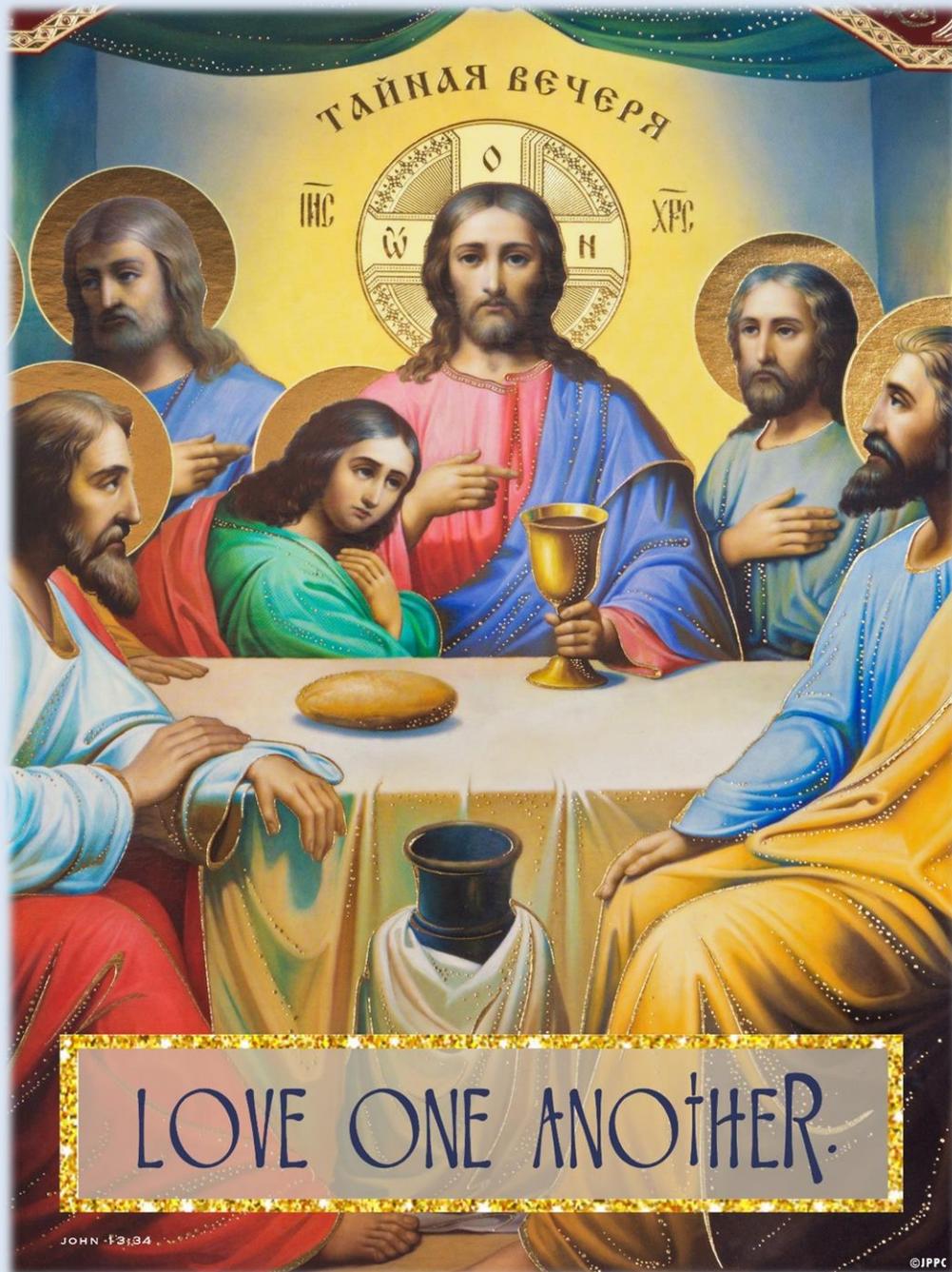


# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022



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

## Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

Rev. Rodney E. Thibault, J.C.L., Pastor

Rev. Deacon Joseph E. Regali

Mrs. Monica T. Forte, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Jean Howard, Business Manager

Mrs. Elaine Corvese, Director of Religious Education, Grades 1-8 & Confirmation

Ms. Nicole Barton, Music Director

Mr. Miguel Peixoto, Buildings Supervisor

Mr. James Kitsock, Building Maintenance

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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 Evening Prayer and 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 on line 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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Massachusetts 02760

Parish e-mail • [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com)

Parish website • [www.saintmaryna.com](http://www.saintmaryna.com)

