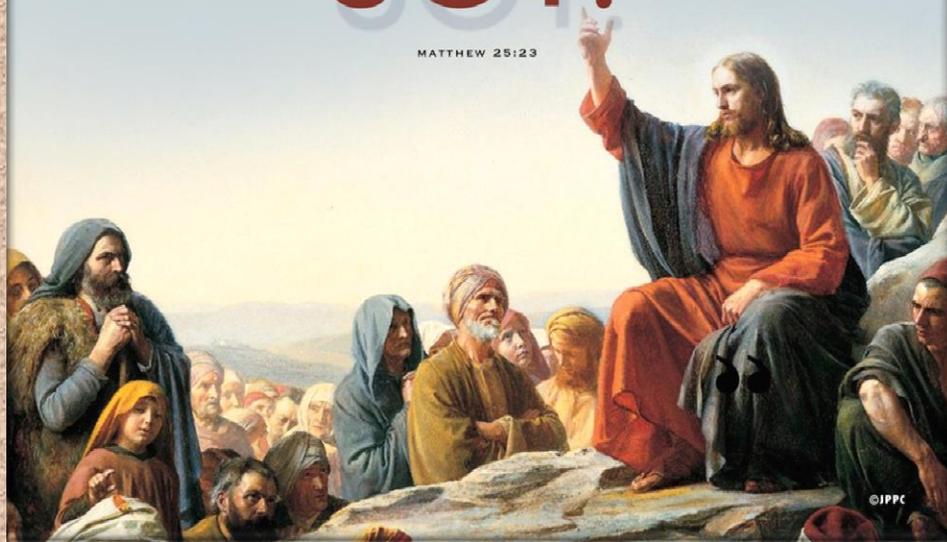


# Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

“COME,  
SHARE  
YOUR  
MASTER’S  
JOY.”

MATTHEW 25:23



North Attleborough, Massachusetts

## Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

Rev. Rodney E. Thibault, J.C.L., Pastor  
Rev. John M. "Jack" Schrader, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Deacon Joseph E. Regali

Mrs. Monica T. Forte, Administrative Assistant  
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Mrs. Elaine Corvese, Director of Religious Education, Grades 1-8 & Confirmation  
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### Saint Mary Cemetery

Mr. Jarrod Ward, Superintendent  
Towne Street  
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(508) 695-1173 or email [ripco@comcast.net](mailto:ripco@comcast.net)

**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](mailto: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 Community.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

You do not have a Facebook account, you can watch the Mass by clicking "not now" under the log in information.

You may also find us on YouTube at  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1i2\\_bnxJkvxwc5jurDrK2w?fbclid=IwAR2341CNCHVNYcjEhK-tgpr7FQ-TGUX\\_xdH9z\\_E1N4Hd2scfmR4JrK\\_x1s8](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1i2_bnxJkvxwc5jurDrK2w?fbclid=IwAR2341CNCHVNYcjEhK-tgpr7FQ-TGUX_xdH9z_E1N4Hd2scfmR4JrK_x1s8)

### Parish Office

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# MASS Intentions

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>November 14</u>
4:00 pm	Mary E. Ruby & Joseph Ruby
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>November 15</u>
8:00 am	Catherine Lontok
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>November 15</u>
9:30 am	Jeannette E. Battista
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>November 15</u>
11:00 am	Blanche & Roland Dubuc
<u>Monday</u>	<u>November 16</u>
8:00 am	Raymond Morrissey
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>November 17</u>
4:30 pm	Dana Pion
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>November 18</u>
8:00 am	Elizabeth Majewski
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>November 19</u>
4:30 pm	Catherine Hutchinson

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## Weekend Masses

Outdoor parking lot of Saint Mary Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 9:30 am

*Outdoor Masses will continue to be livestreamed.*

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

Reservations are required for indoor Masses (8 & 11) and must be made by 3:00 pm on Friday. 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.

## Daily Mass

Daily Mass is celebrated at Saint Mark at 8:00 am. On Tuesday/Thursday Mass is celebrated at 4:30 pm at Saint Mary. All daily Masses will be in person and live streamed.

