

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023



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North Attleborough, Massachusetts

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart. Baptisms are scheduled for 12:30 pm with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at 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 through the parish office. Please call to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note: Due to First Friday of April falling on April 7, Good Friday, there is no adoration that day. We hope you will attend our Good Friday services.

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

Rosary for Life 4:00 pm each Monday prior to 4:30 pm Mass

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/vsfaxaty>

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March 26- 5th Sunday of Lent

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>March 25</u>
4:00 pm	Joshua Ferns
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 26</u>
8:00 am	Paul Molinario
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 26</u>
9:30 am	Anne Hare
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>March 26</u>
11:00 am	Maura O'Heir Chapman
<u>Monday</u>	<u>March 27</u>
4:30 pm	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>March 28</u>
8:00 am	Roland Seymour
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>March 29</u>
4:30 pm	Duffy Giglio
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>March 30</u>
8:00 am	

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April 2 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 1</u>
4:00 pm	Albert & Elsie Jette
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 2</u>
8:00 am	Lillian Seymour
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 2</u>
9:30 am	Kyle Johnson
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 2</u>
11:00 am	Leo J. Wagner & Dorothy Simon

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Parish Contributions

Collection figures

March 11/12: \$10,541.89

new Turkey/Syria Earthquake: \$1,180.00

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Weekend of April 1 and 2

Regular weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday ~4:00 pm

Sunday ~ 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

Palms will be available at all Masses



Holy Thursday

April 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm at Saint Mark Church



Good Friday

April 7

Passion of the Lord

3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm at Saint Mary Church

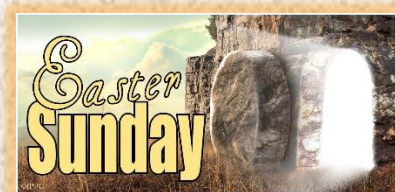


Easter Vigil

8:00 pm at Saint Mary Church

Easter Vigil Mass

Please note: no 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday



Easter Sunday morning

8:00 am at Saint Mark Church

9:30 am at Saint Mary Church

11:00 am at Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Fair Meeting

Join us for a planning meeting for the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Christmas Fair to be held on Saturday, November 25th. 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. The meeting will take place in Saint Mary Church hall **TONIGHT**, Sunday March 26th at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Miles Miller 508-369-1349 or Karen Smith 508-212-7377 for more information.

Adult Choir

Transfiguration of the Lord Adult Choir meets



Thursday evenings at Saint Mary church. We will begin at 7pm and end by 8:30pm. Popular demand will determine which weekend mass the adult choir will perform in. Please reach out to

Madeline at 410-370-3068 with any questions!



Join us for the Stations of the Cross

**Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm in
Saint Mary Church**

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, April 7 is the first Friday of April. This year it is also Good Friday. Adoration will not take place on April 7. All are invited to attend the Passion of the Lord service at 3:00 pm in Sacred Heart and Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm in Saint Mary that day.

Transfiguration of the Lord

Respect Life Group

The next meeting of the Respect Life Group will take place on Monday, **March 27, 2023 at 6:30 pm in Saint Mark rectory.** We hope you will join us as implement our respect life vision in the parish. Please email or call Joanna Wissler wissler5@verizon.net or 508-243-5307 for more information. All are welcome!

Rosary for Life

The Respect Life Committee of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is pleased to announce that every Monday we will lead a Rosary for Life before the 4:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church. We invite ALL to share in praying together at 4pm every Monday!

Lenten Diaper Drive

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Diaper Drive continues. All diapers and wipes will benefit Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. We are requesting donations of diapers in sizes 4-6. These are the sizes that are used most frequently by the clients at Abundant Hope. Some clients whose babies have allergies to certain brands of diapers, and Pampers seems to be the brand that works best for many of the babies - but donations of all brands are appreciated. We are also requesting donations of diaper wipes. There are containers for your donations in each of our church buildings. They will remain throughout Lent. Thank you very much for your support of Abundant Hope PRC.



