

# *First Sunday of Advent*

*November 28, 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 on scheduled 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 our parish priests. Please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will resume beginning December 7 and continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month.  
9:00 am – 6:00 pm Saint Mary Church.

### Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you can drop your contribution in the collection basket. If you prefer, 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!

### Masses

**Masks:** The *Diocese of Fall River* is *strongly encouraging all parishioners to follow the CDC guidance and to wear a mask while attending Mass or any other liturgical celebration unless unable because of a medical condition or under the age of 2.* Please be considerate of those around you and allow for space near those not in your family whenever possible.

Masses will continue to be available livestreamed (technology permitting) and saved online for later viewing. To see the Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page to see live Masses you can go to:

<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>

### Parish Office

14 Park Street, North Attleborough,  
Massachusetts 02760

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

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

Phone (508) 695-6161 Fax (508) 695-5248

Faith Formation e-mail • [smshff@comcast.net](mailto:smshff@comcast.net)

**November 28 – First Sunday of Advent**

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>November 27</u></b>
4:00 pm	Susana Ontiveros
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>November 28</u></b>
8:00 am	Rebecca Morrissey
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>November 28</u></b>
9:30 am	Judy Leco
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>November 28</u></b>
11:00 am	Mary J. Wagner & Walter M. Miller
<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>November 29</u></b>
4:30 pm	Marianne Twombly
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>November 30</u></b>
8:00 am	July Leco
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>December 1</u></b>
4:30 pm	Margaret R. Murray
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>December 2</u></b>
8:00 am	Alfred P. Pace

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**December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent**

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>December 4</u></b>
4:00 pm	Patricia Carvalho
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>December 5</u></b>
8:00 am	Francis Dietz
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>December 5</u></b>
9:30 am	Victoria Ann Leco
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>December 5</u></b>
11:00 am	Eva & Christopher Blake

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**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 Saint Mary Church** *\*temporary  
 move until Sacred Heart boiler repairs are completed*

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**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 Saint Mark Church

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**Parish Contributions**

**Weekend of November 14: \$11,380.69**  
 Figures for November 21 will be in next  
 weekend's bulletin

*From Father Rodney*

**2021 Annual Collection update**

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the Annual Appeal. To date, our total stands at \$47,480.00. If you have not made a donation to this important collection, please prayerfully consider how you will best contribute. Thank you for your continued generosity.



**Adoration/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

There has been a long-standing tradition in our Church of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commonly referred to as First Friday devotion. With the change in staff this is not a sustainable reality however, there is nothing set in stone that says that Adoration must take place only on a Friday and Benediction can only take place on a Saturday. I have spoken with Deacon Joe and we have come up with a way to make this a possibility and to include another beautiful component of our Church's rich liturgical tradition, namely, the Liturgy of the Hours. All clergy (and some religious) promise – on the day of their Ordination – to pray the Liturgy of the Hours for the entire church and world. To that end, **beginning December 7**, and continuing throughout the year on every first Tuesday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 9:00AM on that day and Morning Prayer will be prayed (programs will be available). This will take place at Saint Mary Church. Yes, the morning Mass will continue to be celebrated at Saint Mark Church on Tuesday mornings at 8:00AM. The doors of Saint Mary will remain open throughout the day and then, at 6:00PM, Deacon Joe will lead Evening Prayer and will offer Benediction. It is our hope that you will consider stopping into church during the day to spend some time with the Lord in the midst of the hectic life you lead and to seek some solace with our God. If you are interested in joining, please sign up for a time slot and mark your calendars. (Register by calling Arlene Hall at 508-801-2243 or Joanne Regali 508-643-3821).



## Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

### Christmas Eve – Friday, 24 December 2021

4:00PM Saint Mary Church

6:00PM Saint Mark Church

### Christmas Mass during the Night – Friday, 24 December 2021

9:00PM Sacred Heart Church

\* location dependent on heat

### Christmas Mass during the Day – Saturday, 25 December 2021

9:30AM Saint Mary Church

**THERE WILL NOT BE A VIGIL MASS Saturday,  
December 25 AT 4:00 PM for the Feast of the Holy  
Family**

### Sunday, December 26, 2021 – Feast of the Holy Family

8:00AM Saint Mark Church

9:30AM Saint Mary Church

11:00AM Sacred Heart Church

\* location dependent on heat

## Please Keep Our Churches Clean

Please remove ALL papers, tissues and any other items and dispose of them properly as you leave the church. Nothing should be left in the pews after Mass. (Trash receptacles are available at the entrances/exits). Please return all kneelers to the upright position as you leave. Thank you for your assistance.

## Advent Adopt-A-Family Project

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is once again sponsoring “Adopt-A-Family” as an Advent project. Organized by former State Representative Betty Poirier and many faithful assistants from parish organizations, families from North Attleborough are provided with much needed assistance. This project provides warm clothes for all family members and assistance with heat and necessary bills. “Santa” is also given a helping hand with his list for the children. Envelopes are available and may be found near the entrance of the church. Please make your donations payable to Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, the contributions will be tallied and send through the office to Adopt-A-Family. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this annual project.



## FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese [smsdff@comcast.net](mailto:smsdff@comcast.net)

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Grades 1 and 2:** will be held on Tuesday, November 30 from 4:15 to 5:30 pm and Saturday, December 4 from 10:00 am to 11:15 am

## Bulletin Submissions

Please note that due to anticipated delivery issues with FedEx during the entire 2021 holiday season. Bulletins next weekend are already transmitted. Dates closer to Christmas will be even earlier. Anyone wishing to submit a notice should email it as early as possible and include the dates you would like the notice to appear.