Monday	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mass on-line and in person at <b>St. Mark</b>
Tuesday	<b>4:30 pm</b>	Mass on-line and in person at <b>Saint Mary</b>
Wednesday	<b>8:00 am</b>	Mass on-line and in person at <b>St. Mark</b>
Thursday	<b>4:30PM</b>	Mass on-line and in person at <b>Saint Mary</b>
Friday		No public Mass

\*Please note that "reservations" are not required for Daily. Remember: you can always go to the Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page and watch the video after the fact.

## From Father Rodney

The parable of the talents was one of the first pieces of Sacred Scripture I ever had the opportunity to reflect on during a homiletic workshop when I was in seminary. We had a fine guest professor who encouraged us to think outside of the box. When it came time for me and my 34 other classmates to deliver our practice homilies to him and to our classmates he was so upset that most in the class focused solely on the fact that the parable had to do with money. Of course, everyone has a different style and I think that the priest was being a bit irrational but he was insistent that we look at the broader meaning of the parable. Finally, one of my classmates exclaimed, "you told us to think outside of the box. This is what my box looks like." Well, it got very interesting after that. When it came time for me to deliver my homily I remember saying that God made me 5 feet 2 inches tall and whatever I have within my heart, my soul and mine are at God's disposal and I need to use all 5' 2" so that in God's eyes and in the eyes of those I encounter I might appear to be 10' 4' tall! Of course, being on the shorter side of the class this brought laughter...I hope that it makes you laugh...but the point is valid. God has given us each certain gifts/talents that we possess and all that he expects of us is that we cultivate them to bring greater glory to His Holy Name. Sometimes, we do a good job; we cultivate the gifts that we have to the Kingdom here and now radiate with a greater brightness and brilliance. Sometimes we are like the first two servants. We take our ten talents or our two talents and we use them wisely and they yield great fruit. However, sometimes we can be timid and shy and afraid, like the servant who was only given one talent and we bury that which we possess hiding it from the world. When that happens, we deny those around us the opportunity to see the beautiful gifts that God has blessed us with and we also stunt their overall growth. Each of us was uniquely fashioned by God, as a part of His overall plan and each of us has been called to build up His Kingdom here and now. Question to ask yourself: do you know what gifts God has blessed you with in this life? If yes, how have you cultivated them? How do you use those things you possess to make our community of faith a happier and holier place? Good food for thought I think for all of us.

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*From Father Rodney continues...*

### 2020 November Annual Appeal

A sincere word of thanks to each and every parishioner who has contributed to the 2020 Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Annual Appeal. To date, \$63,220 has been collected. This overwhelmingly generous response is a great sign of support for our parish here in North Attleborough. Please note that the results will be updated throughout the month of November. Remember: no gift is too small nor too large. In advance, thank you for your support of our parish.



### 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.

**Period ending November 8: \$15,936.23**

### Preparing for the New!

The new Liturgical Year begins on November 28/29 with the First Sunday of Advent.

### Lector Workbooks

If you are **currently** a lector at one of our weekend Masses, lector workbooks are available. The books will be on the landing in front of the office with your name on a label for those who have been lector at Saint Mary Masses. They are at Saint Mark and Sacred Heart (also with labels) and may be picked up in those churches at Mass beginning this weekend (November 14/15). Please contact Monica at the office with any questions [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com)

### Missalettes for 2021

A box of missalettes for NEXT YEAR will be available beginning, Monday, November 16 on the landing by the entrance to the parish office. Please feel free to pick one up any time after that. The new liturgical year begins on November 29 with the First Sunday of Advent. **You are asked to sign out your copy of the new missalette with a sheet in the box. Please do not call the office to add your name to a list.** Note that if you bring it to church and leave it there it will be thrown away, even if your name is on it. If you lose your copy or it gets thrown away because you left it in church a replacement will be available but you will need to pay for a replacement.

### All Souls

Envelopes returned with All Souls intentions are located on the altar in our churches. During the month of November, we remember all those who have passed away over the past year.



