

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## July 17, 2022



Mary has chosen the  
*better part*  
and it will not be  
*taken from her.*

LUKE 10:42



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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 scheduled on 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 Father Rodney. 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 Benediction.

### Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you may drop your contribution in the collection basket. 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 online giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

### 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

### 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

*Links to:* Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

### Parish Office

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## Masses For The Week



### July 17- 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 16</b>
4:00 pm	Irene Soeldner
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 17</b>
8:00 am	Michael Judge
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 17</b>
9:30 am	Jeanne Small, Vincent Giansante & William Bauer
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 17</b>
11:00 am	Shaun M. Kenney
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 18</b>
4:30 pm	Paul Poirier
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 19</b>
8:00 am	Michael Judge
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 20</b>
4:30 pm	Sandra Tello
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 21</b>
8:00 am	John & Elizabeth McCarthy

### July 24- 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 23</b>
4:00 pm	Irene Soeldner
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 24</b>
8:00 am	Donna Johnson, George Johnson, Jr., Kathy Johnson, Kyle Johnson
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 24</b>
9:30 am	Edward & Barbara Joyce
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 24</b>
11:00 am	Helen & Wilbur Weldon

### Mass Intention Book

Mass intentions are open for 2023. You may schedule up to three weekend Masses (so that others will have a chance as well). 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. Please contact Monica in the office with your requests, email or in writing preferred.

### From Father Rodney

Let's be honest...who of us likes or enjoys suffering? I'm not raising my hand. Suffering is a challenge; it tests us and might even push us to our limits forcing us to cry out "UNCLE!" Our country has known suffering. Indeed, our entire world knows suffering. When I think of the unjust war raging in Ukraine and the lack of a foreseeable solution and as I witness the constant problems we have right here at home I know that our country is suffering because of division, intolerance and ignorance, my mind turns to suffering. Suffering is a part of the human condition, yes, but it is probably the most unpleasant part of it. This 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time we read in the Second Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians, Paul writes that *"Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ."* (Col 1:24-28)

Saint Paul uses certain words and phrases that are striking to me when it comes to suffering. First, Saint Paul notes that he rejoices in suffering for them. Saint Paul wants the community to realize as Christ willingly gave his life over as a ransom for many, so too, he wants the community to be at the disposal of one another. He wants them to selflessly act for one another. Paul also notes that suffering brings about the "hope of glory." Now, that part is a bit of a challenge to swallow especially considering all of the suffering that we see currently going on in the world. I pray for that glory. I want that glory, the glory of the peaceful reign of God's Kingdom to be realized for the entire world. Suffering...a part of who we are but we might take hope and comfort that as we continuously recommit ourselves to the Lord Jesus, it is He who will take away the scourge of suffering replacing it with peace.

**GRATITUDE**  
Your Parish Community is  
**GRATEFUL**  
for your consistent contributions.

**Parish Contributions**

Collection figures from July 2/3: \$14,657.64  
Many thanks to all those who continue to remember our parish community in your prayers and budgeting during the summer months.



**Marriage Congratulations!**

Our prayerful congratulations are extended to **Allison Iaconis & Bryan Devine** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage on July 9, 2022.

*May God's choicest blessings come upon you as you begin to live this sacrament of love.*



*Baptized  
in the name of the Father  
the Son  
and the Holy Ghost*

**We Welcome!**

On Saturday, July 9, 2022 we welcomed four new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish.

We welcome: *Audrey Maria Favreau*, daughter of Stephanie & James Favreau, *Matthew Patrick MacDonald*, son of Rachel & Patrick MacDonald, *Charles Michael Mathieson*, son of Anna & Allyn Mathieson and *Walker Michael Wichland*, son of Julia O'Day & Eric Wichland. Congratulations to Audrey, Matthew, Charles, Walker their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.



Welcome! If you are new to the North Attleborough area, we welcome you to our parish community. Parish census forms are found on the parish website ([www.saintmaryna.com](http://www.saintmaryna.com)) or you may contact the Parish Office – [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com) - for more information regarding registration.

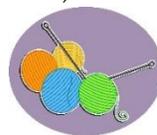
**Christmas in July!**

It is almost here...the Transfiguration of the Lord *“Christmas in July”* Fair! You and all your friends, relatives, neighbors...are invited to 105 Stanley Street (Saint Mark church) on Friday, July 22 (5 pm – 8 pm) and Saturday, July 23 (9 am – 3pm). Come and enjoy some delicious clam cakes and chowder, ice cream sundaes, snacks, candy and baked goods! Take a chance on some silent auction items, the 50/50 raffle or one of the creative theme baskets. Then take a walk upstairs and bid on the beautifully decorated trees on display in the church. There will be games, crafts, a dunk tank and lots of fun for everyone! We hope to see you there!!!



