

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021



BEHOLD,
the Lamb of God

JOHN 1:29



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 one family at a time on Saturday afternoons and weekday afternoons as available. Please contact the office at stmaryna@noozi.com for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Friday evening and 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
Suspended at this time

Parish Offering

Please consider making a weekly online donation with this link:
<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

If you prefer to make a contribution by check, 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. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Masses

STAY CONNECTED see the Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page to see live Masses with Father Rodney and Father Jack and connect with others in our Parish Community.
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

You do not have a Facebook account, you can watch the Mass by clicking "not now" under the log in information.

You may also find us on YouTube at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1i2_bnxJkvwxc5jurDrK2w?fbclid=IwAR234CNCHVNYcjEhK-tgpr7FQ-TGUX_xdH9z_E1N4Hd2scfmR4JrK_x1s8

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<u>Saturday</u>	<u>January 16</u>
4:00 pm	Gloria Sawyer
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>January 17</u>
8:00 am	Michael Jonak
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>January 17</u>
9:30 am	Greg Murphy
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>January 17</u>
11:00 am	Ryan O’Korn
<u>Monday</u>	<u>January 18</u>
No daily Mass	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>January 19</u>
4:30 pm	Eileen Salamon
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>January 20</u>
8:00 am	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>January 21</u>
4:30 pm	Robert “Bob” Paquin

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Weekend Masses

Outdoor parking lot of Saint Mary Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 9:30 am

Outdoor Masses will continue to be livestreamed.

Indoor Masses: Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church
and 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

Reservations are required for indoor Masses (8 & 11)
and **must be made by 3:00 pm on Friday.**

No reservations are required for outdoor Mass. Masks
are required to enter for indoor Masses and must be
worn when out of your vehicle at outdoor Masses.

Daily Mass

Daily Mass is celebrated at Saint Mark at 8:00 am on
Monday/Wednesday. Tuesday/Thursday Mass is celebrated
at 4:30 pm at Saint Mary. All daily Masses will be in
person and live streamed.

Monday	8:00 am	Mass on-line and in person at St. Mark
Tuesday	4:30 pm	Mass on-line and in person at Saint Mary
Wednesday	8:00 am	Mass on-line and in person at St. Mark
Thursday	4:30PM	Mass on-line and in person at Saint Mary

From Father Rodney

I don't know about you but when I hear about disease and incurable illnesses my heart goes out for those who suffer and those who are charged with taking care of them. Perhaps my compassion stems from years working in hospital ministry or the simple fact that my own family is no stranger to heart disease, cancer and brain trauma, but my heart always aches for the sick. Of course, there are some types of illnesses that we have no control over. Unfortunately, we might succumb to disease because of a genetic predisposition, which would be out of our control but there are things that we can do in this life to take care of ourselves ensuring good health. At this time of the year, as we celebrate a New Year, many of us make promises to exercise, eat more fruit and less fatty foods, all of this is good, especially in light of the second reading that Saint Paul wrote to the Christian Community living in Corinth. Saint Paul reminds the Corinthians that "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit [who is] within you." Taking care of ourselves for reasons pertaining to a healthy lifestyle is all well and good but we also must remind ourselves that God's Spirit dwells in us and for that reason, we are a living temple of God and should respect our bodies as such. This new year is only 17 days old. It is not too late to remember how we must treat our bodies – with great respect!



Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021

It is unfathomable that in just one month we will be welcoming the holy season of Lent. Parishioners have already asked me about the distribution of Ashes. The answer: a plan has not yet been put into place. I hope that will be able to announce both an indoor and outdoor plan real soon. Of course, we are totally reliant on the weather for the outdoor option. I ask all those who want an outdoor option to pray to Saint Medardus who is the patron saint of the weather, vineyards, brewers, captives and prisoners, the mentally ill, and peasants. And because he liked to laugh, his intercession is also called upon for toothaches.



Parish Contributions

Below are our collection figures for the period indicated. These contributions have come in through the mail, dropped off in person, via e-giving and Gabrielsoft.

