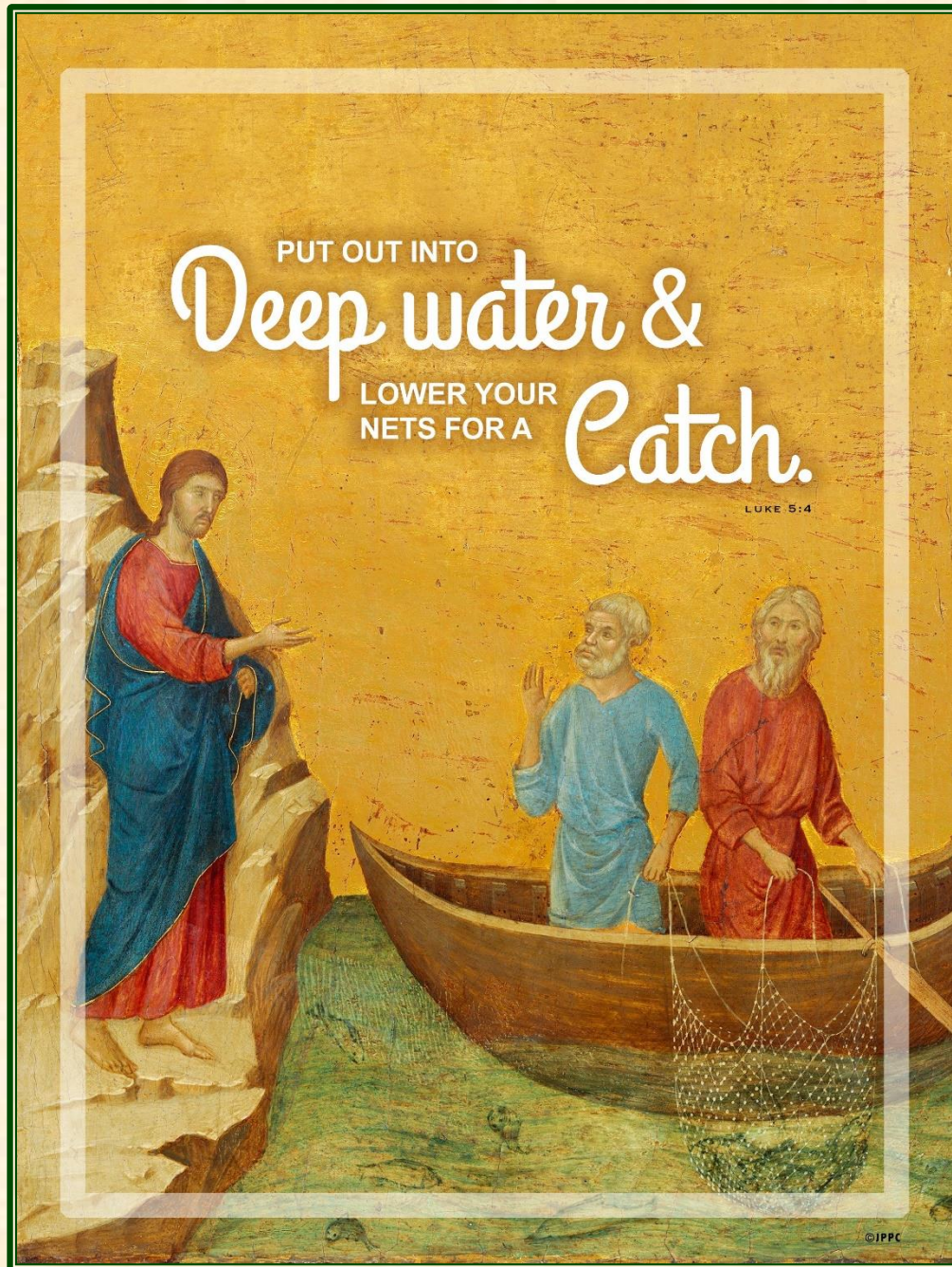


Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 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 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 6– 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	February 5
4:00 pm	Edith Myers
Sunday	February 6
8:00 am	Gloria Gaskin
Sunday	February 6
9:30 am	Lillian Hitchcock
Sunday	February 6
11:00 am	Virginia B. Miller

Monday	February 7
4:30 pm	
Tuesday	February 8
8:00 am	Mass in thanksgiving
Wednesday	February 9
4:30 pm	
Thursday	February 10
8:00 am	

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February 13– 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	February 12
4:00 pm	Michael McDavitt
Sunday	February 13
8:00 am	Susanne Wignall
Sunday	February 13
9:30 am	Dorothy Benson
Sunday	February 13
11:00 am	Patricia Flavin

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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

