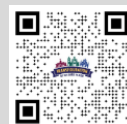
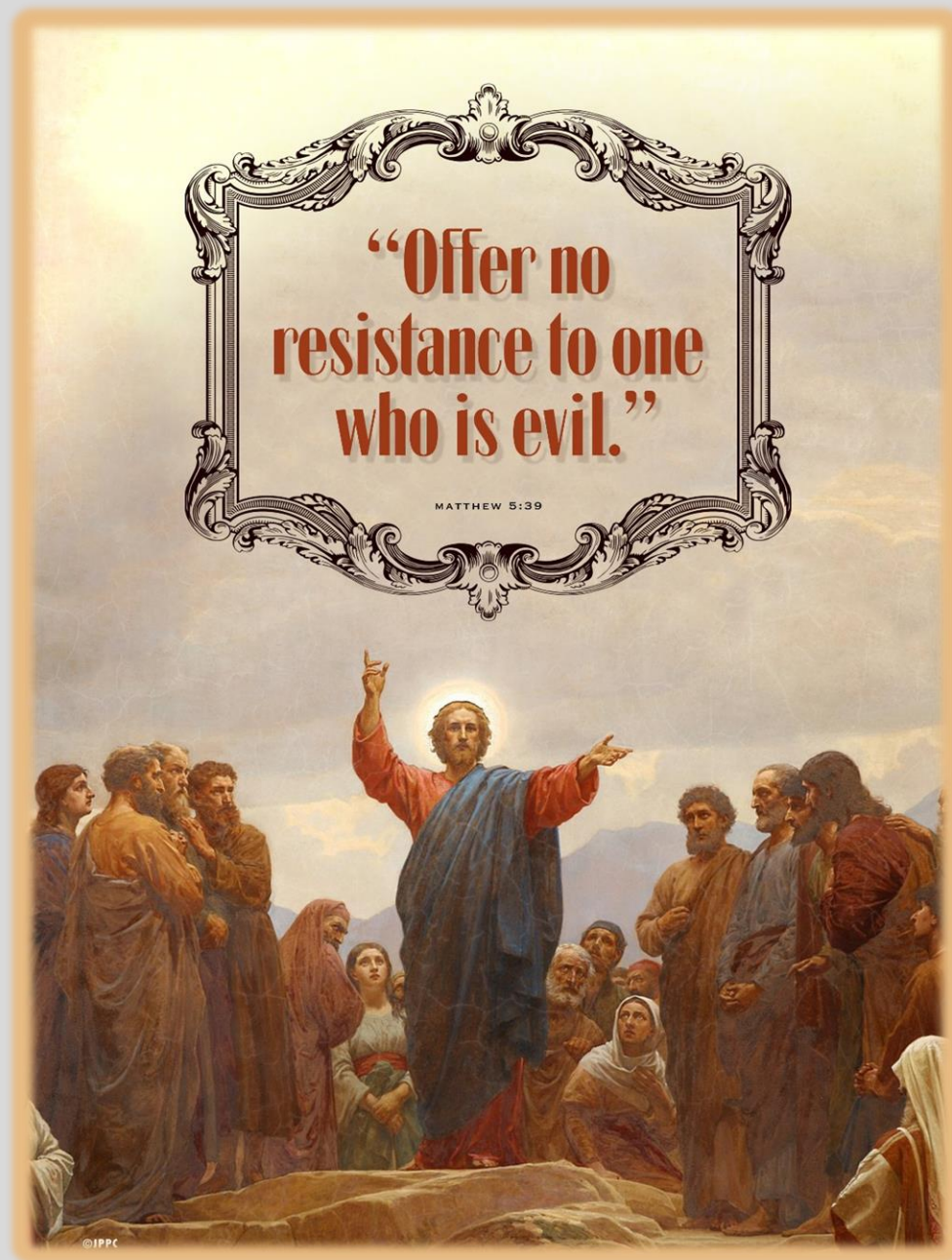


Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023



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 celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart. Baptisms are scheduled for 12:30 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 through the parish office. Please call to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the first Friday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am 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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February 19 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 18</u>
4:00 pm	Alyssa Pastore
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 19</u>
8:00 am	Doris Legg
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 19</u>
9:30 am	Bob Schnack
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 19</u>
11:00 am	R. Brent Derik
<u>Monday</u>	<u>February 20 Presidents' Day</u>
9:00 am	Saint Mark – Albert Desilets
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>February 21</u>
8:00 am	John & Elizabeth McCarthy

Wednesday February 22 Ash Wednesday

9:00 am Saint Mark – Mass with Ashes
 12:05pm Sacred Heart–Service with Ashes
 4:30 pm Saint Mary – Mass with Ashes
 Claire Poirier

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>February 23</u>
8:00 am	Mark Pion

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February 26– 1st Sunday of Lent

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>February 25</u>
4:00 pm	Signe O'Donnell Sioui
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 26</u>
8:00 am	
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 26</u>
9:30 am	Ira & Lydia Langille
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>February 26</u>
11:00 am	

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Parish Contributions

Collection figures

February 4/5: \$13,953.96

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Please Pray for our Deceased

Eugene “Gene” Benson

Barbara Renner

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.

