

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 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

January 30– 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	January 29
4:00 pm	Linda Sullivan
Sunday	January 30
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	January 30
9:30 am	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	January 30
11:00 am	Mariano Araujo
Monday	January 31
4:30 pm	
Tuesday	February 1
8:00 am	Manuel Pereira
Wednesday	February 2
4:30 pm	
Thursday	February 3
8:00 am	Rene Poirier

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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

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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 16: \$11,675.30

From Father Rodney

It is simply an inescapable part of life: we are always going to be in relationships. Husbands and wives; parents and children; co-workers; employer to employee; bishop and priest. I could go on and on but I think that you get the point. One of the most interesting things about relationships is that for them to properly work, there needs to be a basic understanding about each other. Of course, some of the relationships listed above a varying degree of knowledge. Some relationships require very little working knowledge for it to be a successful relationship. Conversely, some relationships are considerably more intimate in nature and require a deeper knowledge for it to be even considered successful. Knowledge of another gives us deeper insight into that person. The more we know about a person, the more we more fully become a part of their lives. Married couples will readily admit that it they want their marriage to be a success there has to be a high level of trust and a constant commitment to grown in knowledge, love and respect of the spouse.

In the first reading we hear proclaimed this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, a beautiful image is used by the Prophet Jeremiah to help us to better understanding of our relationship with our God. Jeremiah prophesies: The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you. (Jer. 1: 4-5) God's intimate knowledge of us EVEN BEFORE we were born should make us think of how unique and special the relationship God has with His Holy People. There is nothing we can conceal with from our God. He so intimately knows us that He desires only that we acknowledge and embrace that relationship that He wants to share with us. Perhaps this year, we might embrace an opportunity to return to the Father, like the Prodigal Son, who only desires to welcome us back with welcome arms. Perhaps the Sacrament of Reconciliation is something that has not been used in a long time. The loving embrace of the Father who seeks to share His Mercy with us by forgiving us our sins so that we can experience the conversion of former sinful ways and live the redeemed existence He has called us to enjoy.





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

**Dorothy Benson, Joseph Miconi, Jr.
Janet Caldwell, Patrick Grimaldi
Marguerite Davis**

*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*

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.

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**

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 your phone.



Men's Group NEXT SATURDAY! Join us next Saturday Feb 5 at 6:30am for free breakfast at St. John's in Attleboro. From 7am to 8:15am we will do a That Man is You! Program session focusing on the Three Spiritual Foods – Word of God, Will of God and Eucharist! Join us! 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.

CATHOLIC schools WEEK

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January 30 begins Catholic Schools Week. To learn more about all Saint Mary – Sacred Heart School has to offer, visit the website www.smschool.com or call the SMSH school office at 58-695-3072 to schedule a visit.

We Welcome

On January 22 we welcomed two new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish at the sacrament of baptism. We welcome: *Emma Ann Anderson*, daughter of Deanne & Corey Anderson and *Lila Paisley Michel*, daughter of Kristina & Derek Michel. Congratulations to Emma Ann, Lila Paisley and their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.



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

Next Sunday we will welcome Scouts from our parish and our area at the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart. We look forward to celebrating Mass with them.

Readings for January 30

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The word of the LORD came to me, saying:

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

But do you gird your loins;
stand up and tell them
all that I command you.

Be not crushed on their account,
as though I would leave you crushed
before them;

for it is I this day
who have made you a fortified city,

a pillar of iron, a wall of brass,
against the whole land:

against Judah's kings and princes,
against its priests and people.

They will fight against you but not prevail over you,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, and deliver me;
incline your ear to me, and save me.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

Be my rock of refuge,
a stronghold to give me safety,
for you are my rock and my fortress.

O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

For you are my hope, O Lord;
my trust, O God, from my youth.

On you I depend from birth;
from my mother's womb you are my strength.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

My mouth shall declare your justice,
day by day your salvation.

O God, you have taught me from my youth,
and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading

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

Brothers and sisters: [Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing

cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.]

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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 began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