

# The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 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>

### Parish Office

14 Park Street, North Attleborough,  
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Parish e-mail • [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com)

Parish website • [www.saintmaryna.com](http://www.saintmaryna.com)

Phone (508) 695-6161 Fax (508) 695-5248

Faith Formation e-mail • [smshff@comcast.net](mailto:smshff@comcast.net)



***January 9 – Baptism of the Lord***

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>January 8</u></b>
4:00 pm	James Stephen Brennan
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>January 9</u></b>
8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Antonio & Clara Luongo
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>January 9</u></b>
9:30 am	Robert & Angela MacCormack
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>January 9</u></b>
11:00 am	Frank Larivee
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>January 10</u></b>
4:30 pm	
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>January 11</u></b>
8:00 am	John Morrissey
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>January 12</u></b>
4:30 pm	
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>January 13</u></b>
8:00 am	David Parenteau

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***January 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>January 15</u></b>
4:00 pm	Eleanor & Frank Golden, Lillian Golden, Frank Golden, Donald Richard
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>January 16</u></b>
8:00 am	Rose Cersosimo
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>January 16</u></b>
9:30 am	Deacon James J. Meloni, Jr.
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>January 16</u></b>
11:00 am	Richard Dion

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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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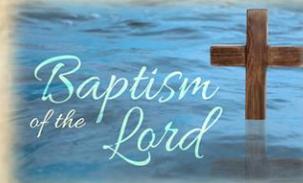
***Parish Contributions***

- Figures from December 19: \$13,994.84
- Christmas Collection: \$ \$14,867.00
- December 26: \$9,802.59

***From Father Rodney***

Merry Christmas! No, I have a calendar. I know that it is the 9th of January. Today, the Church celebrates the Baptism of the Lord...the final day of the Christmas Season. I need to say it one last time as December 25, 2022 is a long way off!

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism, we do so just about 2 weeks after we celebrated the Birth of Jesus. As such, we mark the beginning of His public ministry. Historically, the Church believes that Jesus was approximately thirty years of age when He embarked on His journey of spreading the Good News of the Gospel. For three years, Jesus taught in synagogues; He cured the sick; He gave hope to those who had no hope and accomplished many other amazing things which gave His life and ministry meaning and purpose. It is, however, important for us to revisit the Jordan River, the place where His official ministry began. You see, when the Father claimed Jesus as His very own Son, He gave his Son the authority to make a message of hope known. The very fact that God the Father speaks and thereby acknowledges Jesus as His Son makes the hearers of the word to stop dead in the tracts – something importance is happens and we must take note. The Father wants us to focus on the His Son. His Son speaks a message that must be heard. Why? Because the message restores us to a proper and right relationship with our God. Jesus’s Baptism is an occasion for us to focus on what God wants us to do, namely, to listen to the words of the Son. The Son offers us a message of hope and joy; a message of peace and consolation in a world that oftentimes attempts to strip us of all of these blessings. As we bring our celebration of Christmas to an end, let us try to hold fast to the gift that God has given us – the gift of His Son, Jesus. The Way, the Truth and the Life. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



## 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.

*Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace. (revealed by St. Alphonsus Ligouri)*

## Advent Adopt-A-Family Project

Please accept my sincere appreciation for your consistent generosity to the Adopt-A-Family project. Although many are struggling, so many families found ways to again be most generous to this effort. This year we provided for families who were especially in need of our collective love and support. Because of your unselfish assistance, we provided clothing for the children and parents. There were also books, games and the typical trappings of Christmas. In addition we were able to provide assistance for utility bills and will be able to support some with assistance during the year. The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Transfiguration Parish provided enough food and goodies for all and delivered all the gifts just before Christmas. The success of this project is such an expression of love from all who sacrifice so that others may experience the wonderful magic that comes with this very blessed season of the year. May God Bless us all now and in the New Year.

Most gratefully,  
*Betty Poirier, Chairperson*

## 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

We now have our 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!

## 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. Please watch for emailed information from the Faith Formation office regarding details. Thank you for your understanding.

