

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2020



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 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=IwAR234lCNCHVNYcjEhK-tgpr7FQ-TGUX_xdH9z_E1N4Hd2scfmR4JrK_x1s8

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Solemnity of Christ the King

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>November 21</u>
4:00 pm	Louise Cote
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>November 22</u>
8:00 am	Catherine I. Landry
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>November 22</u>
9:30 am	Deceased members of the Blais family
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>November 22</u>
11:00 am	Eva Blake & Christopher Blake
<u>Monday</u>	<u>November 23</u>
8:00 am	Alberto Massi
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>November 24</u>
4:30 pm	Deceased relatives of AMU & APU Newman Center families
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>November 25 – Thanksgiving Mass</u>
8:00 am	Patricia Carvalho
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>November 26</u>
	Thanksgiving Day – No Mass

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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.

RESERVATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 29 MUST BE MADE BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25.

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

From Father Rodney

When one thinks about the founding of the United States of America one usually thinks about what our founding forefathers were attempting to accomplish, namely, establishing a free and justice society where the dignity of the human person is realized and upheld. They were accustomed to being a subject of the Crown, namely, King George III, and were tired of what they saw as his tyrannical ways. If we look closely at history, most societies that abolished the monarchy did so because the King and or Queen, was often an unjust enforcer of his or her laws and did not have the best interest of the subjects in mind.

Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King of the Universe, we reflect on our King and His Kingdom. Unlike the Kings of past generations who established unjust regimes, our King, Christ, establishes a Kingdom that is based upon truth and justice, peace and security not just for a select few but rather, for those who call upon Him as Lord. As we know all too well, sometimes, the just society can be challenged. The freedoms and securities guaranteed in our society can be compromised by acts of terrorism and war. We saw that happen on 9/11 when our nation was attacked. In recent, we have witnessed, regretfully, numerous terrorist attacks around the Globe, usually in the name of religion. Our nation and indeed our world should be a place of peace and security where we abide in peace not worrying about if and when our lives are in danger. The Lord wants us to model our societies here and now on the society that Christ established in the Father's House. How we long and yearn for a just society where the dignity of each and every person is realized. It is that society where the truth sets us free and helps us to appreciate all of God's Creation as being special and unique in God's eyes.

As we continue to reflect upon the horrific acts of terrorism around the Globe, let each of us pray that we will do our part ensuring that the dignity of all human life is upheld from the moment of conception until natural death.



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 15: \$11,796.10

November Appeal to date: \$70,300.00

THANK YOU!!!



Thanksgiving Mass

All are invited to attend the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday, November 25 at Saint Mark church, as we gather to give thanks to God for our many blessings. Please bring an item that you will use or serve at your Thanksgiving meal on Thursday. You will keep it with you during Mass and Father will offer a special blessing for these items. Bring your item, keep it with you and take it along when you leave as a way to bring a special blessing to your Thanksgiving table.



Parish Office Closed

Please note that the Parish Office and Faith Formation office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Best wishes to all our parish community for a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

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.

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. Please contact Monica at the office with any questions smaryna@noozi.com

Missalettes for 2021

A box of missalettes for NEXT YEAR is on the landing by the entrance to the parish office. 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. There is a binder next to the box of missalettes and some pens if you do not have one of your own. Please **do not call the office** to add your name to a list. Note that if you bring the missalette 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.

2021 Mass Intention Book

The book for 2021 is open for your intentions. **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.

Christmas Trees

Troop 23 in North Attleborough will be selling Christmas Trees starting the 27 NOV 2020- till they are gone! Christmas Trees will be sold Monday-Friday 5-9pm, Saturdays 9-9pm, and Sundays 11-8pm at the corner of Rt. 1A and Whiting St. North Attleborough. Please come out and support North Attleborough Scout Troop 23. Thank you!

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 smshff@comcast.net.

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

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.

Knights of Columbus Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus are running their annual Coat Drive again this Advent. **The collection will run the first three weekends of Advent, from Saturday, Nov 28th to Sunday, Dec 13th.** In order to maintain social distancing, all collection boxes will be outside this year. One will be available on the handicap ramp to the chapel behind Saint Mary Church throughout the drive. Boxes will also be available outside of St. Mark's and Sacred Heart before and after the 8 AM and 11 AM Masses, respectively, each Sunday. If possible, please bring your donations in a plastic bag to minimize any issues with the weather and virus transmission. All donations will be given to the SVdP Clothing Center at 95 Pine Street, which serves the poor in the Greater Attleboro area. Clothing will be distributed for free to the needy when they reopen in January. God bless you for your help.



We Welcome

On Saturday, November 14, 2020 we welcomed two new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish.

We welcome: *Teverly Elise Servant*, daughter of Arianna (Ciosek) & Timothy Servant and *Borja Luis Horrillo*, son of Marta (Guerra) & Manuel Horrillo. Congratulations to Teverly Elise, Borja Luis, 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. Please contact the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Thanksgiving Blessings



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.

Readings for November 22

Solemnity of Christ the King

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths

for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

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

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one

in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

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 said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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