**Prayer Shawl Committee**

The Prayer Shawl Committee is working on prayer cloths to send to the Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. The cloths are pocket sized, with a cross stitched in the pattern, and each will include a special prayer card from Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and would like to pitch in, please contact Nancy Chapman at [nchapman88@comcast.net](mailto:nchapman88@comcast.net). Patterns are available and yarn if you need some. This is a great way to use up leftover yarn. We hope to have them completed this summer and sent in late August.



## FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

Please note new email address:

TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com

# SUMMER

Faith Formation Summer Hours

Monday – Wednesday

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

### Faith Formation for Fall 2022

The students in all grades will be promoted to the next grade and emails regarding the program will be sent during the month of August. If you have a son/daughter entering first grade in the fall, you will need to register him/her to the Faith Formation program. First grade is the first year of the two-year program in preparation for First Communion which is held in the spring of the second year. Contact the Faith Formation office at [transfigurationreled@gmail.com](mailto:transfigurationreled@gmail.com) to register.



**Jean Colleran**

*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*

**Pope Francis**

“Every day God passes by and sows a seed in the soil of our lives. Making that seed grow depends on us, on our prayer, on the open heart with which we approach the Scriptures so that it might become for us the Living Word of God.”

~July 6, 2022



## 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 together we will pray the rosary, which will be offered up to Mary, Undoer of Knots (maryundoerofknots.com). As St. Padre Pio said, “The rosary

is the weapon for these times...”. Whether you pray the rosary daily or have never prayed it before, please consider joining us for “Prayer and Pizza” *the next gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20*. Pizza from Bill’s Pizza in North Attleboro will be provided as well as bottled water in the parish center at Saint Mary Church following the rosary. Voluntary donations will be accepted and donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their charitable works. All are welcome! Come and see what it is all about this summer! 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.



## Call for Assistance

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.

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal Catholic organization focused on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Council #330 has been serving the Catholic community of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish since 1898. The



Council is committed to assisting local causes that align with our Catholic values such as the Parish, St Mary-Sacred Heart School, Adopt-a-Family, and Abundant Hope. If you are interested in becoming a member or have questions, please contact Jim Schromm at [jim.schromm@verizon.net](mailto:jim.schromm@verizon.net).

## Pray for Ukraine

*From Pope Francis at the June 26 Angelus: "And let us not forget the suffering of the Ukrainian people in this moment, a people who are suffering. I would like you all to keep in mind a question: what am I doing today for the Ukrainian people? Do I pray? Am I doing something? Am I trying to understand? What am I doing today for the Ukrainian people? Each one of you, answer in your own heart."* One thing you can

do is to pray a decade (or more) of the Rosary daily for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for the end of the war. Sometimes even as a people of God we can feel overwhelmed or powerless when we see the images coming out of Ukraine. We can lose heart. We often forget that we have the most powerful weapon of all... prayer and when we come together as a community there is real power. Thank you for taking a few moments out of your day to unite with the larger Catholic/Christian community to pray for an end to this crisis.



## Don' forget Mass in your travel plans!

[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) will help you locate a

Mass time when vacationing around the country or around the world. Check out this handy way to find a Mass near you!



## Free Meals for Kids and Teens

*No registration or ID required*

Project Bread through the "Summer Eats" program wants to let families know that free meals are available for children and teens throughout the summer.



**Community School:** 45 S. Washington Street, North Attleborough. Monday – Friday -daily breakfast & lunch from June 27 – August 26 (closed July 4). Breakfast 9:00 – 9:20 am/Lunch 12:20 pm – 1:00 pm.

**Early Learning Center:** 25 School Street, North Attleborough. Monday – Friday -daily breakfast & lunch from June 27 – August 26 (closed July 4). Breakfast 8:30 am – 9:00 am/Lunch 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm.

For more information visit the website: [projectbread.org/summereats](http://projectbread.org/summereats) or call 1-800-645-8333

## July Saints and Feast Days Word Search



Directions: Search only for the parts of the saints names or feast days that are in bold print.

