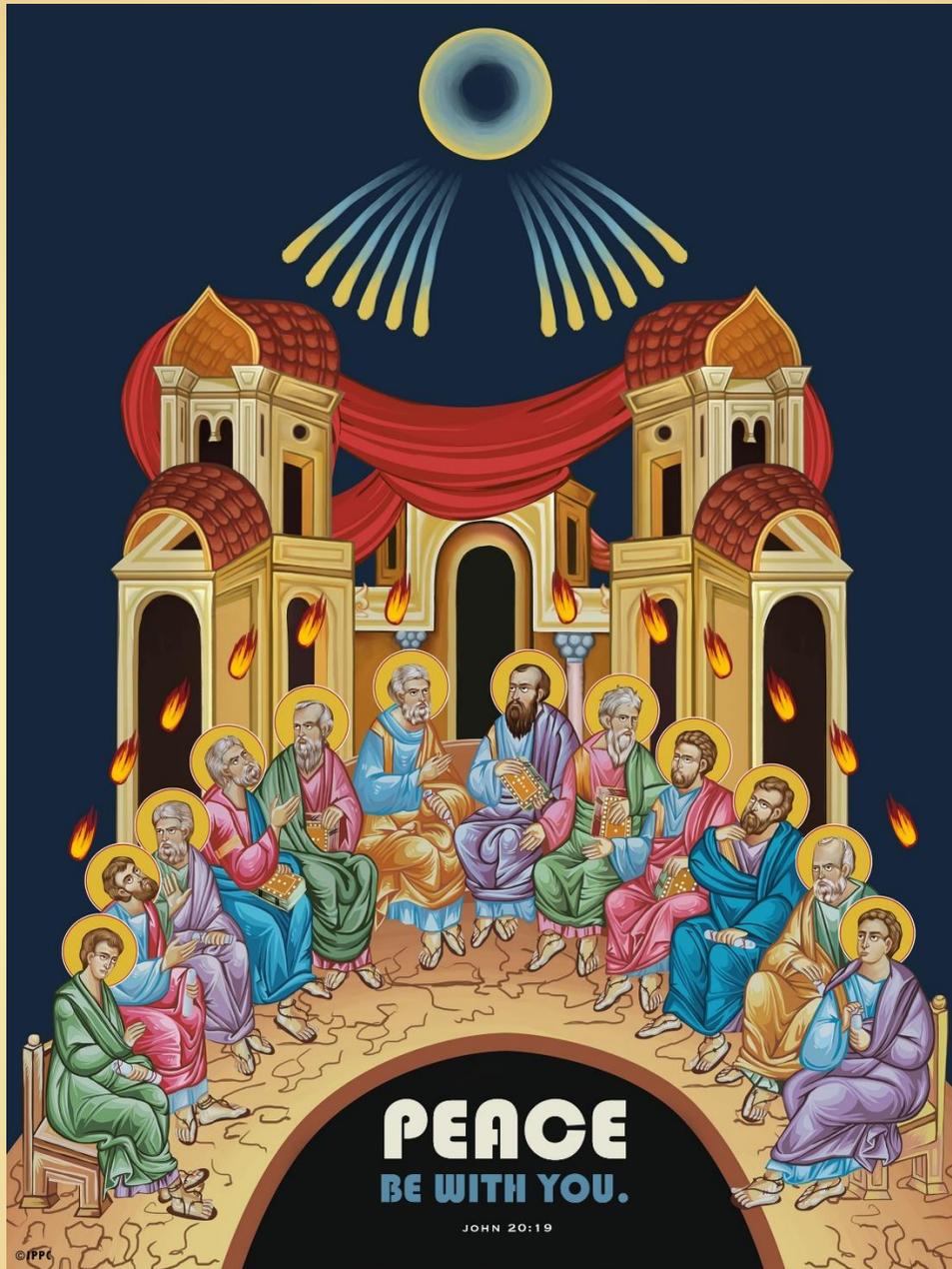


Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021



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 currently scheduled one family at a time on Saturday afternoons and weekday afternoons as available. Please contact the office at stmaryna@noozi.com for more information.

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 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

Suspended at this time

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, 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. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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.

<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>

Daily Mass

Daily Mass is celebrated
Saint Mark at 8:00 am on Monday/Wednesday.
Saint Mary at 4:30 pm on Tuesday/Thursday
All daily Masses are in person and live streamed
No reservation is required for daily Mass attendance

Parish Office

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May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

- Saturday** **May 22**
4:00 pm Andria Rossi & Louis DiCicco
- Sunday** **May 23**
8:00 am Joseph Harney, Sr.
- Sunday** **May 23**
9:30 am Peter DiRenzo
- Sunday** **May 23**
11:00 am Mary Ellen Marks & John Scopes O'Connor
- Monday** **May 24**
8:00 am
- Tuesday** **May 25**
4:30 pm Susan O'Donnell
- Wednesday** **May 26**
8:00 am
- Thursday** **May 27**
4:30 pm

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May 30– Most Holy Trinity

- Saturday** **May 29**
4:00 pm Ryan Rutledge
- Sunday** **May 30**
8:00 am Robert & Ruth Schaeffer
- Sunday** **May 30**
9:30 am Etelvina Peixoto
- Sunday** **May 30**
11:00 am

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Weekend Masses

Outdoor parking lot of Saint Mary Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 9:30 am
Masses will continue to be livestreamed.

