

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18, 2021

They were like
SHEEP
without a shepherd

MARK 6:34



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 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.

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

Suspended at this time

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

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>

Daily Mass

Daily Mass is celebrated
Saint Mark at 8:00 am on Monday/Wednesday.
Saint Mary at 4:30 pm on Tuesday/Thursday
All daily Masses are also live streamed

Parish Office

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Mass Intentions

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July 18 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>July 17</u>
4:00 pm	Mark Vandette
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 18</u>
8:00 am	Kevin Thornton
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 18</u>
9:30 am	Edward & Barbara Joyce
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 18</u>
11:00 am	Shaun M. Kenney
<u>Monday</u>	<u>July 19</u>
8:00 am	Michael Judge
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>July 20</u>
4:30 pm	Sandra Tello
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>July 21</u>
8:00 am	Elizabeth McCarthy
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>July 22</u>
4:30 pm	

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July 25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>July 24</u>
4:00 pm	Diana Larocque
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 25</u>
8:00 am	Anthony Sellner
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 25</u>
9:30 am	Robert Otrando & Robert Roche
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>July 25</u>
11:00 am	Dean Demers

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Weekend Masses

Masses will continue to be livestreamed.

Saturday 4:00 pm Saint Mary parking lot*
weather permitting – moves indoors Saint Mary as needed

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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Parish Contributions

Figures for the period ending

July 4 – \$14,170.07

July 11 figures will appear in next weekend's bulletin

From Father Rodney

The liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent are designed to be seasons of preparation for Christmas and Easter. The Church uses these special times so that Christians can prepare themselves in a spiritual way, to be ready for the Birth of Christ and His Passion, Death and Resurrection. One of the ways in which we ready ourselves is by acts of penance. It is usually a time when I spend a bit more time in the confessional as folks want to rid themselves of the stain of sin so that with hearts purified, they can spiritually welcome Christ and delight in His accomplishments.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation mustn't be viewed as simply a seasonal one! It should be embraced as a freely given gift from God who is perfect mercy. God teaches us that all He wants is for us to treat others the way he treats us: with clemency; with much lenience and mercy. Yes, we can oftentimes be wronged or hurt by others. When that happens, do we hold a grudge or do we seek ways to bring about the sort of mercy God is challenging us to offer to those who have wronged us?

If you find yourself with some free time this summer, reflect on the past year and a half and reflect on your relationships especially during the challenging time. This time certainly added stress to each of our lives. Are our relationships healthy and life-giving or are they fractured and in need of repair? If the latter is the answer, perhaps the Sacrament of Reconciliation will enable you, through God's freely given Grace, the strength to be full of mercy and leniency just as he is with you! Each and every Saturday between 3:00-3:30 you will find one of your parish priests in the Covid Confessional which remains a safe alternative to the normal confessional. To view a video of the procedure visit our Facebook page or the Transfiguration of the Lord YouTube channel to watch the video.



RECONCILIATION

Upcoming Plans

As was announced back in May, Father Jack has been assigned to Saint John Neumann Parish in East Freetown. Father Jack's last day at Transfiguration of the Lord Parish will be Tuesday, August 17. Plans are underway for a casual farewell reception prior to his departure. Details will be announced soon, stay tuned!

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. Thank you.

Housekeeping Items ~ Neatness Counts

Please help us keep our parishes clean and tidy. Bulletins can be taken on your way out of church. Please return the kneeler to the upright position. Please take any debris; tissues, wrappers, and throw them away. Trash containers can be found at the main entrances to the church. We also ask that you supervise any children who are in need of the restrooms during Mass, and that they be used only if urgently needed. Please help us keep our parish clean and welcoming to all who may come after you. *Thank you for your assistance!*

Summer Parish Office Hours

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Fridays for the months of July and August.

The office will be open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm



Daily Mass?

For some of us, our schedule changes in summer and we have a bit of freedom to do a few extra things. Have you ever considered making daily Mass one of those things? Mass is celebrated on Mondays and Wednesdays at Saint Mark's at 8:00AM and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Saint Mary at 4:30PM. Maybe a nice thing to consider maybe mid-week for a spiritual boost if you can make it!

FAITH FORMATION

*Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Elaine Corvese*

**Faith Formation
Summer Office Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm**



During the summer, your son/daughter will be promoted to the next grade and emails will be sent regarding the program for the 2021-2022 year in late August. **Registration will only apply to children entering first grade and students new to the program. Registration for these students will begin August 16, 2021.** I am truly blessed to work in my ministry with such a wonderful team and I pray your summer will be a time of rest and renewal. God bless you and know I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Elaine

Director Faith Formation

Catholic Appeal 2021

Thank you! We have surpassed the donation that our parish donated to the Bishop's Catholic Appeal in 2020. **The books for the 2021 Appeal closed and our parish donated/pledged a final total of \$102,248.00.** Thank you, each and every parishioner who has ensured that the Corporal Works of Mercy will be a reality here in the Diocese of Fall River.

Liturgical Ministry

Thank you to those who indicated their preferences regarding scheduling. If you requested to wait until the fall, your information is recorded for the start of the fall schedule. If you have been a lector Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server (adult or youth) or Usher in the past and have not yet emailed the office, please let me know if you wish to be removed from the list or resume in the fall. If I do not hear back, you will automatically be removed from the ministry listings. **If you have already emailed the office, you do not need to do so again.** We will start scheduling servers in the fall. We welcome new people to all ministries. If you are interested, or if your child would like to learn about becoming an altar server in the fall, please email the office.

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.

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.

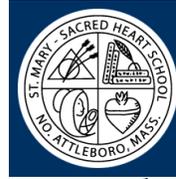


Guidelines

Please remember that anyone who is unvaccinated is advised to wear a mask and practice social distancing while in common areas, such as Mass and/or meetings. If you are fully vaccinated, you are no longer required to wear a mask at Mass. Anyone who feels more comfortable wearing a mask is welcome to do so. Please be considerate of those around you.

Saint Mary – Sacred Heart School

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year at our Parish Catholic School. For more information about our outstanding Pre-K, Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle School programs, please visit the website at www.smschool.com or call 508-695-3072 to schedule a visit or learn more about our educational opportunities. All are welcome!



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Let Jesus feed your marriage! Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Planning a Vacation???

Don't forget to plan for Mass!

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!

Readings for July 18
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds who shepherd my people: You have scattered my sheep and driven them away. You have not cared for them, but I will take care to punish your evil deeds. I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they shall increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the LORD.

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David;
as king he shall reign and govern wisely,
he shall do what is just and right in the land.

In his days Judah shall be saved,
Israel shall dwell in security.

This is the name they give him:
“The LORD our justice.”

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul
to the Ephesians**

Brothers and sisters: In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

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
Mark**

Glory to you, O Lord. †

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