Junipero Serra	Kateri Tekakwitha	Bridget James
Elizabeth of Portugal	Bonaventure	Joachim and Anne
Maria Goretti	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Martha
Augustine Zhao Rong	Apollinaris	Peter Chrysologus
Benedict Henry	Lawrence of Brindisi	
	Mary Magdalene	

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## Readings for July 17

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### FIRST READING

##### A reading from the Book of Genesis

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said."

Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls." He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then Abraham got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

One who walks blamelessly  
and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.

**R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man,  
nor takes up a reproach against  
his neighbor;  
by whom the reprobate is despised,  
while he honors those who fear  
the LORD.

**R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against  
the innocent.  
One who does these things  
shall never be disturbed.

**R. He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## ALLELUIA

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart  
and yield a harvest through perseverance.*

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

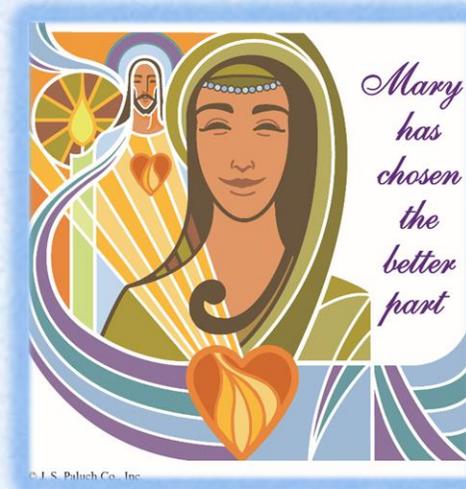
† A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



# Christmas In July

## Planning Updates

Join us in planning for Transfiguration of Lord Parish's **Christmas in July** fair to be held at St. Mark Church. The fair will open on **Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and will continue on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** All members of our parish community are invited to attend and/or join our planning committee. If you have never been involved with any of our former parish fairs, please consider joining us. For new members of the parish, this is a great way to meet other parishioners and to share your gifts and talents with the community. Please contact Karen Smith at 508-212-7377, Kerry Vigorito at 508-294-3883, Michele Brunelle at 781-844-4034, or Miles Miller at 508-369-1349 for more information on how to get involved.

**REMINDER:** *this will be the sole parish fair for the 2022 calendar year, so we hope you will consider taking part in this new parish-wide event.*

**SPONSORS NEEDED:** We are looking for **Christmas in July** sponsors. If you or any area businesses would like to sponsor the fair, please contact Karen Smith at 508-212-7377 for more information. All sponsors will be recognized at the fair and in our parish bulletin.

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS:** We are in need of larger **NEW** items such as a television, iPad, Apple Watch, Fitbit, Patriots tickets, theatre tickets, personal services such as lawn service, legal services, spa package, vacation weeks/trips, wine and/or beer of the month packages, sports memorabilia, etc., all with a value of \$100 or more. Please contact Karen Smith at 508-212-7377 or Gerry Brunell at 508-695-1914 for more information.

**RAFFLE CENTER:** We need your help to fill our Raffle Center with gift baskets and other items of interest. A display of potential themes has been placed at the entrance of each church. Please feel free to take a theme or select a theme of your own. A sign-up sheet will be available so we can have an idea of how many baskets/themes we can expect. For planning purposes, we ask that all completed baskets be returned to St. Mark Church by 11AM on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> if possible. Please contact Gerry Brunell at 508-695-1914 or Manju Yoder at 774-254-2202 for more information.

**WINE WHEEL:** Donations are needed for our Wine Wheel, (we have a very limited supply at the moment) If you have an extra bottle of wine (*or more*) that you would like to donate, we would be most grateful. For planning purposes, donations will be accepted through 4 PM on Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Kathy Scholtes at 508-930-0119 or Betty Poirier at 508-982-5194 for more information, or to set up an appointment.

**ICE CREAM SUNDAE BOOTH:** Help needed. We need volunteers to take sundae orders and to collect money on Fri., July 22 from 5 – 8 pm and Sat, July 23 from 9 – 3 pm. You can work a smaller shift or the entire day (a great way to earn service hours). Please contact Maureen or Dave Avila at 508-695-3865 for more information.

**WHAT-NOT SHOPPE:** Dana Frederick is collecting gently-used household items and new gift items you may have received but cannot use. Please remember that we cannot accept used electronic items such as TVs, computers, printers, etc. For convenience, you may drop off donations on Monday July 18 between 9 AM and noon at St. Mark Church. If you need to schedule a different time to meet this week, or if you have any questions, please contact Dana Frederick at 508-695-3859.

