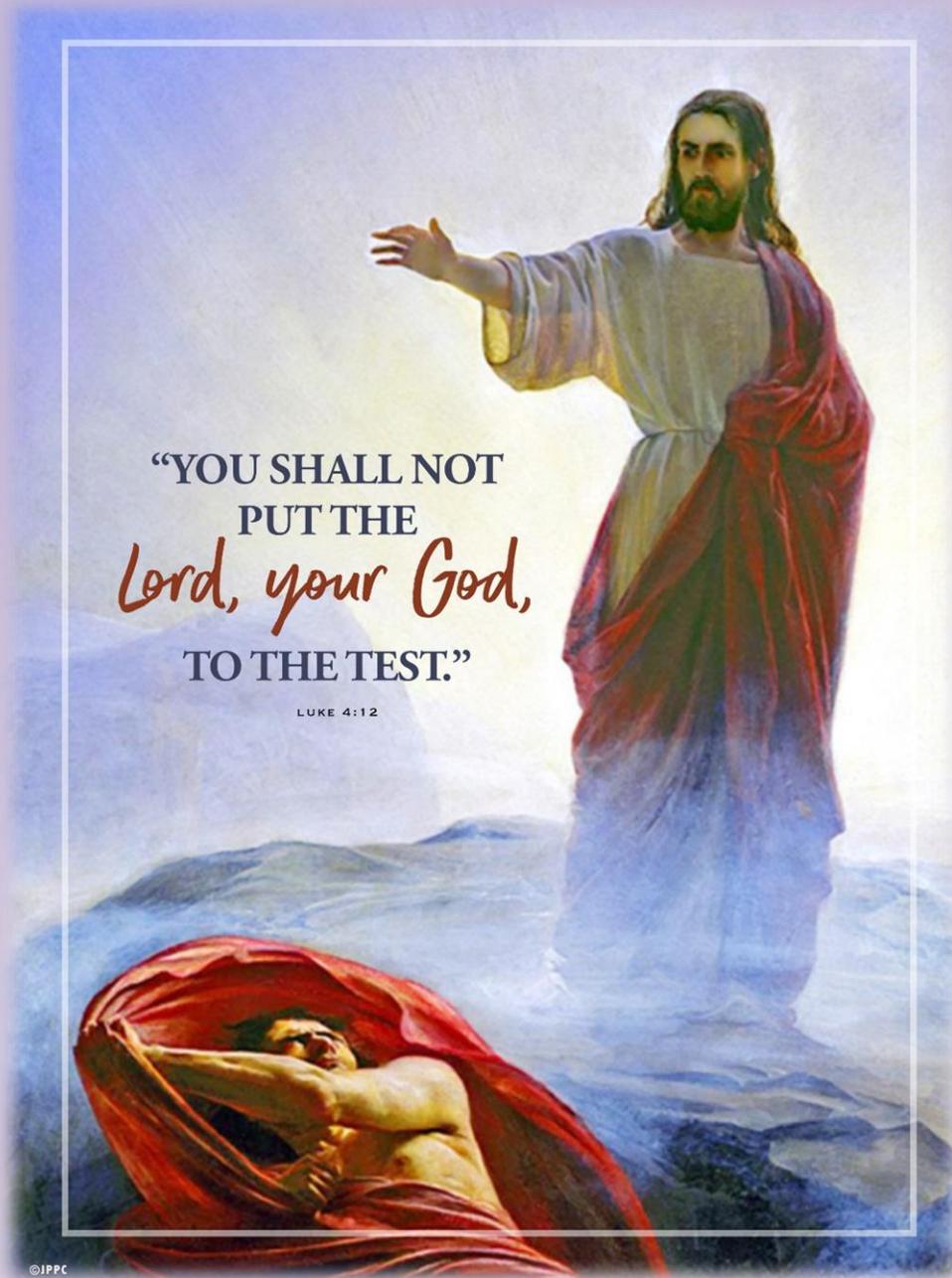


First Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022



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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 currently scheduled on scheduled 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 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 our parish priests. Please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the 1st Tuesday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am with Morning Prayer and ending at 6:00 pm with Evening Prayer and Benediction.

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

Masks: Please wear a mask at Mass. *The Diocese of Fall River is strongly encouraging all parishioners to follow the CDC guidance and to wear a mask while attending Mass or any other liturgical celebration unless unable because of a medical condition or under the age of 2.* Please be considerate of those around you and allow for space near those not in your family whenever possible.

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>

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MASS Intentions

March 6 – First Sunday of Lent

Saturday 4:00 pm	March 5 Linda Sullivan
Sunday 8:00 am	March 6 Paul Charpentier
Sunday 9:30 am	March 6 Jean, Russell & Allan Watson
Sunday 11:00 am	March 6 Patricia Donley
Monday 4:30 pm	March 7 Michael Buckley
Tuesday 8:00 am	March 8
Wednesday 4:30 pm	March 9
Thursday 8:00 am	March 10 Zoe Exarhopoulos
Friday 7:00 pm	March 11

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March 13 -Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday 4:00 pm	March 12 Rita DiRenzo
Sunday 8:00 am	March 13 Maria E. Pereira
Sunday 9:30 am	March 13 Deceased members of the Berger family
Sunday 11:00 am	March 13 Marielle & Omer Martineau

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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

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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

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Parish Contributions

Collection figures from February 19/20: \$12,967.94
 Total snow removal expenses for February:
 \$13,275.00