Indoor Masses:

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

Information for Masses: Reservations are required for indoor Masses (8 & 11) and **must be made by 3:00 pm on Fridays**. Emailed reservations are preferred when possible, stmaryna@noozi.com or call 508-695-6161. No reservations are required for outdoor Mass. Masks are required to enter for indoor Masses and must be worn when out of your vehicle at outdoor Masses.

Parish Contributions

Below are our collection figures for the period indicated. These contributions have come in through the mail, dropped off in person, via e-giving and Gabrielsoft.

Figures for the period ending
May 16 – \$18,517.41

From Father Rodney

Fear! If you really think about it, fear is one of the central themes we encounter in the Gospels. The disciples, for any number of reasons, are always cowering away from what they perceive to be fearful situations. They are filled with fear when they see Jesus walking on the water and he says to them: “Be not afraid.” They are filled with fear when Jesus is arrested and they scatter and even Peter, the Rock, was filled with fear and concealed the truth that he even knew Jesus but remembered the words of the Lord as he heard the cock crow. His fear brought him to tears and he wept bitterly. The disciples are fear-filled when they go to the tomb and see it empty. They question the angel whom they believe to be the gardener and ask where Jesus is. They are incredulous and are a bit apprehensive when it comes to believing the Jesus had been raised from the dead. Fear brings the Eleven together in that Upper Room where they are hiding from the Jews yet Jesus appears, yet again, to dispel their fear. When they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit the fear is dispelled; those things that once held them bound are shattered and they are given the strength to go out into the world to teach all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Fear! A truly powerful emotion that loves to do one thing to us: control us. If we allow fear to control us, we are powerless. It took God’s Spirit for the Eleven to comprehend this reality and to begin living as those who are strong in Jesus Christ. A good question to ask ourselves on this great Feast of Pentecost is – what causes us to fear? What has such control over us that we are so filled with dread and fear? Is it an addiction of some sort? Is it the unknown? Perhaps it is a lengthy period of unemployment; perhaps a medical condition that dominates our lives that causes us great consternation. There are so many things that can bring fear into our lives – just as it did to the Eleven – but like the Eleven, we have received that promised Spirit. It was given to us in Baptism and for those of us who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, we have been sealed with the Gifts of God’s Spirit, empowering us to be faithful witnesses in the world. As the Church comes to life at Pentecost, let us celebrate and recommit ourselves to spreading the Good News. Happy Birthday Church! Be not afraid!



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From Father Rodney continues:

Mass schedule moving forward during the on-going Pandemic- update re: CDC changes

Last week, the CDC issued new guidelines regarding the wearing of masks and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has issued guidelines regarding social distancing norms while inside building and the capacity of church buildings. As of the publication of this bulletin the Diocese of Fall River has yet to make any new changes regarding how we will proceed in the future and to that end, there is nothing that I can say at this time. I personally spoke with the Bishop before a Confirmation I attended in Fall River on Monday evening and he indicated to me that changes here in this Diocese will be at a slower pace. I will update you as I am given information. The parish website will be the primary mode of communication. For the time being, those wishing to attend Mass indoors will need to continue making a "reservation." I am going to reissue the announcement re: the protocols of our parish that were in last week's bulletin. Thank you for your patience.

Father Rodney

On the Vigil of Pentecost May 29, 2020, we were first given permission to finally gather as a community of faith so that we could receive the Eucharist. Leading up to our official re-opening, the parish staff spent a great deal of time thinking about how we could best serve the spiritual needs of the faithful here in North Attleborough. At that time, the decision to NOT have indoor Mass was made as we could better accommodate folks outdoors. In June, we received word from the Bishop's Office that if buildings had not yet been re-opened we would need to do so and that is exactly what we did. The two outdoor Masses give people the opportunity to gather – yes, not in an actual church building – safely to receive the Eucharist. We gather and there are no limitations as to the number of people who can be physically present nor do you have to make a reservation. We are able to only accommodate 125 people inside of Saint Mary Church – at this time due to social distance norms. We average over 300 people each and every Saturday and Sunday at each of the outdoor Masses. If we were to stop having those liturgies over 175 people at each Mass would be denied admission due to current State imposed limitations. At Saint Mark's we can accommodate 100 people and at Sacred Heart 85. Even though "reservations" end at 3PM on Friday's, these Masses are never, ever experience full capacity. I want for the faithful to be able to receive the Eucharist and to be able to worship. I know that folks are desirous to enter Saint Mary Church. You can. Daily Mass is celebrated both Tuesday and Wednesday at 4:30PM and no reservations are needed. For the time being, I am going to yield to the greater good and that is making certain that those who want to come to church on a Sunday are able to do so. As soon as restrictions are lifted by the Diocese (and no one is more ready than yours truly) we will adjust the current situation. We are still in the midst of living in an active pandemic and that is not easy. I appreciate that you continue to be patient and understanding even though it is not easy.

