. Also thank you to all who helped receive, sort, clean, price, set up and sell all the "treasures" we received. Our Shoppe wouldn't have been so successful without all your assistance. Hope to see you all again next time!

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

Saint Mary – Sacred Heart School

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year at our Parish Catholic School. For more information about our outstanding Pre-K, Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle School programs, please visit the website at www.smschool.com or call 508-695-3072 to schedule a visit or learn more about our educational opportunities. All are welcome!



Saint Mary - Sacred Heart Little Saints Preschool

Little Saints PreK is accepting registration for our two, three, and five-day-a-week programs. We offer hands-on, full-day programs that focus on play-based learning. Our Little Saints experience Music, Art, Technology, Spanish and Physical Education along with the foundations they will need for Kindergarten. The program's goal is to instill confidence, independence, and a love of learning. Call the school office at 508-695-3072 to learn more and schedule a tour.



FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Elaine Corvese
508-695-3823

Please note new email address:

TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com

The Faith Formation Office is closed beginning August 8 through August 14. Mrs. Corvese will return to her office Monday, August 15.



Faith Formation for Fall 2022

The students in all grades will be promoted to the next grade and emails regarding the program will be sent during the month of August.

If you have a son/daughter entering first grade in the fall, you will need to register him/her to the Faith Formation program. First grade is the first year of the two-year program in preparation for First Communion which is held in the spring of the second year.

Contact the Faith Formation office at transfigurationreled@gmail.com to register.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal Catholic organization focused on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Council #330 has been serving the Catholic community of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish since 1898. The



Council is committed to assisting local causes that align with our Catholic values such as the Parish, St Mary-Sacred Heart School, Adopt-a-Family, and Abundant Hope. If you are interested in becoming a member or have questions, please contact Jim Schromm at jim.schromm@verizon.net.

Are Your Wednesday Mornings Free?

An Invitation for Women to Join The Women's Spirituality Group

- Meet like-minded women to help you live out your faith
- Increase your knowledge about your faith
- Make new friends

Morning Group: Wednesday, 9:00-10:30 AM at Saint Mary Church in North Attleborough (or Zoom if unable to be in person). Beginning September 7, 2022, with Lisa Brenninkmeyer's newest bible study books:

"Ordering Your Priorities" Discover how to build a life you don't want to escape by putting the most important things first.

"Reclaiming Friendship" Discover God's plan for friendship and learn how to cultivate true, deep relationships that last.

- No need to attend every session (but you'll want to!)
- We break from Thanksgiving until New Year's
- Come join us! Try us out and see if it's a good fit.
- The group is open to women outside of our parish, so please invite your friends who may not live locally.

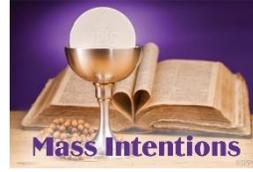
For more information and to register email Janet Kent at Buffalokent@comcast.net or call 508-699-4446 or email Janet Pion at jpion@me.com or call 508-942-1548.

September is "back to school" month – what about you?

Women ages 20-99+ are invited for fun and lively fellowship while learning about our Catholic faith! Join us EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY on ZOOM from 7-8:30 PM starting on Wed., Sept 7th for an evening of women's spirituality. This year's focus will be on the Gospel of John. The group is co-facilitated by Colleen Ford (colleenjuliaford@gmail.com) and Joanna Wissler (wissler5@verizon.net). Email Colleen or Joanna to register. Note: The group is open to women outside of our parish, so please invite your friends who may not live locally.

Mass Intention Book

Mass intentions are open for 2023. You may schedule up to three weekend Masses (so that



others will have a chance as well). There is no limit on the number of daily Mass intentions. Masses will be celebrated for one person at

a time –accommodations will be made for a married couple or family relatives who are deceased. Mass intentions are for the deceased and not for the living. Please contact Monica in the office with your requests, email or in writing preferred.

Prayer Shawl Committee

The Prayer Shawl Committee is working on prayer cloths to send to the Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. The cloths are pocket sized, with a cross stitched in the pattern, and each will include a special prayer card from Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and would like to pitch in, please contact Nancy Chapman at nchapman88@comcast.net. Patterns are available and yarn if you need some. This is a great way to use up leftover yarn. We hope to have them completed this summer and sent in late August.

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.



Call for Assistance

If you need assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They can offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.



Ushers

As we begin thinking about fall schedules, we are looking for parishioners who are interested in assisting at Mass as an usher. Each Mass has an Usher Coordinator assigned to help facilitate at each Mass. Ushers help take the collection and assist with seating when necessary. Anyone is able to assist, it is a great way to serve the parish! Students can often count this as service hours for school. If you, or your son/daughter, would like to begin this ministry, please email Monica at the office with your name and the Mass time you prefer. I will let the Usher Coordinators for that Mass know and work out a time for you to “check in” in with them before Mass so you will know any of the details for helping at that time. Thank you!

