

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022



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

# Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

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

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# MASS Intentions

## May 22 -Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Saturday

4:00 pm	<u>May 21</u> Andria Rossi & Louis DiCicco
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 22</u>
8:00 am	Deceased members of Blais family
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 22</u>
9:30 am	Louis Abdou
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 22</u>
11:00 am	Nancy Robinson
<u>Monday</u>	<u>May 23</u>
4:30 pm	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>May 24</u>
8:00 am	Lillian Marcotte
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>May 25</u>
4:30 pm	

### *Ascension Thursday*

### Thursday

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>May 26</u>
8:00 am	- Saint Mark
4:30 pm	- Saint Mary

## *From Father Rodney*

"O God, let all the nations praise you." Our psalm response this 6th Sunday of Easter is a reminder that Jesus invited all to conversion and to follow Him. Not just a select few, but rather, all. The early Church, as we hear in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, is a reminder of this very point. The early Church considered themselves Jewish, not Catholic, not Christian but rather, Jewish. They were under the impression that they had to follow all of the Mosaic laws when it came to circumcision, dietary laws, marriage and the like. Were that true, many people would be excluded but the Church makes it clear that Christ wants all to be saved. One of the things that I have encountered as a priest these last two decades is that when people do not get their ways they quickly counter with: well, that's the problem with the Church. Too many rules; too restrictive; not inclusive. Often times, I encounter this when dealing with someone who wants a sponsor certificate signed. Now, I will admit: I do not know the name of every single parishioner, I do, however, have a gift: If I have seen you once, I will never forget your face. Of course, face coverings have proved somewhat challenging but I can still make it happen. How many times after Mass on a weekend, I am approached by someone who has not darkened the doors of a church in years and asks me to sign a sponsor certificate? I always ask the person if they have read the document that they are asking me to sign. Yes is always the answer and they I point out the line that states: I attend weekly Mass. The person has actually checked off the box. Of course, I'm judgmental when I issue a slight challenge reminding the person that he/she does not come to church with "any frequency." I don't even say every weekend. Of course, the newest excuse is Covid. I now have a great response to that. In any event, I usually end with this: if you were on a team and if you did not bother to show up at practice would the coach put you in the game? No, is the answer. Well, it is the same for us. If we want to sponsor someone as a Confirmation candidate or to act as a godparent, we must come to the practice so that we can "play in the game." Discipleship is open to all, absolutely, but we have to want to live it each and every day not just when we think it convenient. All are welcome to the feast but we do have to RSVP in order to attend.

## May 29 -Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Saturday

4:00 pm	<u>May 28</u> Scott Forbes
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 29</u>
8:00 am	Brenda Loiselle
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 29</u>
9:30 am	Suzanne McGowan
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 29</u>
11:00 am	Regina & Eugene Keating

## Parish Contributions

Collection figures from May 7/8: \$13,496.07



## Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

# BE ONE WITH JESUS *eucharistic adoration*

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## 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.



## 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 to learn more about the Eucharistic Revival project.

## United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

To learn more about the Eucharistic Revival in the United States, you may visit the USCCB website:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/welcome-national-eucharistic-revival>

## FAITH FORMATION

*Director of Religious Education*

*Mrs. Elaine Corvese*

*508-695-3823*

**Please note new email address:**

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



*Our prayerful congratulations to the students who received the Eucharist for the first time on May 14, 2022*

*A list of our First Communion class will appear in next weekend's bulletin.*

## 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.

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!





## 2022 Catholic Appeal

**“Journeying Together in Faith and Love”**

The 81st Catholic Appeal is underway. Please join with your fellow parishioners in helping those in need in our communities, and show love through your generosity. The agencies and apostolates supported by the Appeal provide services such as individual and family counseling, pregnancy support, abuse prevention, refugee resettlement, and emergency, transitional, and long-term housing. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at [www.GiveFRDiocese.org..](http://www.GiveFRDiocese.org..)

