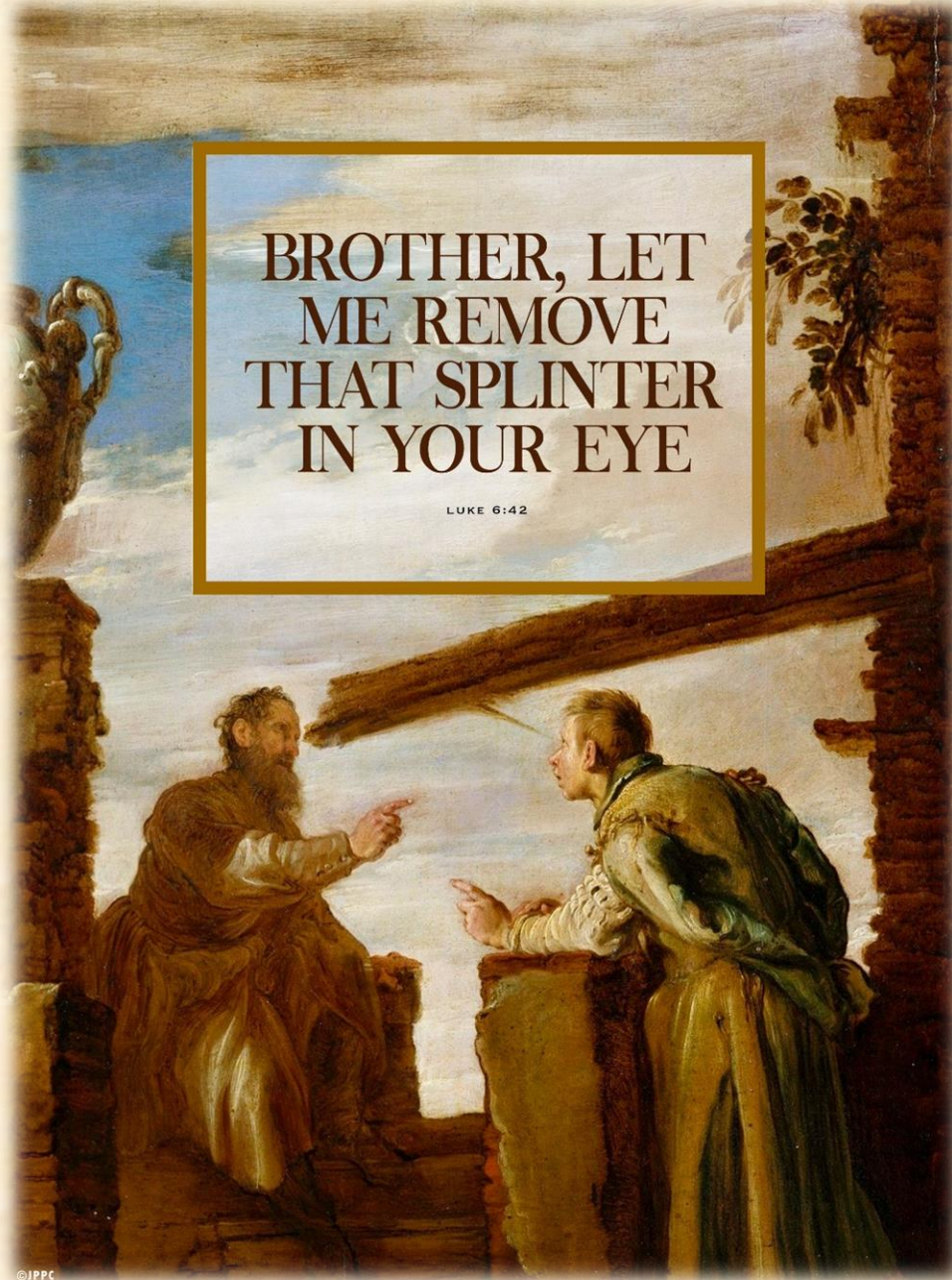


Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 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 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 27– 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	February 26
4:00 pm	Wayne Burtchell
Sunday	February 27
8:00 am	Mary Louise Paolino
Sunday	February 27
9:30 am	Michael Lafflam
Sunday	February 27
11:00 am	Ann Merrick
Monday	February 28
4:30 pm	Donald Yacovone
Tuesday	March 1
8:00 am	
Wednesday	March 2 – Ash Wednesday
8:00 am	Saint Mark – Mass with ashes
9:30 am	Sacred Heart – service with ashes
12:05 pm	Saint Mary – Mass with ashes
6:00 pm	Sacred Heart – service with ashes
Thursday	March 3
8:00 am	

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March 6 – First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	March 5
4:00 pm	Linda Sullivan
Sunday	March 6
8:00 am	Paul Charpentier
Sunday	March 6
9:30 am	Jean, Russell & Allan Watson
Sunday	March 6
11:00 am	Patricia Donley

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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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Parish Contributions

Collection figures from February 12/13:
 \$12,649.42

From Father Rodney

In just three days, we will begin the solemn season of Lent. I usually do not speak about Lent until it arrives but the second reading that we hear proclaimed at Mass this 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time before we transition into Lent this coming Ash Wednesday has moved me to consider offering a few thoughts on the subject. We will hear on Ash Wednesday the very same Gospel that we have heard each Ash Wednesday: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18. It is Jesus's signature teaching on how we are to act, and he outlines three acts we are to perform in order to be righteous: Fasting, praying and almsgiving. Most Catholics I know tend to focus on the fasting, i.e., what am I going to give up for Lent. Chocolate; snacking in between meals; desserts; alcohol etc. We all know that we tend to make fasting the one thing that we focus on, and prayer and almsgiving seem to fall by the wayside. I always say that I don't usually give up anything, but I try to do more. More time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; visiting the homebound with greater frequency and the like. Well, this year, I think that I am going to focus on fasting and it's all thanks to Saint Paul and the letter he penned to the Community living in Corinth. Saint Paul is consumed with being "fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain". He reminds the community that our focus should be on what the Lord wants us to work on in terms of our role as His disciples. Hummm... perhaps as a community we could focus on "giving up" judging our brothers and sisters as we heard in last week's Gospel. Now there is something that could serve as a true fast but even more importantly, if we give up harsh and unfair judgments maybe we could retrain our hearts and minds to give them up forever? Would not that be a great gift to yourself and to others? Just something to think about as we transition into a season that is meant to bring about interior change as we return to the Lord seeking his mercy and loving forgiveness.