### We Pray for the Recently Departed

*Janet LeFort and James Brennan*

*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.*

### 2021 Mass Intention Book

The book for 2021 opened for intentions on **Wednesday, November 4.** **Please email your requests if at all possible.** If you are not able to email, you may call the office or mail in/drop off your request. In an effort to make things fair and consistent please be advised of the following:

First, you will only be able to book 1 Sunday Mass and 2 daily Masses at this time. We will accept other intentions after the beginning of the year.

Second, Masses will be celebrated for one person at a time –accommodations will be made for a married couple or family relatives who are deceased.

Third, Mass intentions are for the deceased and not for the living.

Thank you for understanding the pastoral reasons (and canonical reasons) as to why these decisions have been made.

### 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.





## We Welcome

On Saturday, November 7, 2020 we welcomed three new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish.

We welcome: *Lydia Ann Forte*, daughter of Allison (Spicer) & Peter Forte, *Nigel James Norris*, son of Megan Barry & James Norris, and *Laney Grace Tebbetts*, daughter of Kimberly (Degirolamo) & David Tebbetts. Congratulations to Lydia Ann, Nigel James and Laney Grace, their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.

## Scheduling Baptisms

We continue to work with families to schedule baptisms for the fall. Baptisms are being scheduled one family at a time with a maximum of 24 in attendance. We are scheduling on Saturdays at 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm. Weekdays are also available for families who can take advantage of this option. Weekends spaces are currently all scheduled through November. We will begin working on scheduling for December soon. Please contact the office via email ([stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com)) for more information. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Please Keep Everyone SAFE

Please remember when in public, wear your mask. Remain at least 6 feet from others. Wash your hands often.

Masks must be worn at all times to attend indoor Masses. When attending outdoor Mass you must wear a when out of the car to receive Communion. **After consuming the Blessed Sacrament**, please leave your mask on until you return to your vehicle. *Please remember to keep your distance from others when exiting your car to receive Communion or when entering and exiting the church for an indoor Mass.*

**Please wear your mask to protect others.**



## FAITH FORMATION

*Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Elaine Corvese*

**Faith Formation Office Hours – Monday –Thursday**

**10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

## 2020-2021 School Year Information

**Faith Formation format for the 2020-2021 year**  
**Remote learning for grades 1-9:** The Faith Formation program for the 2020-2021 year has begun for all grades. If you have not picked up your child's text book, contact the Faith Formation office at [smsfff@comcast.net](mailto:smsfff@comcast.net).

Please note: when emailing the Faith Formation office, please indicate your child's name and grade in the subject line. Thank you!

## Bishop Feehan High School, Attleboro

Please join us for our **Virtual Open House Week** - November 16-19. Chat with our Administrative Team, learn more about classes, clubs, Campus Ministry and meet our athletic coaches. Visit our website for details:

**[BishopFeehan.com/VirtualOpenHouse](http://BishopFeehan.com/VirtualOpenHouse)**

**ENTRANCE EXAM** – will be held virtually on December 5th and December 12th. You must pre-register at our website:

**[BishopFeehan.com/Admissions](http://BishopFeehan.com/Admissions)**

## 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](mailto:jim.schromm@verizon.net) or (508) 643-3623.

## Knights' Tootsie Roll Drive

Last call! The Knights were not able to have their annual candy drive in person this year. If you are in a position to help these friends, please consider a donation of any size via the parish's online contribution page on Gabriel, <https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafdiocese/31>. The fund name on the web site will be "Tootsie Roll Drive-KofC"

# Readings for November 15

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

When one finds a worthy wife,  
her value is far beyond pearls.  
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,  
has an unfailing prize.  
She brings him good, and not evil,  
all the days of her life.  
She obtains wool and flax  
and works with loving hands.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her fingers ply the spindle.  
She reaches out her hands to the poor,  
and extends her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;  
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
Give her a reward for her labors,  
and let her works praise her at the city gates.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,  
who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
Your children like olive plants  
around your table.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the LORD.  
The LORD bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

### Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the  
Thessalonians

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a

pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.  
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 Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. ]

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**