## Blood Drive

Rhode Island Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive at Sturdy Hospital, Thursday, Dec. 2 from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm in the Auditorium, 211 Park Street. Please book ahead at [www.ribc.org/drives](http://www.ribc.org/drives) - sponsor code 3046 or call 508-236-8555

## Wreath and Cemetery Basket Sale

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish will be having a Christmas wreath and cemetery basket sale **Saturday, December 4 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm and Sunday, December 5 9:00 am - 11:00 am in Saint Mary Parish Center.** Please call Kerry Vigorito 508-294-3883, Karen Smith 508-212-7377 or Miles Miller 508-369-1349 to volunteer or with any questions.

## 2022 Mass Intention Book

The 2022 Mass Intention calendar is available for scheduling memorial Masses. In order to give everyone a chance at dates initially, you are asked to schedule only 2 weekend Mass intentions for anytime in the calendar year. You may schedule as many weekday Masses as you would like. Mass intentions are for the deceased and not for the living. We will continue to have one person or family for each Mass time. Intentions can be scheduled at [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com) or by phone at 508-695-6161.

## 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.

## 11:00 am Sunday Mass

**The 11:00 am Sunday morning Mass has temporarily moved to Saint Mary church.** The main boiler at Sacred Heart requires major repairs and although the process to get estimates, insurance approval and parts was begun in the spring, the repairs are just underway. Until the repairs are finished and inspection and permitting by the Commonwealth are completed, there is no heat in the main church. With the cold weather upon us, this decision had to be made. As soon as we are able to do so, the 11:00 am will return to Sacred Heart. We will keep you informed as the process continues. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Knights of Columbus – Coat Drive

Knights of Columbus Council #330 of North Attleboro is sponsoring a coat drive in our parish during Advent, through December 11/12. Clearly labeled boxes will be at the back of each church by the main entrance. Please donate any new or gently used (and clean) winter coats that you may have at home. Hats, gloves, and mittens are also welcome. The clothing will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) clothing store in Attleboro, which distributes clothing for free to those helped by our SVdP conferences here in North Attleboro and the surrounding communities. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Erik Morris at 508-400-1757.

## Missalettes for 2022

The new liturgical year begins this weekend, November 27/28 with the First Sunday of Advent. We now have our missalettes returned to the pews for your use during Mass. PLEASE do not take them home, they are for everyone's use. At the end of Mass, please return the missalette to the rack for the next person to use. Thank you!

## Christmas in July Planning Meeting

As Father Rodney announced last month, Transfiguration of the Lord parish will be hosting a new event in 2022 called Christmas in July. The event will begin on the evening of Friday, July 23, 2022, and will continue throughout the day on Saturday, July 24, 2022. We are pleased to announce that preparations will soon commence, and all parishioners are invited to participate! **A parish-wide planning meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2021 from 6:30-7:30PM in the Saint Mary Parish Center.** ALL ARE WELCOME: we are looking forward to having the input of both new and established parish volunteers alike! Sign up sheets will be available at the planning meeting, so please mark your calendars, and bring along your friends and any ideas that you may have for the event. Thank you in advance for all of your help and support!



## Music Ministry News!

### Adult Christmas Choir

Do you enjoy singing? Looking for a new ministry to serve in? Not able to commit to weekly weekend Masses but still want to be a part of the choir? Come join the Adult Christmas Choir! We will be providing music for the 4pm and 9pm Mass on Christmas Eve. There will also be a Christmas concert approximately 30 minutes before the start of each Mass that will include choral selections, solos, and duets. The children's choir will also be joining us for the 4pm children's Mass. No audition needed to join! Reading music is helpful, but not required to join. We will teach you the basics of reading music. Per diocesan guidelines, masks are required for all unvaccinated and when less than 6' of distance is possible. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm. Due to boiler issues in Sacred Heart Church, rehearsals will move to St. Mary's Church temporarily. Please use the green door by the ramp behind the building to enter the church. For more information, please speak with our Music Director, Nikkie Barton, after Mass or via e-mail at [transfigurationmusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:transfigurationmusicdirector@gmail.com)



### Children and Youth Choir Opportunities

We will be offering a children's choir for those students in grade 1-6 and a youth choir for grades 7-12. Choirs will provide music on the 1st and/or 3rd Sunday of the month on a rotating Mass schedule. More details to follow. Rehearsals are held after the 11am Mass at St. Mary from 12:15pm-1:30pm starting on Sunday. All are welcome to join. No audition needed to join though please prepare 30-60 seconds (a verse and refrain) of your favorite song to sing just to get an idea of your vocal range and what section to best place you in. The choir will also be singing for the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve with the adult choir. They will participate in a pre-Mass Christmas concert in addition to helping provide music for the Mass. For more information, please speak with our Music Director, Nikkie Barton, after Mass or via e-mail at [transfigurationmusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:transfigurationmusicdirector@gmail.com)

### Attention: Youth and Adult Cantors Needed

We are looking for both youth (middle school and high school) and adults with strong vocal ability to train as cantors for our weekend Masses. What is a cantor you ask? A cantor is a leader of song during Mass. They are responsible for leading the congregation when we sing hymns, for singing the Psalm and proclaiming the Gospel Acclamation as well as the Mass parts during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Those interested in learning to become a Youth Cantor or an Adult Cantor for weekend Masses should speak with Ms. Barton after Mass or e-mail her at [transfigurationmusicdirector@gmail.com](mailto:transfigurationmusicdirector@gmail.com)

## Readings for November 28

### First Sunday of Advent

#### First Reading

##### A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

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

#### Responsorial Psalm

##### R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior,  
and for you I wait all the day.

##### R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Good and upright is the LORD;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and teaches the humble his way.

##### R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and  
constancy  
toward those who keep his covenant and his  
decrees.

The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear  
him,  
and his covenant, for their instruction.

##### R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.



#### Second Reading

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

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

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 Luke Glory to you, O Lord. †

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**