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# MASS Intentions

## May 15 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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|------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>May 14</b>   |
| 4:00 pm          | Peter DiRenzo   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>May 15</b>   |
| 8:00 am          | David Parenteau                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>May 15</b>   |
| 9:30 am          | Beatrice O. &<br>Francis J. Leary, Sr.<br>June Carver |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>May 15</b>   |
| 11:00 am         | Michael Sharp   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>May 16</b>   |
| 4:30 pm          | James Rand, Sr. &<br>Gae Rita Rand                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>May 17</b>   |
| 8:00 am          |   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>May 18</b>   |
| 4:30 pm          | John & Elizabeth McCarthy                             |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>May 19</b>   |
| 8:00 am          |   |



## May 22 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

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| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>May 21</b>                       |
| 4:00 pm         | Andria Rossi & Louis<br>DiCicco     |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>May 22</b>                       |
| 8:00 am         | Deceased members of Blais<br>family |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>May 22</b>                       |
| 9:30 am         | Louis Abdou                         |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>May 22</b>                       |
| 11:00 am        | Nancy Robinson                      |



## **Parish Contributions**

Collection figures from April 30/May 1:  
\$16,704.08



**Christopher Crowley**  
**Vincent Giansante**

*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*

## *From Father Rodney*

As we continue to read from the Acts of the Apostles this Eastertide, I was taken especially by the immense happiness of the early Church and the reality that they soon came to realize. We hear in the first section of the reading that the Church continued to enjoy immense growth as they “made a considerable number of disciples.” Simply put, the Apostles and other followers of Jesus took His charge seriously when He commanded them to “go forth and baptize all nations in the Name of the Father of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” This early Church, which quickly experienced persecution because of their “belief in the Name” was filled with joy because they were seeing the benefits of what happens when they follow the commands of the Lord.

Now, we move forward to the second part of the reading. Saint Luke, traditionally thought to be the author of the Acts of the Apostles, reminds the early Church that “it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.” As I reflect on this brief section of Acts that we hear at Mass this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, it reminds me that this is, simply put, the story of our life. There are two constants that will always be a part of who we are as disciples of Jesus. There will always be happiness but there will always be the reality of the Cross, namely, the hardships of life. The only way to conquer the latter is to stay focused on listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd, as we were reminded last Sunday.

As we continue to bask in the joys of Easter may we be reinvigorated in our resolve always do just that.

I am the *Light* of the world.

Whoever follows me will  
never walk in *Darkness*.

## Parish Office

Monica is away and plans to return Monday, May 23. The bulletin for May 22 has already been sent. Please hold any Mass intention requests, sacramental certificate requests and general inquiries until her return. For emergencies, please call the office 508-695-6161 and leave a message. For Faith Formation or CORI related questions please contact Elaine Corvese at [TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com) or 508-695-3823. Thank you for your kind understanding.

## Monthly Adoration

Monthly Adoration is offered the *first Tuesday of every month (June 7 is next)*. You are invited to join us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Mary church, beginning at 9 a.m. with Morning Prayer and ending at 6 p.m. with Evening Prayer and Benediction. You can drop in at any time for as long as you like or, if you would like a specific time slot, please call Joanne Regali 508-643-3821 and leave a message.

BE ONE WITH JESUS  
*eucharistic adoration*

## Eucharistic Revival Commencing on June 18

The Diocese of Fall River will join dioceses across the country in launching a multi-year Eucharistic Revival this year on the weekend of the Feast of Corpus Christi. **Bishop Edgar da Cunha will commence the revival in our diocese on Saturday, June 18 with a special Mass, Eucharistic Procession and Adoration at Bishop Connolly High School in Fall River, to begin at 4:00 pm.** To RSVP, visit <https://bit.ly/Eucharist22>.

Visit [fallriverdiocese.org](http://fallriverdiocese.org) to learn more about the Eucharistic Revival project.

## FAITH FORMATION

*Director of Religious Education*

*Mrs. Elaine Corvese*

508-695-3823

**Please note new email address:**

[TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com](mailto:TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com)

The Faith Formation program has ended for all grades for the 2021-2022 year. I would like to thank the parents/guardian for their endless support and patience. Also, thank you to the catechists. I am truly blessed to work with such a wonderful team!

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.



## We Welcome

On Saturday, May 7, 2022 we welcomed four new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish.

We welcome: *Beau Ford Hurley*, son of Chelsea & Matthew Hurley, *Liana Louise Pouliot*, daughter of Whitney & Joshua Pouliot, *Logan Michael Saunders*, son of Tammie & Brett Saunders and *Molly Elizabeth Thistle*, daughter of Amanda & Jason Thistle. Congratulations to Beau, Liana, Logan and Molly, their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.