From Father Rodney

Lent! The 40 day period when we look inward and ask the Lord to blow away the cobwebs that have crept into our minds and hearts since last Lent. Seriously, we need a time like Lent when we can take stock of our lives and relationships and be honest with ourselves about how we have been acting like disciples of Jesus. Lent is the time when we take inventory of ourselves and throw out what we no longer need. Our readings set the tone for the beginning of our Lenten journey: we hear of temptation and how it leads to sin. There is not one person reading these words who has never experienced these two things. Temptation can get the best of us leading us into sin but Jesus's own refusal to give into temptation shows us that overcoming temptation is a real possibility...although, it is not easy. We can be tempted by all sorts of things. We can be tempted to over-indulge. We can be tempted to be harsh or critical of another. We can be tempted to hold fast to a grudge and refuse to forgive someone who has wronged us. Temptation takes many different shapes and forms but it all leads us to sin. This Lenten season, let's see how we can overcome the temptations of the devil and remain true to our baptismal call to always follow Christ. Perhaps one way to prepare for the season of Lent leading to the joys of Easter is to experience the gift of God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to the 3:00-3:30PM time period of Saturday afternoons, I will be in the Confessional at Saint Mary Church between 6:00-6:25 PM each Friday during Lent. I am also always available by individual appointment. You can simply email me at frrodneycna@gmail.com to schedule a time convenient for you. The gift of God's forgiveness is so liberating. We can leave our troubles and burdens in God's hands thereby allowing us greater freedom to always follow the Son!



Please join us for these Lenten Practices

On Fridays during Lent in Saint Mary Church,
 Father Rodney will be available for
 Confessions from 6:00 – 6:25 pm
 Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30 pm
 Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm

Notes for Lent

As is recommended in the rubrics, during the season of Lent (and later in Easter) we will be using the Apostles' Creed in lieu of the Nicene Creed. This briefer, earlier Creed is a good way for us to keep an ancient practice alive. The Apostles' Creed can be found on page 10 in the missalette. We will also use the Penitential Act found on page 4 and below.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God, the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and life everlasting. Amen

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lenten Regulations for Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. 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. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education Mrs. Elaine Corvese

Please note new email address:

TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com

First Communion will be held on *Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Saint Mary Church*, groups as follows:

10:00 am for students with the last name A-J

1:00 pm for students with the last name K-Z

Women's Guild Meeting

The Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Women's Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 for our Lenten Program. All women of the parish are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Saint Mary Parish Center for a short business meeting and refreshments followed by our guest speaker Dr. Ernest Collamati PhD, Associate Professor at Regis College at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will make us part of your Lenten Journey.

Join the "Ashes to Fire Choir"!

This is a perfect opportunity to get involved in the music ministry here at Transfiguration of the Lord but not have the yearlong commitment. The ATF Choir will run from Ash Wednesday through Pentecost and provide music for Palm Sunday and the Holy Triduum. Weekly rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 7-9pm with the possibility of additional rehearsals as needed. You do not have to know how to read music, but it is helpful. All are welcome. We are always looking for instrumentalists to enhance the liturgy. **The Children's choir will be starting back up again starting the first Sunday of March.** Rehearsals will be held at **Sacred Heart following the 11am mass until 1:30pm.** The children's choir will sing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. (More information to follow regarding Mass times) Grade 1-6 and 7-12 are all welcome. **If you play an instrument, we also welcome you to join us!** We are always looking for instrumentalists to enhance the liturgy. (String, brass, woodwind, drums/percussion, guitar, bass, piano, etc.) **For more information on either group, please see our music director, Nikkie Barton, after Mass or via e-mail at Transfigurationmusicdirector@gmail.com**

Men's Group FOR LENT!

Do something special for LENT! Come together with likeminded men to discuss faith and family life. Join us next Saturday March 12 at St. John's in Attleboro. Topic will be Science and Scripture. Program starts at 7am and runs through 8:15am. Join us at 6:30am for a free breakfast!

Each week stands on its own so even if you can only make one week it will be worth it for you and us!



Diaper Drive/ Eagle Project

Benjamin Bonville, a Boy Scout in Troop 23 North Attleboro, will be conducting his Eagle Project by running a Diaper Dive to serve to help the mothers and families of North Attleboro and Attleboro. All of the donations will be distributed to Abundant Hope Pregnancy Recourse Center. There are pack 'n plays in the main entrance entrances of all churches for your donations through the month of March.

Readings for March 6
First Sunday of Lent

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying: “The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, ‘My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence.”

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
say to the LORD, “My refuge and fortress,
my God in whom I trust.”

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

No evil shall befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your tent,
For to his angels he has given command about you,
that they guard you in all your ways.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Upon their hands they shall bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the asp and the viper;
you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him;
I will set him on high because he acknowledges
my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in distress;

I will deliver him and glorify him.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say?

The word is near you,

in your mouth and in your heart

—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame.* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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

Gospel

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord. †

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*” Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written

*You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve.”*

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,

and:

*With their hands they will support you,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.”*

Jesus said to him in reply, “It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*” When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

It's Your Turn!

The Listening Phase is beginning here at Transfiguration of the Lord Parish.



You are invited first to participate in our online survey. Take a picture of the QR Code with your phone or browse to this link: TOLSurvey.com



Live listening sessions will take place after all Masses the weekend of March 19th and 20th.

Additional sessions are also happening after daily Mass on Wednesday, March 16th, Monday evening March 21st at 7pm, and Tuesday after daily Mass on March 22nd.

A Zoom session will also be held on Thursday March 24th at 7pm



Registration is required for all the listening sessions so we can provide a prayerful and comfortable experience.

Thank you for participating in this most important process!