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

*Our updated parish total will be in next weekend's bulletin. As of May 9 our total was \$46,010.00*

Thank you to those who have already made your contribution to this year's Appeal.

**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.

## 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.



**Schedule of Masses for  
May 26, 2022  
Ascension Thursday  
Holy Day of Obligation**

**8:00 am in Saint Mark church  
4:30 pm in Saint Mary church**



*As he blessed them,  
he parted from them,  
and was taken up to Heaven*

*Luke 24:51*

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## Pray for Ukraine

Please 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.



## Prayer for Healing

Dear Lord,

We lift up all those who are facing illness today.

We ask that You bring healing, comfort, & peace to their bodies.

Calm their fears.

Let them experience the healing powers of your love.

*Amen.*

The sick of

**Our Parish**  
need your prayers.



## Museum of Family Prayer

**Spring has sprung!** What better way to celebrate than with a fun-filled day of family activities and peaceful day of prayer? The Museum of Family Prayer in North Easton, MA is hosting Father Peyton Family Day on May 22, 2022 from 1:30pm – 4:00pm. Bring the whole family and enjoy this outdoor event with a peace filled Rosary Prayer for the entire family, a Mary Crowning, fun games and activities, and refreshments. For more info call 508-238-4095 or go to

[www.MuseumofFamilyPrayer.org](http://www.MuseumofFamilyPrayer.org)

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*



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*Baptized  
in the name of the Father  
the Son  
and the Holy Ghost*

## 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.

## 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).



## St. John Neumann Parish Invites You

### 36th *LAKESIDE Family Festival*

Memorial Day weekend

May 27<sup>th</sup> ~ May 30<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Hours of operation:**

**Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>: 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.**

**Sat and Sun: Noon to 11 p.m.**

**Monday May 30<sup>th</sup>: Noon to 5 p.m.**

*Rt. 18 – 157 Middleboro Rd.,  
East Freetown, Mass 02717*

**FREE ADMISSION!!**

*Come to the Festival for  
HUGE Barn Sale*

*Classic Car Show (on Sunday)*

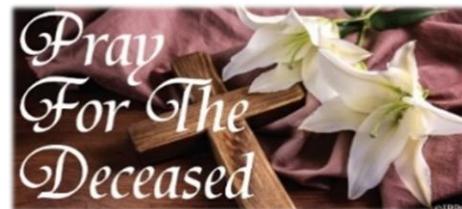
*Games –Fun– Food- Raffle*

*Live Entertainment*

*Midway Rides*

Need more info? Go to

<http://sjnfreetown.org/lakeside-family-festival>



*Mary Miconi  
Eleanor Maciel*

*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*



- St. Ignatius of Loyola

### Class of 2022

Congratulations to all our local college graduates! We know this year's graduates faced many unique challenges in their collegiate experience. We celebrate your successes and pray for you and your families. *May the gifts of the Holy Spirit continue to guide you go forward into the world!*

## *Readings for May 22*

### *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

#### **FIRST READING**

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

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved.” Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them:

“The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: ‘It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.’”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

##### **R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May God have pity on us and bless us;  
may he let his face shine upon us.  
So may your way be known upon earth;  
among all nations, your salvation.

##### **R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the nations be glad and exult  
because you rule the peoples in equity;  
the nations on the earth you guide.

##### **R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!  
May God bless us,  
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

##### **R. O God, let all the nations praise you!**

#### **SECOND READING**

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

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

alleluia!  
**ALLELUIA!**  
alleluia!

## GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

† A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

“I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”

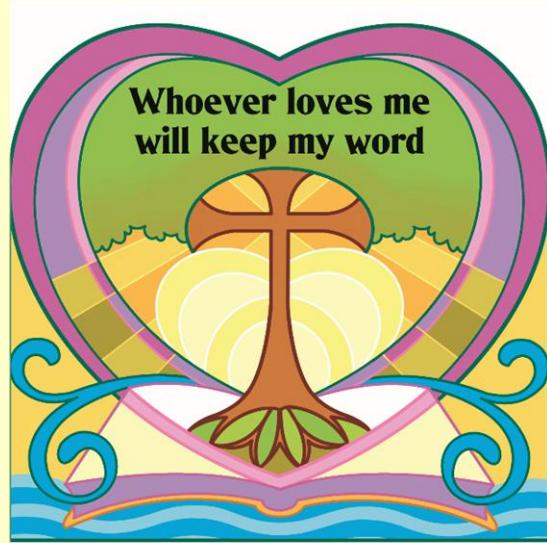
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### *Treasures from our Tradition*

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord’s Day among our ancestors in the faith was “The Eighth Day,” meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released, and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

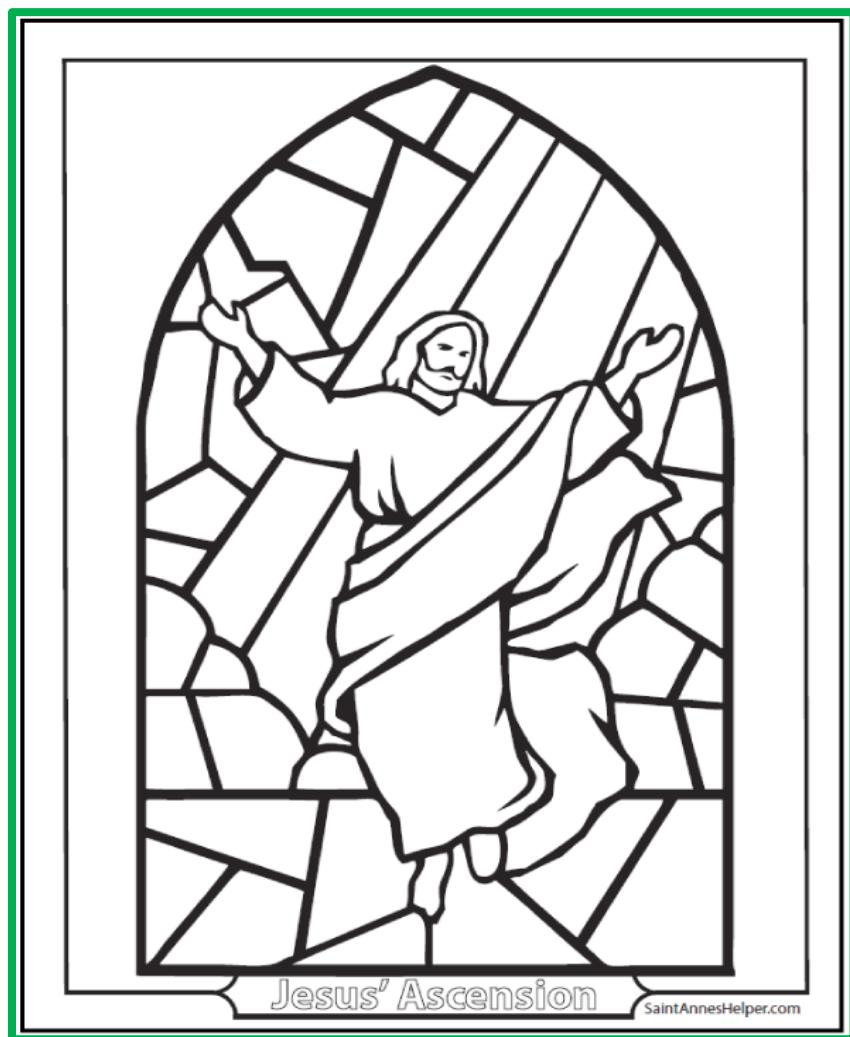
These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That’s why it is still Easter!

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# Children's activities for Ascension Thursday ~ 5.26.22



Ascension Day Word Search

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ASCENSION    AUTHORITY     DISCIPLES     FATHER     SON     GOSPEL  
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