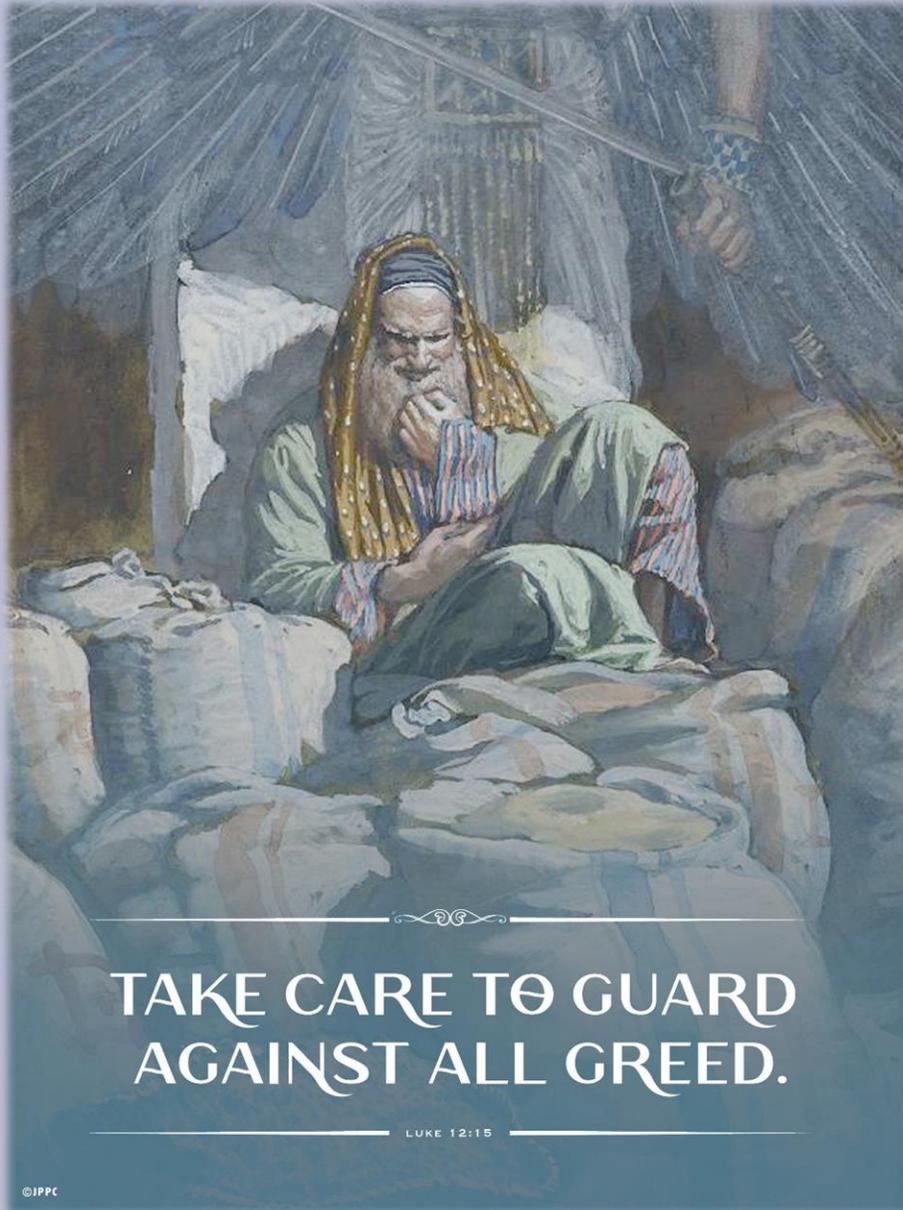


# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2022



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street  
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

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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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July 31- 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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August 7-19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Contributions

Collection figures from July 16/17: \$10,812.25

Many thanks to all those who continue to remember our parish community in your prayers and budgeting during the summer months.

Catholic Appeal 2022

Thank you! We have surpassed the amount that our parish donated to the Bishop's Catholic Appeal in 2021. The books for the 2022 Appeal closed and our parish donated or pledged a final total of \$107,825.00 and increase from last year's total by \$5,577.00.