Figures for the period ending
January 10, 2021 - \$15,659.24

November Appeal

November Appeal as of 1/11/2020:
\$128,295.00

Thank you to all who have contributed!



Parish Office Closed

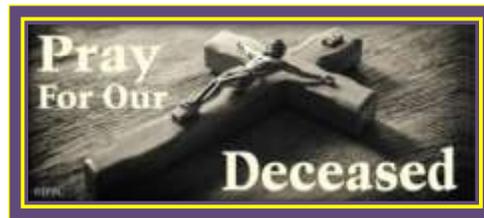
Please note the Parish Office and Faith Formation Office will be closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Missalettes for 2021

Missalettes are located in a box on the landing by the entrance to the parish office. You are asked to **sign out your copy** of the new missalette with a sheet in the box. There is a binder next to the box of missalettes and some pens if you do not have one of your own. Note that if you bring the missalette to church and leave it there it will be thrown away, even if your name is on it. If you lose your copy or it gets thrown away, a replacement will be available for you to purchase.

Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis (in person or virtually). Baptisms are scheduled one family at a time with a maximum of 24 in attendance. We are scheduling on Saturdays at 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm. Please contact the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information. Thank you.



*Antonio Luongo, Sr.
Donald Ouellette*

*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.*

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 together 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 are in need of assistance, please call the help line for our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. They will be able to offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.



Women's Spirituality Group

Hey All Busy Women,

Looking to recharge your batteries? Wish to meet other women in our Parish? Interested in being a spiritual role model for your children? Feeling like you deserve time for yourself? Want to grow in your faith? And you can do all of this from the comfort of your own home.

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is starting a **NEW** Women's Spirituality Group that will meet twice a month. Beginning January 28th. We will meet on Zoom from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

This is a group to journey through your faith wherever you are, **no experience needed**. Feeling you don't know enough about your faith – you're perfect for this group.

For more information and to register please reach out to: Colleen Ford (colleenjuliaford@gmail.com), Janet Kent (buffalokent@comcast.net) or Joanna Wissler (wissler5@verizon.net)



Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4;
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;
Mk 3:20-21

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.

2021 Mass Intention Book

We are accepting additional Mass intentions for 2021. ***Please email your requests if at all possible.*** If you are not able to email, you may call the office or mail in/drop off your request. In an effort to make things fair and consistent please be advised of the following:

Since the book has been open since November, you will now be able to schedule additional Mass intentions. You may schedule up to three Sunday Masses (if you have already scheduled Mass intentions, you may schedule three additional weekend Masses). You may schedule any daily Masses at this time as well. There is no limit on the number of daily Mass intentions.

A reminder that Masses will be celebrated for one person at a time –accommodations will be made for a married couple or family relatives who are deceased.

As always, Mass intentions are for the deceased and not for the living. Thank you for understanding the pastoral reasons (and canonical reasons) as to why these decisions have been made.

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Elaine Corvese

Faith Formation Office Hours – Monday –Thursday

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

2020-2021 School Year Information

Faith Formation format for the 2020-2021 year

Remote learning for grades 1-9: The Faith Formation program for the 2020-2021 year continues for all grades. For more information please contact the office at smsfff@comcast.net Please note: when emailing the Faith Formation office, please indicate your child's name and grade in the subject line. Thank you!



Bulletin Advertisers

Did you know, that we do not pay for the bulletins to be printed, or available on line each week? Our parish bulletin company, John Patrick Publishing Co., actually sends us a check each year! This occurs through the revenue that comes from businesses that advertise in our parish bulletin. We all know that businesses have been struggling during the pandemic, and we greatly appreciate the support of those companies and businesses that have devoted some of their funds to help our parish community. The next time you need some type of service, please take a look at the bulletin. Our vendors can be found in a link on the parish website, or physically on the bulletins that can be found by the door to the parish office. Thank you to those businesses that support us, and thank you for supporting them!

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Pope Francis Prayer to St. Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together during this year dedicated to Saint Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

To you God entrusted his only Son;

in you Mary placed her trust;

with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,

show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Readings for January 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A reading from the first Book of Samuel

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,
and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading

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

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

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 John

Glory to you, O Lord. †

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**