Lent 2022

On Friday evenings in Saint Mary church, Father Rodney 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.

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:

8:00 am	Saint Mark – Mass with ashes
9:30 am	Sacred Heart with SMSH School – service with ashes
12:05 pm	Saint Mary – Mass with ashes
6:00 pm	Sacred Heart – service with ashes

In Your Prayers

Stephen White, Edward G. Bedard

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

Women's Guild Meeting

The Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Women's Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 for our Lenten Program. All women of the parish are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Mary Parish Center for a short business meeting and refreshments followed by our guest speaker Dr. Ernest Collamati PhD, Associate Professor at Regis College at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will make us part of your Lenten Journey.

Join the "Ashes to Fire Choir"!

You – yes, **YOU!** – are invited to join our "Ashes to Fire Choir" this Lenten and Easter season. Can't commit to a full year of choir? This is a perfect opportunity to get involved in the music ministry here at Transfiguration of the Lord but not have the yearlong commitment. The ATF Choir will run from Ash Wednesday through Pentecost and provide music for Palm Sunday and the Holy Triduum. You are welcome to join us in singing for the Ash Wednesday evening service (come early for a quick run through of music 30 minutes before Mass) and our first rehearsal will follow Mass. Weekly rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 7-9pm with the possibility of additional rehearsals as needed. You do not have to know how to read music, but it is helpful. All are welcome. **For more information, please see our music director, Nikkie Barton, after mass or via e-mail at**

Transfigurationmusicdirector@gmail.com **If you play an instrument, we also welcome you to join us!** We are always looking for instrumentalists to enhance the liturgy.

The Children's choir will be starting back up again starting the first Sunday of March. Rehearsals will be 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, please see our music director, Nikkie Barton, after Mass or via e-mail at** Transfigurationmusicdirector@gmail.com

Men's Group

Men's Group FOR LENT!

Do something special for LENT! Come together with likeminded men to discuss faith and family life. Join us next Saturday March 5 at St. John's in Attleboro. Topic will be Faith and Science. 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!



FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese smshff@comcast.net

Office Hours Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL: TUESDAY, MARCH 1 AT 6:30 PM IN SAINT MARK CHURCH

Benjamin Bonville's Eagle Project Diaper Drive

Did you know that many families with babies and toddlers cannot afford to buy enough diapers to change their babies as needed? Sadly, if babies are not changed often enough throughout the day, medical treatment for a variety of issues may be required. Benjamin Bonville, a Boy Scout in Troop 23 North Attleboro, will be conducting his Eagle Project by running a Diaper Dive to serve to help the mothers and families of North Attleboro and Attleboro. All of the donations will be distributed to Abundant Hope Pregnancy Recourse Center. There is no government agency that will contribute to the rising cost of diapers, not even WIC or SNAP! During the month of March, Benjamin and his fellow Scouts will be collecting diapers of any size. The Diaper Drive Eagle Project will run March 1st through 31st. Aware, that diapers are expensive, perhaps, you could share the cost with friends. There will be pack 'n plays in the main entrance entrances of the all churches for your donations beginning March 1st and continuing through the month of March. This weekend, February 26/27 Benjamin and other Scouts will be distributing flyers after Masses, explaining the Eagle Project Diaper Drive. Scout Benjamin Bonville thanks you in advance for your generosity in support of his Eagle project.

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)*

We Welcome

On February 19 we welcomed two new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish at the sacrament of baptism. We welcome: *Carter Michael Dimock*, son of Amanda & Brenton Dimock and *Gianna Lynn Leal*, daughter of Erica & Francisco Leal. Congratulations to Carter, Gianna and their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.

Readings for February 27
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Sirach

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear;
so do one's faults when one speaks.
As the test of what the potter molds
is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.
The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had;
so too does one's speech disclose the
bent of one's mind.
Praise no one before he speaks,
for it is then that people are tested.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,
To proclaim your kindness at dawn
and your faithfulness throughout the night.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.
They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,
Declaring how just is the LORD,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

R Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading

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

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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 told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



*Information regarding the Synodal Church
and how you can participate in our parish!*

*More information will be in next
weekend's bulletin.*



You are invited to participate in the worldwide Synod on Synodality.

- A Synod is a journey of discernment, in which the People of God are called to pray and reflect upon the Holy Spirit's will for the Church.
- Pope Francis has invited the entire Catholic Church to embark on this journey together, making ourselves available to each other and listening to what each has to say.
- Through this process of listening and discernment, we are called to interpret these expressions of faith in the light of the Gospel.

How do you participate?

Pray - In order to walk together and listen to the Holy Spirit we need to pray. The Vatican website (Prayforthesynod.va) has prayers specifically for this intention.

Prepare - Think about how the Spirit is calling you in your life and that of the Church.

Attend - Parish Listening Sessions (day and evening) will be held in the coming weeks. Every voice counts, so please stay tuned for information on dates and how to register.