Sincerely,
Father Rodney

Confirmation and First Communion 2021 Style

The sacramental season is well under way here at Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. To date, 76 of our young parishioners have completed their Christian Initiation by receiving the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for our young parishioners who will soon receive these Sacraments of Initiation. The remaining dates for the remainder of the season is as follows:

Confirmation: Sunday, May 23 @ 1PM at St Mary
Parking Lot

First Communion: Saturday, May 22 @ 11AM at St Mary
Parking Lot

Saturday, June 5 @ 11AM at St Mark

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese

Faith Formation Office Hours

Mon. –Thurs. 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Congratulations to those who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 16

Alexandra Burns, Jill Calistra, Matthew Comperchio, Martin Delonnay, Madeleine Estes, Eleanor Fournier, Matthew Garofalo, Charles Girouard, Abbey Lamonica, Lily Lavery, Gracie Leary, Savana Martinsen, Samantha McCarthy, Devin Naclerio, Olivia Nelson, Faith O'Hanlon, Colin Petrosch, Abigail Pratt, Benjamin Sadler, Ryan Scott, Francesca Spencer, Christopher Thibault, Antonio Vitorino, Keith Wilfert, Jr.

Grade 9 Information

Upcoming Dates of Confirmation:

Sunday, May 23, 2021

1:00 p.m. at Saint Mary parking lot

Congratulations to those who received the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time on May 15

Grace Belluso, Lila Belluso, Isla Carges, Addison Chevers, Hunter Clark, Emma DeBiasio, Nicholas DiSalvo, Thomas Drinan, Holden Ferris, Miles Ferris, Harrison Garon, Myles Giambanco, Dylan Hall, Logan Hamm, Lauren Hinckley, Harper Houghton, Abigail Izzo, Colin Kelley, Seamus Kelley, Olivia Kelly, Elliot Laquale, Maddalena Larsen, Quinn McCluskey, Henry Messier, Colin Nguyen, David Parkinson, Emma Robbins, Julian Rocheleau, Kylee Sposato, Mackenzie Turcotte, Lucas VanBalen, Rowan Webber, Jillian Whittenhall, Blake Woods

Grade 2 Information

Dates of First Communion:

Saturday, May 22, 2021

11:00 a.m. Saint Mary parking lot

Saturday, June 5, 2021

11:00 a.m. Saint Mark

Bulletins

Printed bulletins are available for you to take home at the **end** of Mass at Saint Mark and Sacred Heart. We will continue to have the bulletins outside the parish office door throughout the week on Park Street as well. The bulletin can also be found on the parish website each week, www.saintmaryna.com about midway down the home page.



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Spring Evangelization Series

The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation has developed a Spring series for parishes in the areas of family, youth, and adult evangelization. Upcoming series in June a Diocesan Virtual Summit (June 9), Ministry to Young People (starting June 8), and Ministry with RCIA (starting June 3). Individuals can learn more and register at: bit.ly/evangelize21 If you have any questions, please email dcarvalho@dioc-fr.org.

Year of St Joseph

As part of the ongoing Year of St Joseph, there will be a Holy Hour on Tuesday, June 8 at 6pm at St Joseph Church in Fall River. Additionally, individuals can honor a father, priest, or father-figure this June by submitting a nomination to the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation. Nominated individuals will be honored via the Office's communications and invited to the Holy Hour on June 8. To learn more about both of these opportunities, visit:

www.fallriverfaithformation.org/stjoseph

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.

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 together 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 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.



80TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

Time to Gather, Time to Heal, Time to Love. Feed the Hungry. Shelter the Homeless. Visit the Sick. Comfort the Sorrowful. You can practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and help our brothers and sisters in need, through your generous support of the 80th Annual Catholic Appeal. The Appeal offers much-needed support to tens of thousands throughout our Diocese: from Mansfield, Easton and the Attleboro's, through the Taunton, Fall River and New Bedford areas, and extending all the way to Cape Cod and the islands. Where there is great need, our parish community can offer great hope.

Our current pledges and paid donations for this year's Appeal is \$52,445.00.

Our total for 2020 was \$85,017.03.

Make your secure gift or pledge online today at www.givefrdiocese.org/2021. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at www.givefrdiocese.org/2021. **ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO "CATHOLIC APPEAL". Please do not make the check out to the parish.** Please mail your contribution directly to: The Catholic Appeal – Diocese of Fall River 450 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA 02720. Any contributions that come to the office are required to be sent unopened to the Catholic Appeal Office. To view the video from Bishop da Cunha regarding the importance of this year's Appeal, please click on the link: <https://vimeo.com/540157258>

Readings for May 23

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
the earth is full of your creatures.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the LORD.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

If you take away their breath, they perish
and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians

Brothers and sisters, live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: immorality, impurity, lust, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also follow the Spirit.

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. †

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