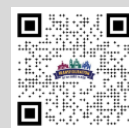
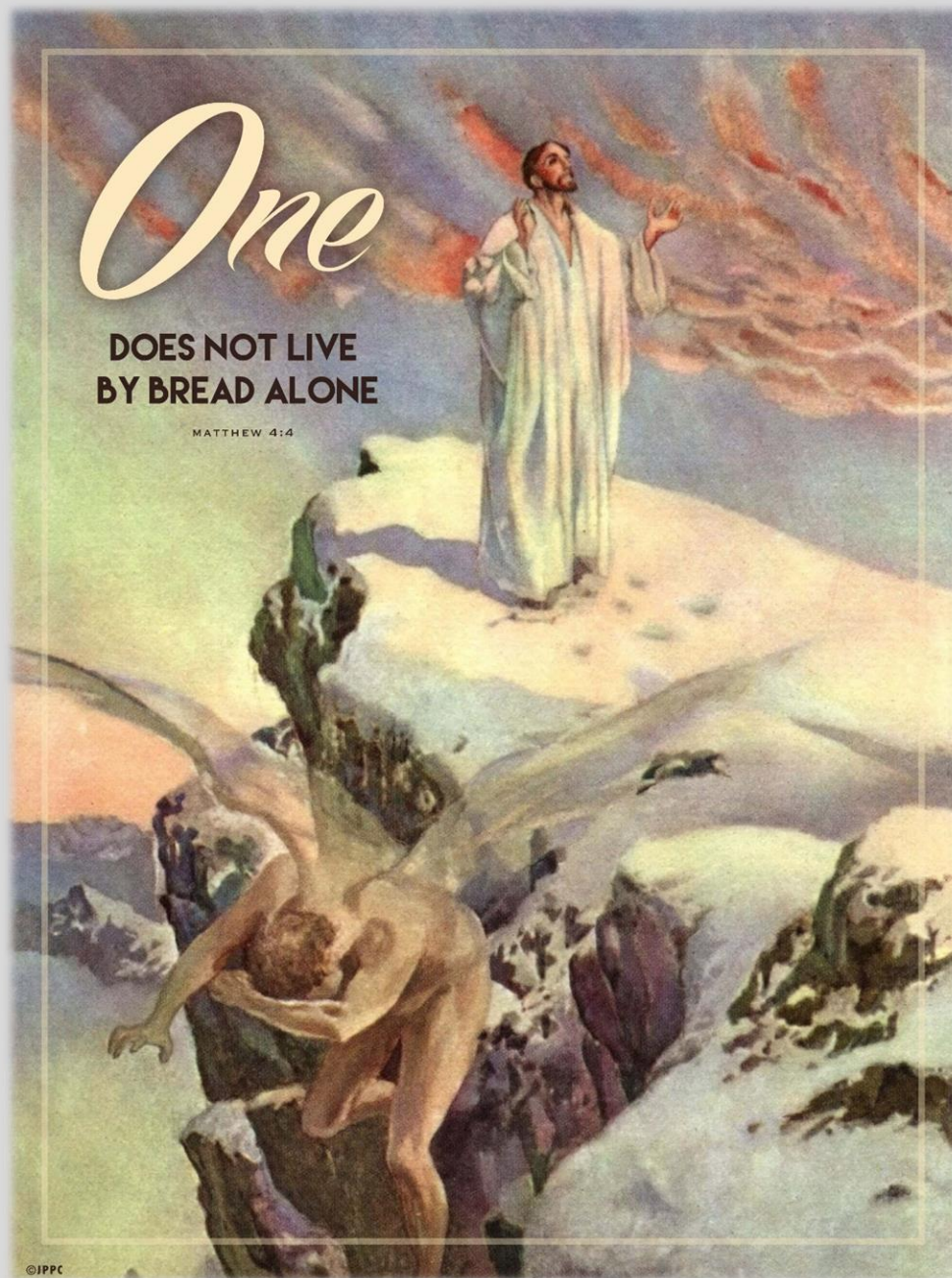


First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 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 26– 1st Sunday of Lent

