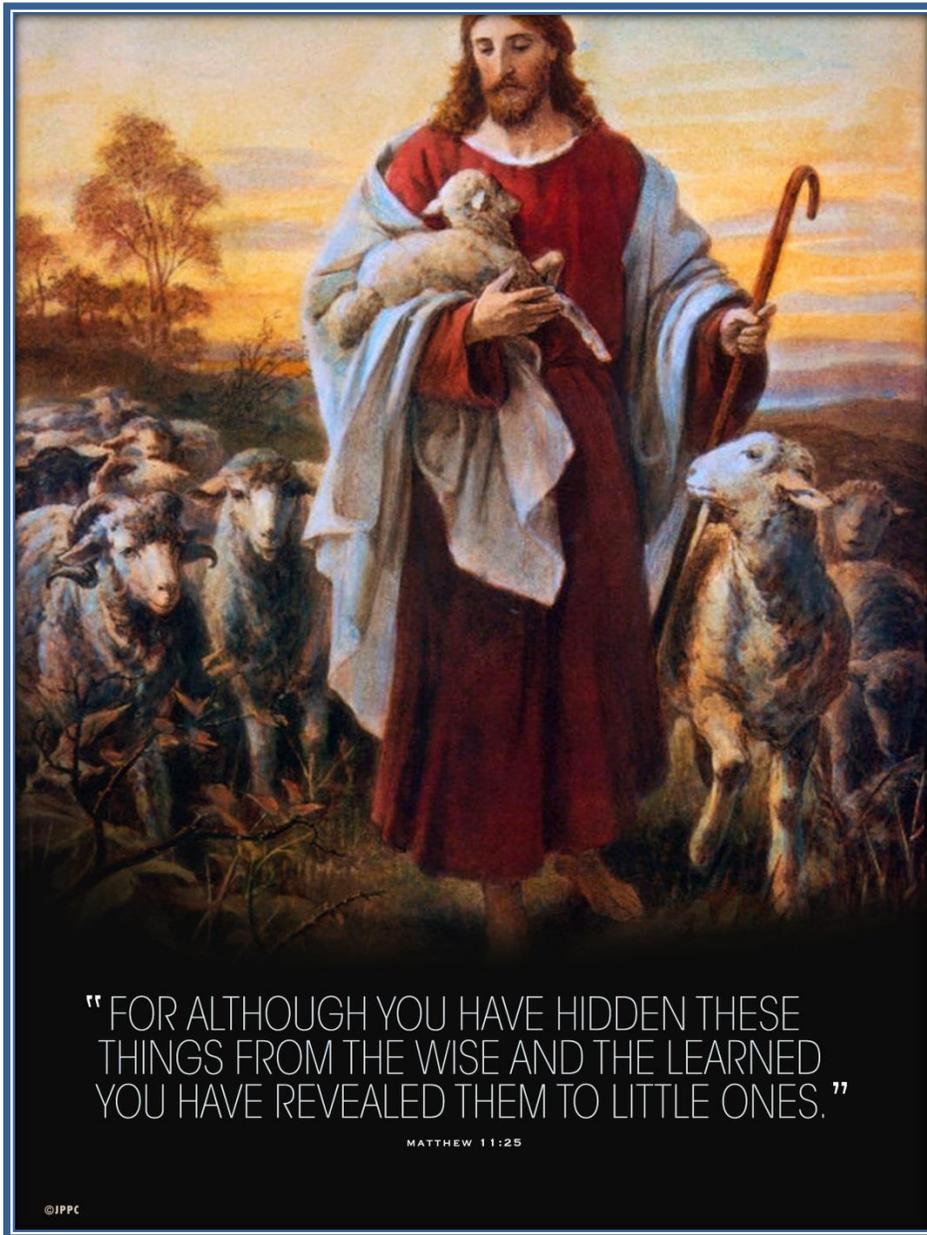


Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020



North Attleborough, Massachusetts

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

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(508) 695-1173 or email ripco@comcast.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Please be advised that Baptisms are not occurring during the pandemic. Please watch the bulletin and website for information about rescheduling baptisms once it becomes available.

Sacrament of Marriage

Marriage is usually celebrated on Friday evening and 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 the sick and homebound is provided by the parish staff and trained parishioners. Please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday at Saint Mary Chapel
Adoration begins at 7:30 a.m. and
concludes at 5:55 p.m.
First Saturday at Sacred Heart Chapel
Adoration begins at 6:00 am and concludes with
Benediction at 2:00 pm

Parish Offering

Please consider making a weekly online donation with this link:

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

If you prefer to make a contribution by check, you are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office.
Thank you for your ongoing support!