Laws of Fasting

- All adults (18 and older) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year.
- On days of fast, those bound by the law are limited to a single full meal. This meal is meatless. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; however, together these two meals should not equal another full meal.
- There are two prescribed days of fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Law of Abstinence

- Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence.
- On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat.
- On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed. This, of course, includes Good Friday. Abstinence is also prescribed on Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Discipline

The code of Canon Law very aptly summarizes the ecclesiastical discipline in Canon 1249: “All members of the Christian faithful in their own way are bound to do penance in virtue of divine law; in order that all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which the Christian faithful in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence...”

Funeral Masses

Funeral Masses are not to be celebrated on the Sundays of Lent and Easter, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum.

Saint Mary –Sacred Heart School



Ash Wednesday Schedule

We invite you to join us as we begin Lent with the distribution of ashes. Mass and services for Transfiguration of the Lord Parish:

9:00 am **Saint Mark** – Mass with ashes
12:05 pm **Sacred Heart** – service with ashes
4:30 pm **Saint Mary** – Mass with ashes

More Parish Lenten events will be posted in the coming weeks!

Readings for the Week of February 19

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Parish Office Closed

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for the Presidents' Day Holiday, Monday, February 20. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am at Saint Mark church.



A Catholic education is one of the best gifts you could ever give your children. From preschool through Grade 8, our SMSH students grow in faith, knowledge, character, and grace, thriving in an atmosphere where they feel respected and loved by their teachers and fellow Saints. We invite you to learn more about our school's strong curriculum by visiting our website www.smschool.com.



Pope Francis

"My thoughts go, at this time, to the peoples of Turkey and Syria who have been hard hit by the earthquake, which has caused thousands of deaths and injuries. With emotion I pray for them and express my closeness to these peoples, to the families of the victims and to all those who are suffering from this devastating calamity. I thank the relief workers and I encourage everyone to show solidarity with those territories."

February 8, 2023





Thank you for your generous donations totaling \$5,289.75 received from the Baby Bottle Drive in January. The kindness and generosity of parishioners is very much appreciated. Your contributions will benefit women, men and babies in our community.

Did you know... due to your generosity, Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center throws baby showers for clients who are without family support. We provide new mothers with a celebration of life and love to equip her with the materials her baby needs. If you or someone you know could use a helping hand, please contact us at 508-455-0425. **Serving the community since 2011 - from pregnancy testing to potty training!**

Lenten Diaper Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be organizing a Lenten Diaper Drive, to benefit Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. We are requesting donations of diapers in sizes 4-6. These are the sizes that are used most frequently by the clients at Abundant Hope. Some clients whose babies have allergies to certain brands of diapers, and Pampers seems to be the brand that works best for many of the babies - but donations of all brands are appreciated. We are also requesting donations of diaper wipes. We will have containers at each of the three North Attleborough churches, starting the weekend of February 25-26, and continuing throughout lent. Thank you very much for your support of Abundant Hope PRC.



Eucharistic Nights & Relic Tour



These evenings will feature a talk by Fall River Diocesan priest Father Roger Landry who is among 50 priests from across the country commissioned to serve as a National Eucharistic Preacher, along with Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and an opportunity to venerate the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Garcia. In addition, a Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit will be present for viewing. Catholics from across Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands are invited and encouraged to attend any one of the evenings to unite in prayer during that week, asking the Eucharistic Lord to renew our Fall River Diocese.

2023 Women and Men's Conference

To register or for more information please visit the Diocese of Fall River website at <https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/>

Saturday, March 11, 2023 • 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Stonehill College

Dynamic Guest Speakers | Music | Adoration | Reconciliation | Morning Refreshments | Lunch | Vendors | Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit with Relics of Bl. Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Garcia present for Adoration. Breakout Sessions available in English, Portuguese and Spanish. 4 p.m. Closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha. S.D.V. CEU's available



Donation Statements

The 2022 year end tax reports are available from the budget envelope company **for those parishioners using the budget envelope system.** *Loose checks mailed or placed in the collection are not recorded by the budget company.* 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. Contribution letters can be mailed or emailed to you. Please indicate your preference when you contact the office. Thank you for your support of our parish community.

Mass Intentions

2023 Mass Intention Book

The 2023 Mass Intention calendar is available for scheduling memorial Masses. At this time you are asked to schedule only 2 weekend Mass intentions for anytime in the calendar year. You may schedule as many weekday Masses as you would like. Mass intentions are for the deceased and not for the living. We will continue to have one person or family for each Mass time. Intentions can be scheduled at stmaryna@noozi.com or by phone at 508-695-6161

BE ONE WITH JESUS eucharistic adoration

Eucharistic Adoration

*Adoration takes place each First Friday
in Saint Mary church.*

We invite you to answer His call.