## Letter of Pope Francis to Married Couples for the “Amoris Laetitia Family” Year, 2021-2022

This letter begins:

*“Dear married couples throughout the world!  
In this “Amoris Laetitia Family” Year, I am writing to express my deep affection and closeness to you at this very special time. Families have always been in my thoughts and prayers, but especially so during the pandemic, which has severely tested everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us. The present situation has made me want to accompany with humility, affection and openness each individual, married couple and family in all those situations in which you find yourselves.”*

Please click on the link below to read all of Pope Francis' prayers, desires and hopes for our families in the coming year.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2021/documents/20211226-lettera-sposi-anno-famiglia-amorislaetitia.html>

## 2021 Annual Collection Update

To date, our total stands at \$91,265.00. Thank you to all for your continued generosity.

## 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 at [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com) or by phone at 508-695-6161

## Women's Spirituality Group

Are you interested in learning more about the Mass? Starting on Thursday, January 20th & meeting every other Thursday for six weeks we will begin a study about the Biblical basis of the Holy Mass. How has the Holy Bible influenced what we celebrate during the Mass in the present day? Where did traditions arise like kneeling before entering a pew? What is the particular significance of the different parts of the Mass? We are excited to enrich our experience with meeting Jesus in the Eucharist by developing a deeper understanding of this weekly celebration. Hope you can join us! If you are interested please reach out to Joanna Wissler ([wissler5@verizon.net](mailto:wissler5@verizon.net) or 508-243-5307).

## 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](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com)) for more information and visit the parish website [www.saintmaryna.com](http://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](mailto:jim.schromm@verizon.net) or (508) 643-3623.

## Attleboro March for Life

In solidarity with the National March for Life, there will be a March for Life on Saturday, January 15th, 6PM from Holy Ghost Church (formerly St. Vincent de Paul), 71 Linden St, to St John's Church, 1 St. John Place, Attleboro. There will be a prayer service at 5:30PM with the march starting at 6PM and prayer to conclude the march. Call 508-222-1206 for more information.

## Prayer and Pizza

Looking for another way to deepen your spirituality? Do you have "knots" in your life that you need help undoing? Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month for "Prayer and Pizza". Following the 4:30 pm Mass *Wednesday, January 19*, we together will pray the rosary, which will be offered up to Mary, Undoer of Knots ([maryundoerofknots.com](http://maryundoerofknots.com)). Whether you pray the rosary daily or have never prayed it before, please consider joining us for "Prayer and Pizza" All are welcome! Please contact Rick Leco (508 930 9264) or Vicky Curran (508 930 3306) with any questions.



## 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.

## Masks

*Bishop da Cunha, Bishop of our Fall River Diocese, is strongly encouraging all parishioners 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. 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.

## *Readings for January 9*

### *The Baptism of the Lord*

#### **First Reading**

##### **A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah**

Comfort, give comfort to my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her  
that her service is at an end,  
her guilt is expiated;  
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for  
our God!

Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low;  
the rugged land shall be made a plain,  
the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain,  
Zion, herald of glad tidings;  
cry out at the top of your voice,  
Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out  
and say to the cities of Judah:  
Here is your God!

Here comes with power  
the Lord GOD,  
who rules by a strong arm;  
here is his reward with him,  
his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;  
in his arms he gathers the lambs,  
carrying them in his bosom,  
and leading the ewes with care.

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

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

##### **R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!  
you are clothed with majesty and glory,  
robed in light as with a cloak.

You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth.

##### **R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

You have constructed your palace upon the waters.

You make the clouds your chariot;  
you travel on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers,  
and flaming fire your ministers.

##### **R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have wrought them all -

the earth is full of your creatures;  
the sea also, great and wide,  
in which are schools without number  
of living things both small and great.

##### **R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

They look to you to give them food in due time.

When you give it to them, they gather it;  
when you open your hand, they are filled  
with good things.

##### **R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

If you take away their breath,  
they perish and return to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit,  
they are created,

and you renew the face of the earth.

##### **R. O bless the Lord, my soul.**

#### **Second Reading**

##### **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus**

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love  
of God our savior appeared,  
not because of any righteous deeds we had done  
but because of his mercy,  
He saved us through the bath of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,  
whom he richly poured out on us  
through Jesus Christ our savior,  
so that we might be justified by his grace  
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

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. †**

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**