Weekday Mass Intentions

Father Rodney and Father Jack are remembering your specific intentions in the daily Masses and weekend Masses which can be seen on Facebook live (see below).

Masses

STAY CONNECTED see the Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page to see live Masses with Father Rodney and Father Jack and connect with others in our Parish Community.

<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

You do not have a Facebook account, you can watch the Mass by clicking "not now" under the log in information.

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July 4 & 5

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u> 4:00 pm	<u>July 4 – Vigil Mass</u> Robert & Eveyln Jaron Steven Jarozewski
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00 am	<u>July 5</u>
<u>Sunday</u> 9:30 am	<u>July 5</u> Joseph E. Smith – 2 nd Anniversary
<u>Sunday</u> 11:00 am	<u>July 5</u>
<u>Monday</u> 4:30 pm	<u>July 6</u> Emile Clerc – 39 th Anniversary
<u>Tuesday</u> 4:30 pm	<u>July 7</u> Catherine I. Landry – Birthday Remembrance
<u>Wednesday</u> 4:30 pm	<u>July 8</u> Rene Poirier – 27 th Anniversary
<u>Thursday</u> 4:30 pm	<u>July 9</u>
<u>Friday</u> 4:30 pm	<u>July 10</u>

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Daily Mass with Father Rodney and Father Jack
Online Monday – Friday at 4:30 pm

Online Wednesday at 6:00 pm Benediction & Adoration
with the Rosary

**Please note changes effective this weekend
July 4 and 5**

Outdoor parking lot of Saint Mary Masses
Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 9:30 am
Outdoor Masses will continue to be livestreamed.

Indoor Masses
Sunday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church
and 11:00 am Sacred Heart Church

Live stream <https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

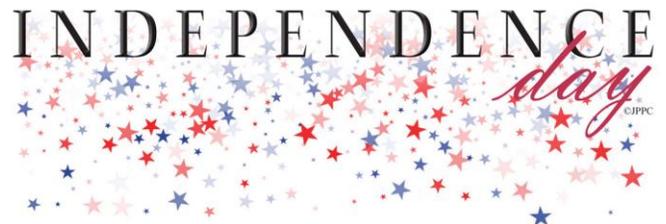
From Father Rodney

I usually use this space to reflect on the scripture that I will not be using on a given weekend but this weekend, I would like to reflect on something else: our freedom.

We are so lucky to live in the United States of America. Yes, I know sometimes it appears to be the Divided States of America but we are a family; a nation created to live in freedom, peace and security. 2020 has proven to be quite the year. We are living in a pandemic; the racial divide is on the front burner of all of our minds; the political world is more divided than ever yet, we are still the United States of America. The land of the free and the home of the brave. Each day, we get up in the morning and we know that our rights are protected; we know that wherever we go we will be kept safe. We are lucky to be Americans. Yes we are! Sometimes, politics get in the way...I am careful to protect the separation of Church and State don't worry...but that is just the point. We can go about our daily business and for the most part, we know that we are safe. Constitutional rights are on our side. We can worship and not fear persecution. We can embrace certain political beliefs and though we folks might not agree with us, what we hold to be the truth is safeguarded.

As we celebrate the 4th of July, as we celebrate our independence from tyrannical rule, please, please, please, take a moment and thank God for how lucky you really are. We are so lucky to live where we live. Go out and enjoy these United States!

Happy Independence Day! Happy 4th of July!