Figures from January 23: \$12,845.68

From Father Rodney

When I got the call, I must admit, I was nervous. “What’s the nature of the meeting” I asked the Bishop’s Administrative Assistant. The response: “It’s a personnel matter.” My gut sank. All priests know what this means. A transfer. But how could this be, I asked myself. I had only been at Saint Mary Parish in South Dartmouth for 7 years. We had only completed the major renovation less than two years earlier. How could I be up for a move? And so, on April 9, 2019, I dutifully arrived at the Bishop’s Office on a lovely Spring Day. The sun was shining; the birds were chirping; the smell of early blossoms. What a great day but, I asked myself: why am I not enjoying it? The butterflies in my stomach were swirling around so much that I could barely concentrate as I drove on 195 West to my destination: 47 Underwood Street – the Office of the Bishop of Fall River. Not to my surprise, the Bishop wanted to meet with me to discuss a transfer. He did not immediately inform me where he wanted to send me. He asked how I was doing. Had I taken any vacation recently. My mind was simply screaming out: ask me already and then he finally did. You know the rest of the story – whether that is a good thing or a bad thing! He wanted me to assume the pastorate of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Sacred Heart Parish and Saint Mark Parish. What? Three parishes? I can’t do that. I’m not superman. I am reminded of that day as I read the words of the Prophet Isaiah, we hear proclaimed this 5th Sunday in Ordinary time. Initially, the prophet’s first words were what I thought: “Woe is me, I am doomed”! But after some reflection and much prayer – I mean it – prayed – I thought about the call of the priest to serve and to do so even when the task at hand seems to be too great for any one person. I realize – now more than ever – that the prophet’s final words became my own: “Here I am, I said: “send me.” Oftentimes situations arise in our lives that are daunting and seemingly overwhelming and rightly so, but when we put our faith, trust, and hope in the Lord, we come to the realization that with God, all things are possible. As I continue my ministry here in North Attleborough, I know that the Lord has put each of you in my life for a reason and He has put me in your lives for a reason. I pray that as we enter the second month of this new year, still in its’ infancy, we will continue to transfigure our community into the shining beacon on a hill so that building up the Body of Christ here and now, will continue to grow and strengthen so that, when faced with any sort of challenge, we will make Isaiah’s words are very own: “Here I am, send me.”

Blizzard 2022

For obvious reasons, Mass attendance was very low this past weekend but alas, the cost of cleaning the three worship sites was extremely high. I will publish the cost of storm in the bulletin next week. I would just like to take the opportunity – in advance – to thank every household for continuing to financially support the parish during this unprecedented meteorological event.

From Father Rodney continues

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.

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 Billiard 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

In Your Prayers

Alice Goodwin

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

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.

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 Workshop: In preparation for the sacrament a workshop has been scheduled for second grade students to be held at Saint Mark on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 4:15 – 5:30 pm

Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 10:00–11:15 am

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

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 from 4:15 – 5:30 pm

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 – Tuesday, February 8th from 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 12th from 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Grade 2 – see dates above.

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

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

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

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

Grade 9 - Group A – February 2nd 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

Grade 9 - Group B – February 9th 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

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.

Girl Scout Cookies

SMSH Daisy Troop will be selling Girl Scout cookies at Masses this weekend, February 5/6. We hope you will consider supporting their Troop!



Men's Group

Men's Group NEXT SATURDAY! Join us next Saturday Feb 12 at St. John's in Attleboro as we explore "The Strength to Serve". 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!



2022 Mass Intention Book

The 2022 Mass Intention calendar is available for scheduling memorial Masses. You may schedule intentions for all Masses, weekend and weekday for this year. If you have already scheduled Masses for 2022, you may now add additional Masses. 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 via email at stmaryna@noozi.com or by phone at 508-695-6161

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.

Women's Guild Meeting

We are excited to see all our old friends and welcome new ones as we gather for the first time as the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Women's Guild. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 for coffee and dessert at 7 p.m. in the Saint Mary Parish Center as we make plans to continue our group's work within the parish. Please come! Better yet, bring a friend who's never attended and enjoy good food and fellowship.

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.

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. 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.

Scout Sunday – February 6

We are pleased to recognize today as "Scout Sunday" as we welcome Scouts to the 11:00 am Mass. The Scout slogan to "Do a good turn daily" emulates Christ's message to His disciples. We are very proud of the good work and the accomplishments of our Scouts. Thank you to the young people who participate in these Scouting programs and their adult leaders, especially noting the dedication and commitment exhibited at all levels! May God continue to bless our Scouts and their families.



Readings for February 6

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above.

They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple
and give thanks to your name.

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Because of your kindness and your truth;
for you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

All the kings of the earth shall give
thanks to you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth;
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD:
"Great is the glory of the LORD."

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Your right hand saves me.
The LORD will complete what
he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading

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

[I am reminding you,] brothers and sisters, [of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received

and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For] I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, Christ appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. [For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me.] Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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. †

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