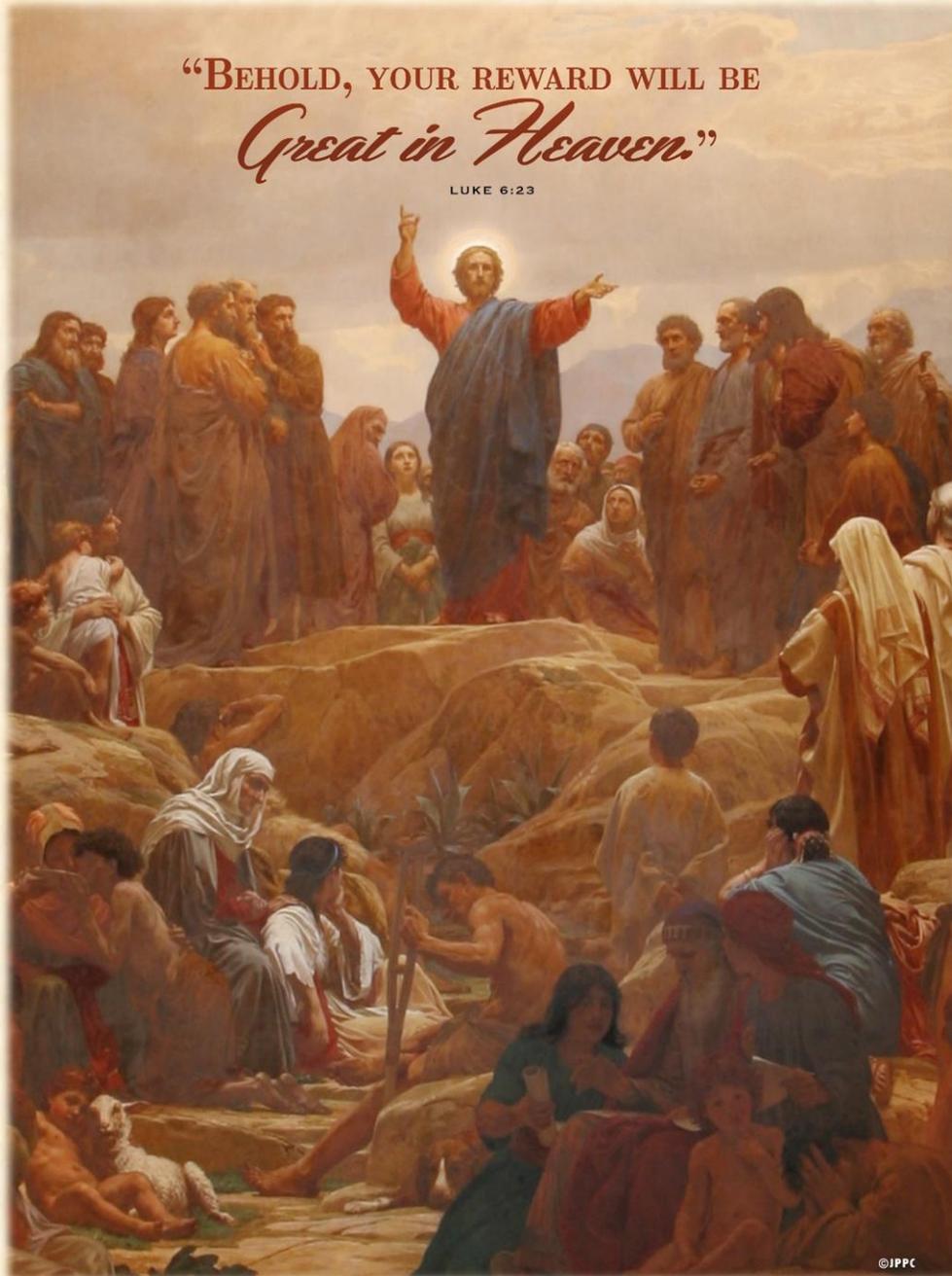


Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13, 2022



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

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

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

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Mr. Jarrod Ward, Superintendent

Towne Street

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are currently scheduled on scheduled 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 our parish priests. 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 can drop your contribution in the collection basket. If you prefer, 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!

Masses

Masks: Please wear a mask at Mass. *The Diocese of Fall River is strongly encouraging all parishioners to follow the CDC guidance and to wear a mask while attending Mass or any other liturgical celebration unless unable because of a medical condition or under the age of 2.* Please be considerate of those around you and allow for space near those not in your family whenever possible.