Pope Francis

“When we go to Confession, God erases evil. He makes us new inside and thus enables joy to be reborn within us. With God, no sin has the last word.”



~March 25, 2022

FAITH FORMATION

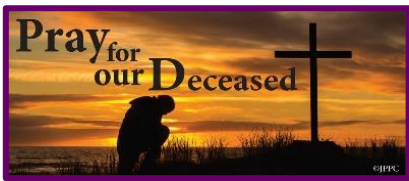
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First Communion will be held on **Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 20, 2023** at Saint Mary Church at 11:00 am. Please see your email from Mrs. Corvese for information about your date assignment.



Please Pray for our Deceased

Richard McLaughlin

Janice Kania

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

Knights of Columbus

Council #330 of the Knights of Columbus has been serving the Catholic Community of North Attleborough for 125 years. The Knights meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, in the rectory of St. Mark church. Please drop by on meeting nights if you'd like to learn more about the Knights. Council #330 is committed to assisting local charities that align with the values of our Faith such as the Parish, the Parish school, and Abundant Hope. Contact Jim Schromm at jim.schromm@verizon.net with any questions.

Housekeeping Requests

Please help us keep our parishes clean and tidy. Before leaving the church, please return the kneeler to the upright position and take your bulletin home and throw away any debris; tissues, wrappers, etc. Trash containers can be found at the main entrances to the church. Please supervise any children who are in urgent need of the restrooms during Mass. Please help us keep our parish clean and welcoming to all who may come after you.

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. The Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the parish hall in Saint Mary Church. Please join us! **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.

Good Friday Passion Procession

All are welcome. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a walk of the of the Cross from St. Mary's church to Sacred Heart church through the streets of North Attleboro just prior to the Passion on Good Friday. We will meet at the stairs of Saint Mary church at 2pm and begin the procession with song and prayer at 2:15pm. We will arrive at Sacred Heart at 2:45pm for the Passion at 3:00PM. Please join us.

5th Saturday Rosary

All are welcome. The Knights of Columbus meet to pray a decade of the Rosary on months that have 5 Saturdays. Saturday, April 29th, is the next 5th Saturday. Please join us at 8:30am, outside at the statue of Saint Mary in front of the rectory. In case of inclement weather, we may move inside to the former chapel.

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday
during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the **physically** or **mentally** ill including individuals suffering from **chronic illnesses** such as **diabetes**. Also excluded are **pregnant** or **nursing women**.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit uscgb.org.



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Easter Flower Memorials

Please return any Easter flower envelopes by Monday, April 3. Envelopes with the names of your deceased family and friends will be included on our altars during the Easter season. If you do not use the budget envelopes, you are invited to drop a list in a regular envelope in the collection with the names of your deceased loved ones. Thank you for your contributions!



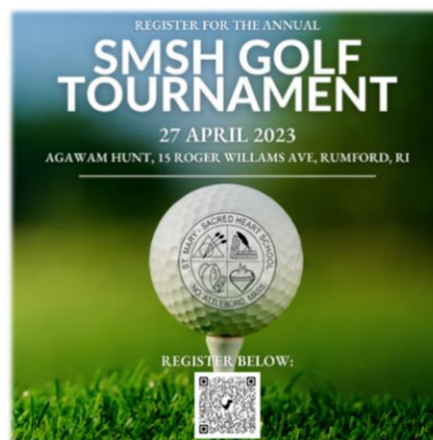
Saint Mary- Sacred Heart School

Did you know that by being a Saint you can reserve your spot at the premier Catholic high school - Bishop Feehan? The 5th, 6th, and 7th students of Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School are



offered the opportunity to apply for admission to Bishop Feehan High School through the Early Action Program. This is just one of the many ways our Saints are authentically connected to the Feehan community. SSMH is also

so fortunate to have a Feehan experience each week as Senior Shamrocks mentor our Saints right on our campus. How "Lucky" are these Saints! We invite you to explore the Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School website www.smshschool.com. You will learn how the SSMH teachers and staff truly prepare the Saints to shine as they march their way on over to the home of the Shamrocks.