Adoration hours in March: Saint Mary Church, Friday, March 3rd, beginning 9:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. with Benediction For more information call Joanne Regali (508-643-3821) or Arlene Hall (508-801-2243). Please leave a message if the call is not answered immediately.

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education ~ Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com

First Communion and Confirmation Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at **Saint Mary Church** for ALL second grade students on **Saturday, March 18, 2023** beginning at 10:00 am

First Communion will be held on **Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 20, 2023** at Saint Mary Church at 11:00 am. Please see your email from Mrs. Corvese for information about your date assignment.

Confirmation is scheduled for **Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 11:00 am in Saint Mary church** for all Confirmation Candidates.

Confirmation Rehearsal dates:

Wednesday, February 15

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Saint Mary Church
CANDIDATES ONLY

Tuesday, February 28

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Saint Mary Church
CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS

Other Class dates:

Grades 1 and 2: Classes: Tuesday, February 28 and Saturday, February 11

Grades 6 and 7: The next class for 6th Grade is Monday, February 13, and 7th Grade is Monday, February 27.

Grades 8: The next class for 8th Grade will be held Wednesday, March 8.



LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

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

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. The Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the parish hall in Saint Mary Church. Please join us!

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.



Inclement Weather Policy 2023

Please refer to this policy found on the Parish website www.saintmaryna.com when severe weather approaches.



B A P T I S M

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 for the months of February and March will be celebrated following the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart.* Baptism will begin at 12:30 pm at 58 Church 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.

Do You Need a Sponsor Form Signed?

What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation?

If you have been asked to be a godparent or confirmation sponsor, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, in their 16th year, 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 or sponsor, please see Father Michael after Mass.

Housekeeping Requests

Please help us keep our parishes clean and tidy. Before leaving the church, please return the kneeler to the upright position. Please take your bulletin home and throw away any debris; tissues, wrappers, etc. Trash containers can be found at the main entrances to the church. We also ask that you supervise any children who are in need of the restrooms during Mass, and that they be used only if urgently needed. Please help us keep our parish clean and welcoming to all who may come after you. *Thank you for your assistance!*

Readings for February 19, 2023

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Leviticus

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his
holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness
and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding
in kindness.

Not according to our sins does he deal
with us,
nor does he requite us according to
our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions
from us.

As a father has compassion on
his children,
so the LORD has compassion on
those who fear him.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

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

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written:

God catches the wise in their own ruses,
and again:

*The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise,
that they are vain.*

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
the love of God is truly perfected in him.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

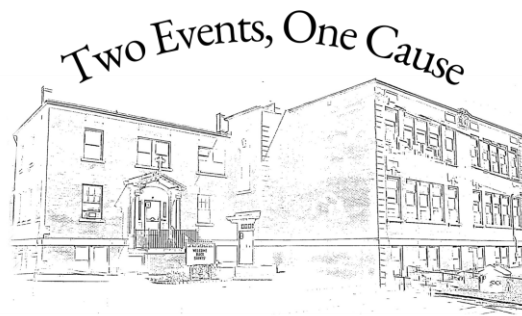
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.* But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



February 2023

Dear Friends,

This spring, Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School will come together for our Annual Golf Tournament and Auction fundraiser. This two-day event will take place on Thursday, April 27, and Friday, April 28, 2023 at Agawam Hunt in Rumford, Rhode Island. From its inception, the Auction was envisioned to be, and still is, a time for parents, families, faculty, and all supporters to come together for an evening of socializing and merriment while investing in SMSH. The purpose of this letter is to request support to continue the mission of Catholic education in the North Attleboro community. Contributions to the Golf Tournament and Auction will assist in accomplishing that goal.

Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School serves approximately ten parishes with 176 students in Pre- Kindergarten through Grade 8. It is the mission of the Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School to provide its students with a quality Catholic education at an affordable price. We strive to create a Christian community that allows each student to develop her/his personal potential. With emphasis on social responsibility and respect for others, we prepare our Saints to meet the challenges of today's diverse world.

The 2023 Golf Tournament and Auction is expected to draw 200 in-person guests and hundreds more online. Donations to support our cause can range from sponsoring a hole at the golf tournament, to a vacation getaway for the family, to gift baskets filled with items from local businesses. Additionally, you may choose to contribute through advertising and sponsorship for both events.

All donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible. If you would like to make a contribution, please send the enclosed forms to Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School 57 Richards Ave, North Attleboro, MA 02760: Attn: Tournament/Auction Donation. The Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School Tax ID is 04-2503667.

If you would like additional information, please contact our Auction Chair, Chris Brislin at cbrislin77@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

With Saint Pride,

Lisa T. Serak
Principal