From Father Rodney

Since I am on vacation this weekend, I thought that some light-hearted summer jokes would make you all laugh. Hope that everyone is having a great week. See you next weekend.

- 1. What is brown, hairy, and wears sunglasses? A coconut on vacation.
2. What kind of tree fits in your hand? A palm tree!
3. What did the little corn say to the mama corn? Where is pop corn?
4. How do we know that the ocean is friendly? It waves!
5. What do you do if you get rejected at the sunscreen company? Reapply
6. How do you prevent a summer cold? Catch it in winter.
7. What do snowmen do in summer? Chillout
8. Where do goldfish go on vacation? Around the globe
9. Where do sheep go on vacation? The Baahamas
10. Why don't oysters share their pearls? Because they're shellfish!
11. What do you call a Labrador at the beach in August? A hot dog
12. When do you go at red and stop at green? When you're eating a watermelon
13. What does the sun drink out of? Sunglasses
14. Where do sharks go on vacation? Finland
15. What did the reporter say to the ice cream? What's the scoop?
16. What did the beach say to the tide when it came in? Long time, no sea.
17. What is the difference between a piano and a fish? You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish
18. Why did the shark befriend the dolphin? Because it wanted more porpoise in its life
19. Why didn't the sun go to college? Because it has a million degrees.
20. Why do fish swim in saltwater? Because pepper makes them sneeze!

*From Father Rodney continues.....*

*A sincere word of thanks...  
from Father Rodney*

I would like to take the opportunity to each and every person who made our inaugural “Christmas in July” such a success! What a fun weekend for all. Many, many hours of hard work – blood, sweat and tears! – went into this wonderful event. Thank you to everyone who made it so memorable. There are too many to thank and I fear that I would forget someone, but I would like to make mention of just a few who truly spear-headed the event. Armand and Michelle Brunelle; Karen Smith; Gerry Brunell; Miles Miller; Kerry Vigorito, Dana Frederick. To everyone else who staffed or organized a table; donated a basket or a bottle of wine, from the bottom of your grateful pastor’s heart: THANK YOU!



***Alice Rounds***

*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.*

**Free Summer Concerts**

**Thursdays - 6:30 PM**

The North Attleboro Cultural Council is sponsoring a free summer concert series on Thursdays at 6:30 PM at the Veterans Gazebo at 43 South Washington Street in North Attleboro. The concerts will run through August 18th. Featuring a food truck, Del’s and Palagi’s Ice Cream. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the concert.



**CHRISTMAS IN JULY: THANK YOU!**

The planning committee members would like to express our sincerest thanks to all of the dedicated volunteers, sponsors, and patrons who have gone above and beyond investing themselves to make this such a successful event. We could not do this without your time, support, generosity, and solidarity. The community firmly embraced Christmas in July, and for that, we are most grateful. At the time of this printing, final figures/breakdowns are still being processed, but please stay tuned for more detailed information in the weeks to come. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING THIS NEW PARISH EVENT SO SPECIAL!

**New to the Parish?**

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.



**Job Listing – Saint Mary Norton**

Saint Mary’s Parish in Norton is seeking a Director of Faith Formation to plan, integrate, implement, oversee and evaluate the Faith Formation Program. The focus is on evangelizing and catechizing grades 1-9, and their families. The program has approximately 350 students, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, and Adult Formation. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and recommendations to Fr. Timothy Reis ([frtimreis@gmail.com](mailto:frtimreis@gmail.com)) or mail to One Power St. Norton, Mass. 02766. For more information visit [fallriverdiocese.org](http://fallriverdiocese.org) and click on Employment Opportunities.

**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.”*



*Our Children - Our Future*  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

*Servants of God*

### Saint Mary – Sacred Heart School

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 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](http://www.smschool.com) or call 508-695-3072 to schedule a visit or learn more about our educational opportunities. All are welcome!



### Saint Mary - Sacred Heart Little Saints Preschool

Little Saints PreK is accepting registration for our two, three, and five-day-a-week programs. We offer hands-on, full-day programs that focus on play-based learning. Our Little Saints experience Music, Art, Technology, Spanish and Physical Education along with the foundations they will need for Kindergarten. The program's goal is to instill confidence, independence, and a love of learning. Call the school office at 508-695-3072 to learn more and schedule a tour.