Masses will continue to be available livestreamed (technology permitting) and saved online for later viewing. To see the Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page to see live Masses you can go to: <https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/> *If you do not have a Facebook account, click "not now" under the log in information.*

You may also find us on YouTube at

<https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

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MASS Intentions

February 13– 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 12</u>
4:00 pm	Michael McDavitt
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 13</u>
8:00 am	Susanne Wignall
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 13</u>
9:30 am	Dorothy Benson
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 13</u>
11:00 am	Patricia Flavin
<u>Monday</u>	<u>February 14</u>
4:30 pm	Jane Sellner
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>February 15</u>
8:00 am	David Parenteau
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>February 16</u>
4:30 pm	Rita Kelleher
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>February 17</u>
8:00 am	

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February 20– 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 19</u>
4:00 pm	Richard "Dick" Quinn
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 20</u>
8:00 am	Tom Sirois
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 20</u>
9:30 am	Bob Schnack
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 20</u>
11:00 am	Margaret Carroll

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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

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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

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In Your Prayers

Helen Barrett, Raymond Coogan

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

Trust! We are called to place our trust in so many things. We make decisions each and every day and we trust that we are making the right ones. Husbands and wives trust that they are making the right decision when marrying their intended spouse making a sacred promise until death do them part. I trusted that the Spirit was calling me to ordained priesthood. Individuals trust that they are making the correct decision when changing jobs when a new opportunity arises in their career. We have all been encouraged to trust the science when it comes to the safety and efficacy of the Covid-19 vaccine as it has proven to be a rather divisive subject. Trust. It requires a great deal of thought, prayer, faith and hope. The prophet Jeremiah, whose prophetic words we hear this 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time are both sobering and helpful. Jeremiah gives us clarity when it comes to the issue of trust. He writes, "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings...whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth." Doesn't sound too inviting, does it? When we place our trust solely on the whim of another, so it seems, nothing healthy or helpful will come about. Jeremiah, however, offers us a great sense of hope as the reading continues: "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows not distress, but still bears fruit." Trusting in the Lord, is the way to be sustained here and now. Trusting in the Lord, even when we are in relationships, is the way, according to the Prophet, that we are sustained and grow. Trusting in the Lord always requires a great deal of hope as we sing in our psalm response. As we continue our journey as disciples of the Lord, let us continue to grow in the trust that our God will never lead us astray, but rather, lead us to living waters that helps us to grow into the disciples He is calling us to become.

LENT 2022

In less than a month, we will usher in the Season of Lent. I don't want to put the cart before the horse but, I would like to bring your attention to a few additional Lenten practices that will be offered. On Friday evenings, I will be in the confessional between 6:00PM-6:25PM for confessions. At 6:30, Stations of the Cross will be prayed followed by the celebration of Mass at 7:00PM. Hopefully, this will give more people an opportunity to take advantage of Lenten devotions. Please note that this will happen at Saint Mary Church throughout the season of Lent 2022.

From Father Rodney continues

Adult Confirmation Spring Classes 2022

Are you a Catholic adult (over the age of 18) who was never confirmed? Would you like to confirm the faith that your parents and godparents accepted for you on the day of your Baptism? Well, now is the time to act. Spring classes have just been announced. To register, contact me or Mrs. Elaine Corvese. We can help you to facilitate this process. Remember: if you are ever asked to be a godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation, you can only do so if you have been confirmed. The dates are as follows:

- Online Sessions:** Thursday Evenings from
6:30PM to 8:00PM
March 17, 24, April 7, 28
- In-person Sessions:** Saturday Mornings from 10AM
to 12 Noon
April 2, 23, May 7
Saint Julie Billiart Church Hall
494 Slocum Road
North Dartmouth, MA 02747
- Conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation:** May 19,
2022 @ 7:00PM
Cathedral of Saint Mary of the
Assumption
327 Second Street
Fall River, MA 02721

Prayers please

On Saturday morning, 5 March 2022 at 11:00AM, Bishop da Cunha will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 158 of our Confirmation students. Please keep our *confirmandi* in your prayers as they prepare to confirm the faith that their parents and godparents accepted for them on the day of their baptism. This will be an historic event in the life of our relatively newly formed parish as all three former parishes will celebrate the sacrament together for the very first time. This event will be celebrated in the Bishop Feehan auditorium. Likewise, it will be live-streamed so that parishioners who would like to watch this event will be able to do so.

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.