## 2022 Catholic Appeal

### “Journeying Together in Faith and Love”

The 81st Catholic Appeal has begun. Please join with your fellow parishioners in helping those in need in our communities and show love through your generosity. The agencies and apostolates funded by the Appeal provide compassionate care to our neighbors in need, such as hospital chaplaincy and pastoral care in our nursing homes, programs that uphold and protect a culture of life, food services for the hungry, care for children in crisis, and much more. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at [www.GiveFRDiocese.org](http://www.GiveFRDiocese.org).

*The total contributions from our parish in 2021 were \$102,248.00.*

*As of May 9, our 2022 total is \$46,010.00.*

Thank you to those who have started off our Appeal totals with your contribution!

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO “CATHOLIC APPEAL”.**

**Please do not make the check out to the parish.** Please indicate “*Transfiguration of the Lord Parish*” on the donation card on the line “please credit the following parish with my gift”. This will enable your donation to be counted as a donation from our Parish. The Catholic Appeal Office will handle all contributions, and you are asked to mail your contribution directly to: The Catholic Appeal – Diocese of Fall River P.O. BOX 237, Kensington, CT 06037-0237. Any contributions that come to the office are required to be sent **unopened** to the address above. Thank you to all who have sent your pledges or gifts directly to the Catholic Appeal with the envelopes provided.

## Prayer and Pizza

Looking for another way to deepen your spirituality? Do you have “knots” in your life that you need help undoing? Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month for “Prayer and Pizza”. Following the 4:30 pm Mass **Wednesday, May 18**, we



together will pray the rosary, which will be offered up to Mary, Undoer of Knots ([maryundoerofknots.com](http://maryundoerofknots.com)). Whether you pray the rosary daily or have never prayed it before, please consider joining us for “Prayer and Pizza” All are welcome!

Please contact Rick Leco (508 930 9264) or Vicky Curran (508 930 3306) with any questions.

## 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).

## 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.

## 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. 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.



### Pray for Ukraine

Please continue to join together in praying a decade (or more) of the Rosary daily for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for the end of the war. At the back



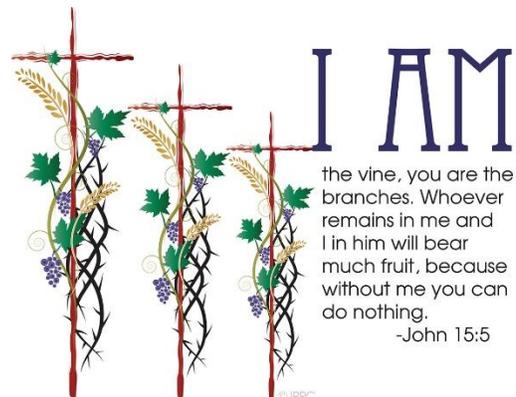
of each of the churches in the Parish there is a blue binder with the Ukrainian colors on the front. If you feel led by the Holy Spirit to do so, please sign your name as a simple commitment to pray daily until the end of this crisis. Sometimes even as a people of God we can feel overwhelmed or powerless when we see the images coming out of Ukraine and hear about demonstrators in Russia being beaten and any independent news sources being shut down. We can lose heart. We often forget that we have the most powerful weapon of all... prayer and when we come together as a community there is real power. Thank you for taking a few moments out of your day to unite with the larger Catholic/Christian community to pray for an end to this crisis.

As is recommended in the rubrics, during the Easter season 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



## Readings for May 15

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### FIRST READING

##### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**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.**

Let them make known your might to the  
children of Adam,  
and the glorious splendor of your  
kingdom.

Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages,  
and your dominion endures through all  
generations.

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

#### SECOND READING

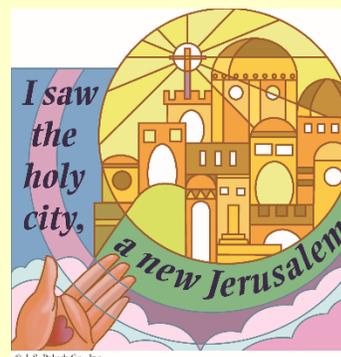
##### A reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**





## **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

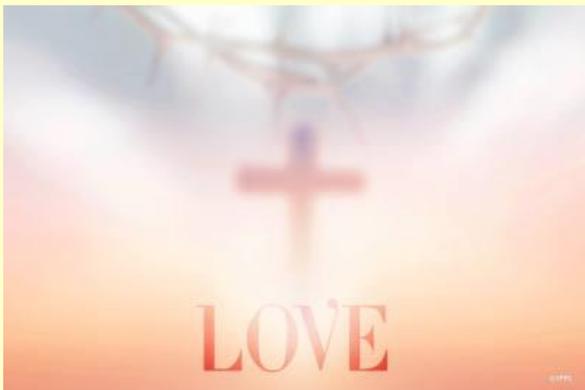
**And with your spirit.**

† A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



## **Information - The Gospel of John**

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the synoptic gospels, coming from the two Greek words, “optic,” meaning “to see,” and “syn,” meaning “together” or “similarly.” They are called so because the three describe basically the same events in Jesus’ life; they are called so also to distinguish them from the other gospel: the Gospel of John.