From Father Rodney continues next page

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First Communions 2020

We have successfully celebrated 150 Confirmations and have completed all of the requirements for those who were in our RCIA program and for that I am truly grateful. Mrs. Corvese, the parish staff and I had originally informed the parents of our First Communicants of the dates of First Holy Communion. Well, let's just say that that was not well-received and so, in the spirit of pastoral charity the decision to postpone First Communion until a later date was made. Of course, as soon as I sent out that information, a few parents contacted me and informed me that they were desirous of having their children make First Communion. To that end, I am trying to be as helpful and as flexible as I possibly can. These are challenging times and I know that I will never be able to please everyone. If you would like for your child to make his or her First Holy Communion please note that this year, in an effort to keep all safe and to make all feel safe all First Communions will be celebrated either at the 4:00PM Mass or the 9:30AM Mass both of these Masses will be celebrated outdoors. We are living in less than normal times and so people should not feel that things here are going to be normal. Please note that after you have selected a date it will be your responsibility to set up an appointment (we will be flexible) with either Father Jack or with me so that your child can make his or her First Reconciliation which will also be outside by the statue of the Blessed Mother in back of Saint Mary Church. How First Communion will work is that before the congregation receives Communion your children will be called by name and will approach where we distribute Communion and they will be the first to receive. This has already proven to be effective. Additionally, the Mass will be streamed-live so that other family members who are unable to attend they will be able to watch from afar. I understand that this is not the usual format. We cannot engage in the usual format. It is unrealistic. In advance, I want to thank you for your understanding.

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Mrs. Elaine Corvese

Please see Father Rodney's column with information regarding First Communion. The names of those confirmed on June 26 and June 27 will appear in next weekend's bulletin (July 11 & 12)

Parish Contributions

Thank you for your continued support of our parish. Due to the July 4th weekend, our bulletin company required an earlier publication date. Our contribution figures were not available at that time. They will be included in the bulletin for July 11/12.

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If you prefer to make a contribution by check, you are welcome to mail your budget envelope to the parish office, at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760. If you are in the area, you can also leave your envelope in the drop box located outside the parish office door, to the right on the landing. Thank you for your ongoing support!



We Welcome

On Sunday, June 28, 2020 we welcomed two new members into our Catholic faith and the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. We welcome: **Rocco David Roselli**, son of Morgan & Gregory Roselli. Congratulations to Rocco, his parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.

Scheduling Baptisms

We will be setting up a schedule of baptisms for the summer months in the coming week. We hope to be able to schedule as many families as possible in order to accommodate those who were scheduled in March, April, May and June, as well as those who are newer to the list. Thank you for your patience. All those who have already contacted the office will receive an email with dates and times available as soon as possible.

Saint Mary – Sacred Heart School

We are currently accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 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.smhschool.com or call 508-695-3072 to schedule a visit or learn more about our educational opportunities. All are welcome!



Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society

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.

FACE Summer Un-Gala to Support Catholic Schools Scholarship Fund

The 23rd annual FACE Summer Un-Gala to support Catholic school students in the Fall River Diocese will be held virtually on Friday, July 10, 2020. Event Co-Chairs, Pat and Jim Gonet and the FACE summer committee have created what we hope will be an engaging virtual event. To support FACE please go to www.FACEsummergala.org. For more information, please contact Jane Robin at jrobin@catholicfoundationsema.org (e-mail) or 508-380-7521 (phone).

Readings for the Week – July 5, 2020

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

Catholic Appeal 2020

SEE ALL THE...CONCERN. "See All the People..." See Edilia Alves, a junior staff member at the Pro-Life Boot



Camp. Edilia describes her experience at the camp as "a way for youth to come together and learn about the dignity and the respect we should have for life...for all age groups—from conception to natural death." Your gift to the 2020 Catholic Appeal gives the next generation a chance to attend Pro-Life Boot Camp and take part in the many activities offered through the Office of Pro-Life throughout the year. You can make your Appeal gift or pledge today by mail, in church, or online at www.givefrdiocese.org/2020. And you can see Edilia's full story by visiting

www.catholicfoundationsema.org/edilia

Make your secure gift or pledge online today at www.givefrdiocese.org/2020. If you would like to donate by mail, please send the donation *directly to the Catholic Appeal office at* The Catholic Appeal – Diocese of Fall River, 450 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA 02720. Please include a notation that you are part of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, North Attleborough so your contribution will count toward our parish total.

No contributions will be processed at the parish this year, all checks should be made payable to the Catholic Appeal and mailed directly to the office in Fall River.

We received our latest report from the Catholic Appeal office, and our current total is \$39,420.00. Our 2019 total for the Appeal was \$98,748.00. We are on our way! Thank you to those who have already made your pledge or donation.

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.

Readings for the Weekend of July 4 and 5

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah

Thus says the LORD:

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion,
shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king shall come to you;
a just savior is he,
meek, and riding on an ass,
on a colt, the foal of an ass.
He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim,
and the horse from Jerusalem;
the warrior's bow shall be banished,
and he shall proclaim peace to the nations.
His dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will extol you, O my God and King,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and holy in all his works.
The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