Abundant Hope

Did you know... Surrendering the Secret is a life changing post-abortive healing group for women and men who may be



experiencing the emotional difficulty of a past abortion.

This 8-week Scripture based program has helped people of all ages who want to ease their suffering. For more information, please contact Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center at 508-455-0425.



Readings for the Week of March 26

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
Dn 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn
8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52,
53,54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn
8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd,
13; Jn 11:45-56

This link from USCCB will take you to the
calendar with daily readings.

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>

Give Glory to God

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!

— *Psalm 130:1*

Feast of Faith

The Gospel Reading

The climax of the Liturgy of the Word comes with the proclamation of the Gospel. Everything tells us that something important is happening. We stand. We sing special acclamations. Servers with candles and sometimes incense lead the deacon or priest to the ambo, where the reading is proclaimed from a special book.

All of the readings are important, but the liturgy directs special attention to the Gospel for a reason. "[A]mong all the inspired writings, even among those of the New Testament, the Gospels have a special place, and rightly so, because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (*Dei Verbum*, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation of the Second Vatican Council, 18). In the Gospels, the narrative of Christ's saving life, death, and resurrection continues to be proclaimed in our midst.

Our Sunday Lectionary is structured so as to allow us to hear as much of the Gospels as possible. The readings are arranged in a three-year cycle. In Year A, the Gospel readings are taken mainly from Matthew; in Year B, from Mark and John; and in Year C, from Luke. In this way, over the course of three years, we hear a substantial portion of all four Gospels.

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2023 Mass Intention Book

The 2023 Mass Intention calendar is available for scheduling memorial Masses. All weekend Masses and weekday Masses are now open for you to schedule. 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 or by phone at 508-695-6161

Readings for March 26, 2023

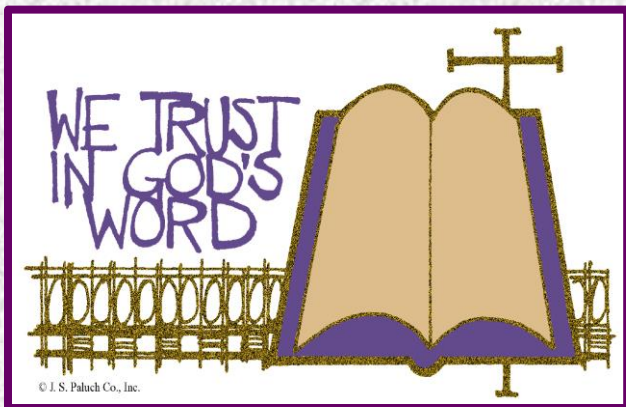
First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Responsorial Psalm

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness
of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness
of redemption.**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,
LORD, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness
of redemption.**

I trust in the LORD;
my soul trusts in his word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the LORD.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness
of redemption.**

For with the LORD is kindness
and with him is plenteous redemption;
And he will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness
of redemption.**

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But 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. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. 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 dwelling in you.

The word of the Lord.

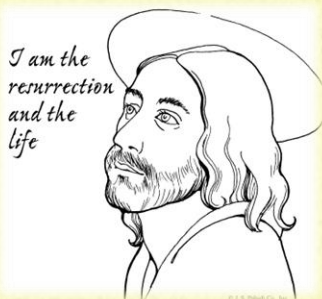
Thanks be to God.

Verse before the Gospel

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.*

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me,
even if he dies, will never die.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.*



Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So] the sisters sent word to him saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.” When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.” [The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” He said this, and then told them, “Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him.” So the disciples said to him, “Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved.” But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, “Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him.” So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.”]

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. [Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews

had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.] When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

[When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping,] he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