The Gospel of John was probably the last of the four gospels to be written, and experts usually place its composition in the late first century. It is commonly held that the prologue (1:1-18) and the appendix (21:1-25) were added to the original gospel. This is particularly obvious about the appendix, for there is a clear conclusion to the Gospel of John at the end of chapter 20.

The portrait of Jesus in this gospel is unique for its supreme theology: Jesus is the Word of God, existing with God from the beginning of time (1:1-2). He is all-knowing and all-powerful; even the guards and soldiers who come to arrest Jesus fall down and worship him before they take him away (18:6). Most of the stories in John are not found in the other gospels; among the unique stories are the wedding feast at Cana, the Samaritan woman at the well, the raising of Lazarus and Jesus’ washing of the feet of the disciples. Jesus has a lot to say in John; there are long discourses with familiar phrases such as “I am the good shepherd,” “I am the resurrection,” and “I am the true vine”: weighty statements of a lofty theology.

While the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke each have one year of the three-year lectionary cycle assigned for their proclamation, the Gospel of John does not. Rather, John is proclaimed on Sundays during the forty days of Lent and during the fifty days of the Easter season, as well as during the celebration of particular feasts – such as Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Pentecost and Christmas Day.

In art, the evangelist John is usually the only one of the four to be beardless, and there is an eagle by his side or near his head. Though they were probably two different people historically, tradition has merged the figures of the apostle John and evangelist John. The feast of Saint John is December 27.

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*Special announcement regarding SMSH School*

10 May 2022

Dear Saint Mary/Sacred Heart Community,

I hope and pray that this email finds you well as we continue to celebrate the Easter Season. One of the best things about this time of the year is that the days are longer and brighter. It is hard to fathom the fact that we are already in the second week of May and so before we know it, the long-anticipated summer break will be upon us.

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Saint Mary-Sacred Heart Community that Charlotte Lourenco, principal, will be departing at the end of this school year. As the school's principal for the past six years, Mrs. Lourenco has served hundreds of students and families with her leadership and commitment to Catholic Education, and we thank her for her time and service to this school community. We wish Mrs. Lourenco all the best as she pursues the next chapter of her career.

A search committee has been convened to begin the important process of identifying the school's next principal and updates will be provided to the community as they become available.

Please be assured of my own commitment to Catholic Education as we move forward and my prayers as we begin the task of selecting a new principal for our special community here in North Attleborough.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev) Rodney E. Thibault, J.C.L.  
Director

For more information regarding employment opportunities, please contact that Catholic Schools Office in Fall River.

*Please see the letter from Scout Ben Bonville regarding the recent diaper drive.*



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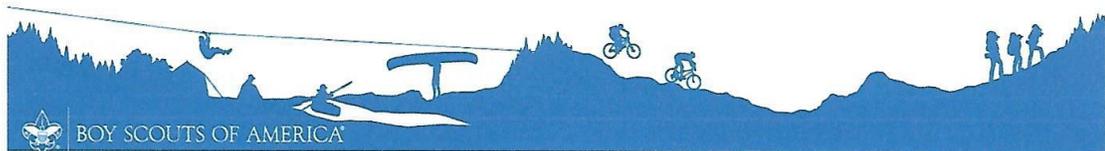
**Boy Scout Troop 23 – North Attleboro, MA  
Northeast District - Narragansett Council**

To the Parishioners of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish:

Because of The Transfiguration of the Lord's Parish's above and beyond generosity, many families with babies and toddlers are able to have diapers to change their little ones. In total, for my Eagle project, I was able to raise 19,675 diapers! The words "thank you" just does not live up to what you did for the many children and families of the North Attleboro and Attleboro communities. Abundant Hope of Attleboro and I are overwhelmed by the support you have given to answer the needs of families. We could not be happier! During the month of March, we are sure that God smiled down upon the faith-filled parishioners of The Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. The families in need of these diapers are overjoyed by your generosity and for living out Christ's mission in North Attleboro and the Attleboro areas. You have made my Eagle project an overwhelming success, Troop 23 and myself are beyond grateful!

Sincerely,

Ben Bonville  
Boy Scout Troop 23  
North Attleboro, MA



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