Parish Contributions and Expenses

Blizzard weekend Jan. 29/30

Collection figures from January 30: \$10,089.10

Total snow removal expenses for 1/29-1/30
weekend storm: \$6,237.50

2021 Fourth Quarter Parish Financial Figures

(Oct./Nov./Dec.)

Income: \$213,760.19

Expenses: \$165,253.08

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese smshff@comcast.net

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at Saint Mark Church for second grade students on the following dates:

Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 10:00-11:15 am

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.

Date of Confirmation: will be held on **March 5, 2022, at 11:00 am Bishop Feehan High School Auditorium** for Confirmation candidates in Groups A and B.

Faith Formation classes will resume in February for all grades except grades 3, 4, and 5. Dates as follows:

Grade 1– Sat., February 12th from 10:00–11:15 am

Grade 2 – see dates above.

Grades 3, 4, 5 – will resume in March.

Grade 7 – February 14th 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Grade 8 – February 16th 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Masks

Please wear a mask at Mass. Please be considerate of those around you and allow for space near those not in your family whenever possible. Masks are available at the entrances of all church buildings. Thank you for your consideration of the health and well-being of those around you.

Men's Group

Men's Group NEXT SATURDAY!

Join us next Saturday Feb 26 at St. John's in Attleboro as we hear again from Jason Evert as we explore Men as Initiators of Life. Program starts at 7am and runs through 8:15am. Join us at 6:30am for a free breakfast! Food, fellowship and fun! Each week stands on its own so even if you can only make one week it will be worth it for you and us!



We Welcome

On February 5 we welcomed three new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish at the sacrament of baptism. We welcome: *Liam Caleb Ducharme*, son of Christina & Thomas Ducharme, *Finn Patrick Murphy*, son of Deborah & Brian Murphy and *Sloan Teylor Twardowski*, son of Samantha & Scott Twardowski. Congratulations to Liam, Finn, Sloan and 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.

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to extend to our parishioners and Father Rodney a most heartfelt *Thank You*. Your generous contributions at Thanksgiving helped to fill our pantry shelves to serve those in need throughout the Town of North Attleborough. We also receive many monetary donations all year long but most especially during the holiday season, which enable us to help those struggling to make ends meet. We would also like to thank Elaine Corvese and the Faith Formation families with their generous collection of Health and Beauty Aids. The families we serve cannot use Food Stamps to purchase these items, which can be quite costly.

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.

New Permanent Diaconate Class Formation to Begin

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, Bishop of Fall River, has authorized the formation of a new class of Permanent Deacons beginning in September 2022. A series of Information Nights will be held in the months to come. Zoom sessions will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, Monday, March 21, 2022 and May 29, 2022 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. In person sessions will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022, and Sunday, August 14, 2022, from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Registration is required and may be completed on our website. All the sessions cover the same material. If you are interested in learning more about the process for becoming a deacon in the Diocese of Fall River, please join us for one of these Information Nights. You may register for one of these sessions by visiting our website – frpermanentdiaconate.com.

Those interested in pursuing a vocation to the diaconate, scheduled to begin the Aspirancy phase in September 2022, are invited to submit a preliminary application and a letter of support from your pastor. The deadline for submitting these materials to the Office of the Permanent Diaconate is August 1, 2022. Additional details and the preliminary application are available on our website – frpermanentdiaconate.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Frank Lucca or Rev Robert Oliveira, Co- Directors of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at office@frpermanentdiaconate.com or contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 508-990-0341

Monthly Adoration

Monthly Adoration is offered the *first Tuesday of every month (March 1 is next)*. You are invited to join us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Mary church, beginning at 9 a.m. with Morning Prayer and ending at 6 p.m. with Evening Prayer and Benediction. You can drop in at any time for as long as you like or, if you would like a specific time slot, please call Joanne Regali 508-643-3821 and leave a message. *Note: "Our hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins, and intercession for the needs of the whole world, exposing the sin-sick and suffering humanity to the healing, sustaining and transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist." (by Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta)*

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.

*Readings for February 13
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings,
who seeks his strength in flesh,
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a barren bush in the desert
that enjoys no change of season,
but stands in a lava waste,
a salt and empty earth.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is the LORD.

He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream:
it fears not the heat when it comes;
its leaves stay green;
in the year of drought it shows no distress,
but still bears fruit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not
the counsel of the wicked,
nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
but delights in the law of the LORD
and meditates on his law day and night.

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

He is like a tree
planted near running water,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.
Whatever he does, prospers.

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Not so the wicked, not so;
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

R Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.



Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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 came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now,
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for their ancestors treated the false

prophets in this way.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