Calendar/Meeting Requests



This is the time of year that we ask **all groups** requesting the use of any parish meeting space (parish halls and meeting rooms) to submit requests for the coming academic year. We ask that all requests be made in writing. Please specify the location you are requesting, the meeting space, the approximate group size, the date, and time of your meetings. The request may be emailed, left in the drop box, or mailed to the office. You will receive a confirmation of your dates once they have been reviewed and entered into the parish calendar. ***Submission does not guarantee availability, as some locations may no longer be available on all days. Please do not assume that the date/time/location your group has reserved in the past will be available this year. All groups must submit their meeting requests annually.*** Please submit your dates to the office via email at stmaryna@noozi.com or mail to 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760 – Attn: Monica Forte. Please submit your dates by Friday, August 26. Thank you!



We Welcome!

On Saturday, July 30, 2022 we welcomed four new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. We welcome: ***Cecilia Mae Chiarolanza***, daughter of Hannah & Anthony Chiarolanza, ***Bodie James Hopkins***, son of Christy & Jason Hopkins, ***Jaelynn Thompson Maynard***, daughter of Jessica & Ken Maynard, and ***Lucy Sloan Simard***, daughter of Laura & Christopher Simard. Congratulations to Cecilia, Bodie, Jaelynn, Lucy, their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.

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.

Readings for August 7

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The night of the passover was known
beforehand to our fathers,
that, with sure knowledge of the oaths
in which they put their faith,
they might have courage.

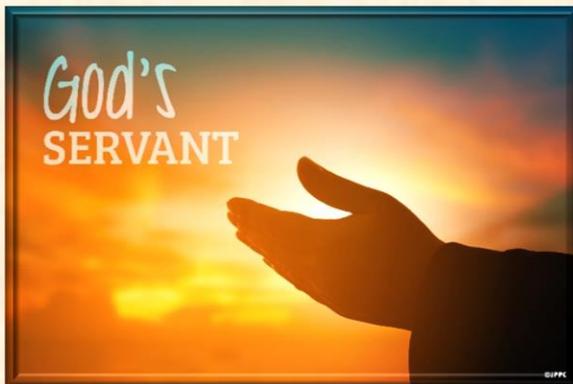
Your people awaited the salvation
of the just
and the destruction of their foes.

For when you punished our adversaries,
in this you glorified us whom you
had summoned.

For in secret the holy children of the
good were offering sacrifice
and putting into effect with one
accord the divine institution.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to
be his own.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Blessed the nation whose God is
the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his
own inheritance.

**R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to
be his own.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon
those who fear him,
upon those who hope for
his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to
be his own.**

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD,
be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

**R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to
be his own.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

[All these died in faith. They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name.” He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

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 Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: [“Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.]

“Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

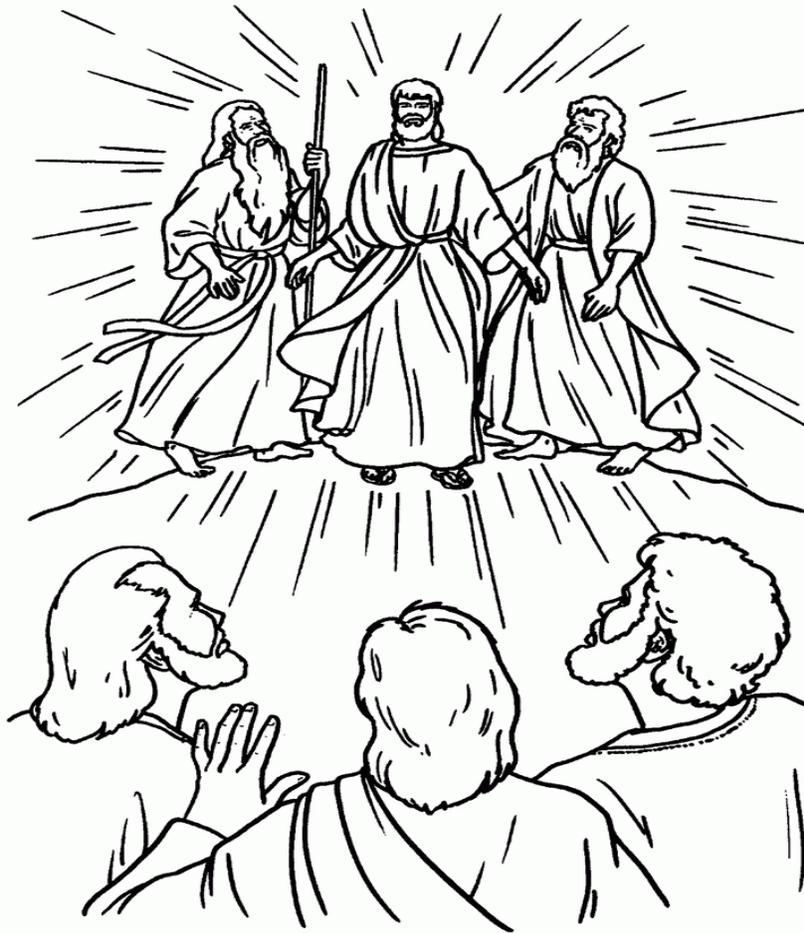
[Then Peter said, “Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?” And the Lord replied, “Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed in coming,’ and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant’s master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master’s will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master’s will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”]

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Summertime Activity Page



The Transfiguration of the Lord

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