## 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.

### 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).

## Monthly Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a necessity in our world that is full of chaos. We are in need of people coming to spend time with Jesus in adoration especially during the afternoon hours. Please pray about this and hopefully you will discern to come each month to gain graces for yourself and the whole world. Adoration hours are next held in Saint Mary Church, **Tuesday, August 2**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. with Benediction. For more information call Joanne Regali (508-643-3821) or Arlene Hall (508-801-2243). Please leave a message if the call is not answered immediately.

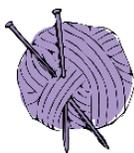
## Mass Intention Book

Mass intentions are open for 2023. You may schedule up to three weekend Masses (so that others will have a chance as well). There is no limit on the number of daily Mass intentions. Masses will be celebrated for one person at a time – accommodations will be made for a married couple or family relatives who are deceased. 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.



## 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.



B A P T I S M

## 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.

## 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.

# Readings for July 31

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

## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,  
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



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***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.*

— *Psalm 90:12*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not  
your hearts.**

You turn man back to dust,  
saying, “Return, O children of men.”  
For a thousand years in your sight  
are as yesterday, now that it is past,  
or as a watch of the night.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not  
your hearts.**

You make an end of them in their sleep;  
the next morning they are like the  
changing grass,  
Which at dawn springs up anew,  
but by evening wilts and fades.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not  
your hearts.**

Teach us to number our days aright,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Return, O LORD! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not  
your hearts.**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,  
that we may shout for joy and gladness  
all our days.

And may the gracious care of the LORD our  
God be ours;  
prosper the work of our hands for us!  
Prosper the work of our hands!

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not  
your hearts.**

## SECOND READING

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

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## ALLELUIA

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*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.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” He replied to him, “Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?” Then he said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

Then he told them a parable. “There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, “Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!”’ But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



# Summer Parent Page

## How to Raise Kids Who Care *4 Ways to Cultivate Empathy*



How do you raise kids who care? Education professor William Damon says that one of the first and most important steps in raising moral children is to nurture their ability to feel empathy. According to Damon, “Empathy toward those in distress” is one of the “elements of a universal morality.”

The good news for parents is that empathy arises naturally in children at an early age and is easily nurtured through fun family activities such as watching movies together. You don’t have to go looking for special events or situations to make this happen. A child receives the best moral education during normal daily situations when adults are actively engaged in that child’s life. Here are a few ordinary opportunities where you might cultivate empathy in your children:

### ***1. Read stories and watch movies together.***

Occasionally stop and ask your child, “How do you think this character feels?” There is no right answer. The point is to encourage empathetic feelings and reflection. Such questioning will give children opportunities to hone their ability to sense the feelings of others. It will also help them to base their future actions on compassion rather than self-centeredness.

### ***2. Allow your child to fully declare their feelings when they’re having a difficult time with a sibling or friend.***

Ask your child if they can also express what the other person might be feeling and why. The point of this exercise is not to put down or dismiss your child’s feelings but to widen his or her sense of all that is truly going on in the situation.

### ***3. Create a safe climate for your child to take responsibility for his or her actions—both good and bad.***

Professor Damon says, “There is no more effective facilitator of moral development than fostering children’s willingness to take responsibility for good and bad deeds.” You can encourage this willingness by responding calmly and evenly when your child admits to misdeeds. Your child can still experience the consequences of those misdeeds, including your measured expression of disappointment or anger. Emotional tirades will just suppress your child’s willingness to admit mistakes.

### ***4. Be a good listener.***

Take the time for open conversation with your children and answer their questions honestly, this provides endless opportunities to talk about caring and respecting for others. Simply lead by example and you’ll accomplish a lot.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/family/catholic-teens/making-moral-choices/how-to-raise-kids-who-care/>



# Summertime Activity Page



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body of Christ

blood of Christ

homily

Lord's prayer

liturgy of the word

opening prayer

opening song

holy communion

gospel reading

liturgy of the Eucharist

sign of peace

closing prayer