**FESTIVAL OF THE TREES:** Thank you to everyone who signed up to decorate a tree! Completed trees can be returned to Saint Mark church on Thurs., July 21 between 9am – 11am or Fri., July 22 between 9 am – 11am. Please contact Kerry Vigorito at 508-294-3883 or Michele Brunelle at 781-844-4034 for more information.

**SATURDAY DUNK TANK FEATURING FATHER RODNEY:** We are planning to offer two 1.5-hour sessions on Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30AM to 11AM and from 12:30PM to 2PM. Please contact Mark Fisher at [mfisherna@gmail.com](mailto:mfisherna@gmail.com) if you are interested in selling chances and/or assisting with the event.

**50/50 RAFFLE:** We will be selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle after all weekend Masses on July 16 and July 17 and at the Fair itself. Please contact Miles Miller at 508-369-1349 for more information.

**SEWING, KNITTING & CRAFTS:** We are looking for any hand-made/sewn items, and any crafts for the fair. For planning purposes, donations will be accepted through 4PM on Friday, July 22. Please contact Connie Schnack at 508-695-9774 or Noreen Kiff at 508-310-3570 for more information.

**BAKERY & CANDY SHOPPE:** Please consider baking some tasty treats for our fair. Our famous meat pies will also be available for sale. Baked goods, candy, and fudge can be dropped off on Thursday, July 21 from 5PM -7PM or Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9AM to 11AM. Please contact JoAnn Houle 508-695-6199 or Norma McCarthy at 508-695-6817 for more information.

*Please clip and drop in collection basket, or mail to the office:  
14 Park St, North Attleborough, MA 02760*

**YES, I CAN HELP WITH CHRISTMAS IN JULY!**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Press Release from:**  
*Catholic Schools Alliance*  
*Sandi M. Duxbury*  
*VP of Marketing and Enrollment*



## **LISA SERAK NAMED PRINCIPAL OF ST. MARY-SACRED HEART SCHOOL IN NORTH ATTLEBORO**

NORTH ATTLEBORO, MA - After an extensive search process, Father Rodney Thibault, pastor of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and Director of St. Mary-Sacred Heart School, is pleased to announce that Lisa Serak has been appointed the next principal of St. Mary-Sacred Heart School. Mrs. Serak is a lifelong Catholic educator who has previously taught at Bishop Feehan High School, St. Mary Academy-Bay View, and most recently, has been the middle school ELA teacher at St. Mary Sacred-Heart School for the past 15 years. This appointment is effective immediately.

In addition, Mrs. Serak has been a product of Catholic education from elementary school through her undergraduate program at Salve Regina University, where she received her bachelor's degree in Secondary Education / History. Mrs. Serak has two master's degrees in Secondary Education / History and Educational Leadership from Rhode Island College and Bridgewater State University respectively. Mrs. Serak has been nominated for multiple national teacher awards, such as the Disney American Teacher Award, as well as the Who's Who Among America's Teachers Award. In 1992, Mrs. Serak received the Bishop Feehan Distinguished Alumni Award.

Superintendent Daniel S. Roy indicates, "The success of our Catholic schools depends on the commitment of our educators and leaders. Lisa's story in Catholic education is compelling, and her vocation to leading St. Mary-Sacred Heart School positions the school very well for the future." According to Father Rodney, "It is such a pleasure to announce Lisa's appointment to this very important role as her extensive educational leadership and experience will guide St. Mary-Sacred Heart School well into the future."

"It is an exciting time to be in Catholic education leadership as the landscape for schools has changed dramatically in the past two years," exclaims Lisa Serak. "While there are many choices of schools, only Catholic schools educate the whole person – spiritually, academically, and socially – with Jesus as our model. I am humbled to lead this gem of a school and look forward to my new role in this vibrant community of faith and learning."

Lisa Serak is married and she and her husband, Ron, have three daughters, Livia, Emme and Brooke. The Serak family are members of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish in North Attleboro.

### **About the Catholic Schools Alliance**

The Catholic Schools Alliance comprises administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and clergy joined in partnership to educate the children of the Diocese of Fall River in Catholic faith and values. Our schools have a demanding educational culture that helps students reach their God-given potential across the academic spectrum. With an emphasis on love of others through their service and respect, we prepare students to meet the challenges of today's diverse world and become meaningful contributors to society by helping to rebuild a culture of life and love. For more information, please go to [www.RediscoverCatholicSchools.org](http://www.RediscoverCatholicSchools.org).