

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 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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January 23– 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	January 22
4:00 pm	Angela Rand
Sunday	January 23
8:00 am	Joy Rezza
Sunday	January 23
9:30 am	Raymond & Gertrude Vandette
Sunday	January 23
11:00 am	Roland Alix
Monday	January 24
4:30 pm	Judy Leco
Tuesday	January 25
8:00 am	
Wednesday	January 26
4:30 pm	Ann D. Taggi
Thursday	January 27
8:00 am	Yvonne Poirier

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January 30– 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	January 29
4:00 pm	Linda Sullivan
Sunday	January 30
8:00 am	
Sunday	January 30
9:30 am	
Sunday	January 30
11:00 am	Mariano Araujo

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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 9: \$15,662.69
November Appeal: \$93,065.00

From Father Rodney

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, ushered in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a time in the calendar of the Church when we focus on what unites Christians of various denominations. All too often Christians focus on the differences we have when it comes to our approach to theology. Unfortunately, since the time of the Great Schism on July 16, 1054, when Patriarch of Constantinople Michael Cerularius was excommunicated from the Christian church based in Rome, Italy. The resulting split divided the European Christian church into two major branches: the Western Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. It only got worse after that. Of course, there was the Protestant Reformation. Historians usually date the start of the Protestant Reformation to the 1517 publication of Martin Luther’s “95 Theses.” Its ending can be placed anywhere from the 1555 Peace of Augsburg, which allowed for the coexistence of Catholicism and Lutheranism in Germany, to the 1648 Treaty of Westphalia, which ended the Thirty Years’ War. The key ideas of the Reformation—a call to purify the church and a belief that the Bible, not tradition, should be the sole source of spiritual authority—were not themselves novel. However, Luther and the other reformers became the first to skillfully use the power of the printing press to give their ideas a wide audience. Today, as you drive around, there are pop up churches in strip malls and the like. Each church trying to vie for the predominance of their beliefs being the ones that are mostly aligned to that of the true teachings of Jesus.

As we mark this important week in the life of the church and in ecumenical circles, it is so appropriate on this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time that we read from Saint Paul’s First Letter to the Church at Corinth. History tells us that this early Christian Community, founded by Saint Paul himself in about 51AD, was marked by divisions, especially when it came to liturgical norms. Paul writes this first letter to remind them that by virtue of their baptism, even though there might be differences, they are like a body. Paul writes:

Brothers and sisters:

**As a body is one though it has many parts,
 and all the parts of the body, though many,
 are one body,
 so also Christ.**

**For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,
 whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,
 and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.**

Now the body is not a single part, but many.

**You are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.
 (1Cor 12:12-14, 27)**

As we mark the week of Christian Unity, let us all recommit ourselves to building up the Body of Christ starting here in our own parish. Let us remind ourselves that on January 1, 2020, three parishes ceased to exist and that the Town of North Attleborough realized the reality that we are one. Jesus’s own last prayer before ascending to the Father should be our prayer in 2022:

Ut unum sint – that they may be one. Let us not focus our attention on our differences but on what unites us as the Body of Christ.

Monthly Adoration

Monthly Adoration is offered the *first Tuesday of every month (February 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: Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you. (St. Josemaria Escriva)*



In Your Prayers

Robert "Bob" Schnack

*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*

Please Keep Our Churches Clean

Please remove ALL papers, tissues and any other items and dispose of them properly as you leave the church. Nothing should be left in the pews after Mass. (Trash receptacles are available at the entrances/exits). Please return all kneelers to the upright position as you leave. Thank you for your assistance.

Missalettes for 2022

Missalettes returned to the pews for your use during Mass. PLEASE do not take them home, they are for everyone's use. At the end of Mass, please return the missalette to the rack for the next person to use. Thank you!

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese smshff@comcast.net

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Faith Formation classes for the month of January are canceled due to the current increase in COVID cases.

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 p.m.

Saturday, February 5, 2022 from 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

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 p.m.

Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

First Communion will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Saint Mary Church, groups as follows:

10:00 a.m. for students with the last name A-J

1:00 p.m. for students with the last name K-Z.

Date of Confirmation: will be held on March 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. 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.

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.

Men's Group

That Man is You! is an interactive men's program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. The QR code will take you to a sign up form that has additional information on the program. You can activate using the camera on their phone. Join us for food, fellowship and faith **Saturday Mornings starting February 5, 2022** at St. John's Parish Center in Attleboro. Breakfast is served at 6:30am, followed by a video presentation at 7am and small group discussion at 7:30am with dismissal at 8:15am. All men are welcome and there is no cost for the program. 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.

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.

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. Please indicate your preference when you contact the office.

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 Thank you to those businesses that support us, and thank you for supporting them!

Readings for January 23
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people— ; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep”— for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;

The command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;

The ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart
find favor before you,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Second Reading

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

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. [If a foot should say, “Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body, “ it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, “Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body, “ it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you, “ nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you.” Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now] you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it. [Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?]

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. †

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