Saturday	February 25
4:00 pm	Signe O'Donnell Sioui
Sunday	February 26
8:00 am	
Sunday	February 26
9:30 am	Ira & Lydia Langille
Sunday	February 26
11:00 am	
Monday	February 27
4:30 pm	Helen Poirier
Tuesday	February 28
8:00 am	Henry & Isabelle Achin
Wednesday	March 1
4:30 pm	Tom Isherwood
Thursday	March 2
8:00 am	

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March 5– 2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 4
4:00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	March 5
8:00 am	Maria E. Pereira
Sunday	March 5
9:30 am	Eugene Benson
Sunday	March 5
11:00 am	Martin Reilly

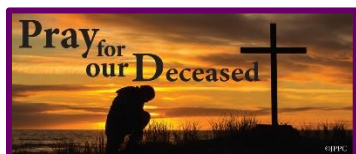
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Parish Contributions

Collection figures

February 11/12: \$12,322.59

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Please Pray for our Deceased

Dorothy Ann Grzywacz

Brian Coyle

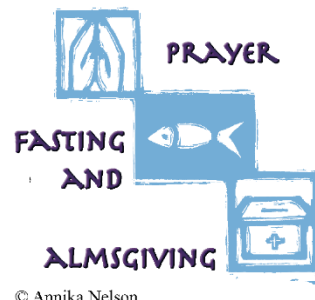
Eternal rest grant unto our beloved dead, O Lord.

Let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest always in the loving arms of God.



Join us for the Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm in
Saint Mary Church



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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.

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



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!**

Transfiguration of the Lord Respect Life Group

The next meeting of the Respect Life Group will take place on Monday, **February 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm in Saint Mark rectory.** We hope you will join us as we develop our respect life vision in the parish. Please email or call Joanna Wissler wissler5@verizon.net or 508-243-5307 for more information. All are welcome!

Pope Francis

"So, brothers and sisters, we might ask ourselves: how do I live faith? Is it a matter of calculations, formalism, or a love story with God? Am I content merely with not doing harm, of keeping the "façade" in good order, or do I try to grow in love for God and others: and every now and then, do I check myself on Jesus' great commandment, do I ask myself if I love my neighbor as He loves me? Because perhaps we are inflexible in judging others and forget to be merciful, as God is with us."

From Angelus 12 February 2023



Readings for the Week of February 26

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48



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Strength Against Temptation

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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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.



Girl Scout Cookie Time

Girl Scouts from SSMH will be at all Masses this weekend, February 25-26, for the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale. Please consider supporting this tasty fundraiser!

Mass Intentions

2023 Mass Intention Book

The 2023 Mass Intention calendar is available for scheduling memorial Masses. All weekend Masses and weekday Masses are now open for you to schedule. 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

SSMH Golf Tournament & Auction

Your Support Will Help Our SAINTS
The Golf Tournament is Thursday April 27,
2023

11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Agawam Hunt

15 Roger Williams Ave

Rumford, RI 02916

Player Registration

- \$600 Foursome
- \$175 Individual Golfer
- Available Sponsorship
- \$250 Single Hole Sponsorship
- \$750 Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin Holes

• To reserve please contact Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School Office: (508) 695-3072

• Any questions? Please contact Mr. Chris Brislin, Chair. Email: cbrislin77@gmail.com
Phone: (401) 602- 0281

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.



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.

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.

Laws of Fasting



- A. All adults (18 and older) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year.
- B. 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.
- C. There are two prescribed days of fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Law of Abstinence

- A. Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence.
- B. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat.
- C. 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.

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:

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, March 6, and 7th Grade is Monday, February 27.

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

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.

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.

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 26, 2023

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

First Sunday of Lent

Responsorial Psalm

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God,
in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion
wipe out my offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is before me always:
"Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil
in your sight."

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew
within me.

Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not
from me.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim
your praise.

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.



Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned— [for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal.] For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Verse before the Gospel

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.*

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written:

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God."*

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

*He will command his angels concerning you
and with their hands they will support you,
lest you dash your foot against a stone."*

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

*The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."*

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Activity Page

1st Sunday of Lent + February 26, 2023

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