

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2022



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

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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 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 through the parish office. Please call to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is offered on the 1st Tuesday of each month in Saint Mary Church, beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 6:00 pm with 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 online 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>

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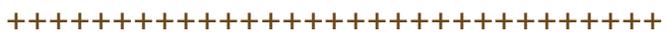
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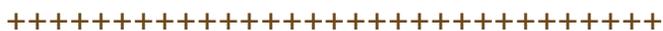
Oct. 16– 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4:00 pm	October 15 Desire “Buster” Larocque
Sunday 8:00 am	October 16 Robert J. Healey, Sr.
Sunday 9:30 am	October 16 Charlotte & Charles Burke
Sunday 11:00 am	October 16 Russell J. Kenney & Cheryl Kenney Milone
Monday 4:30 pm	October 17 Ann Giglio
Tuesday 8:00 am	October 18 Agnes Obrist
Wednesday 4:30 pm	October 19 Joseph & Jean Ciryak
Thursday 8:00 am	October 20 Loretta Batts Jackson



Oct. 23– 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4:00 pm	October 22 Deceased members of “The Branches” Community and Kathleen Johnson
Sunday 8:00 am	October 23 Edward A. Rogers
Sunday 9:30 am	October 23 Victoria Ann Leco
Sunday 11:00 am	October 23 Walter M. Miller & Mary J. Wagner



Parish Contributions

Collection figures from Oct. 1/2: \$12,906.24



In your prayers, please remember the sick of our parish, their families and caregivers.

Help Us Help Others!

Saint Vincent de Paul - Brown Bag Drive

In order to stock our food pantry as the Thanksgiving Holiday approaches, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is asking for your help.



“**Brown Bags**” will be available at all Masses of all churches this weekend of **October 15-16**. Each bag will have 6-7 non-perishable

items listed on them that would be a part of a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Additional items to help restock the pantry will be included such as shampoo, deodorant, and soap, which cannot be bought with food stamps. This is our primary way of keeping our pantry well stocked. Gift cards to Stop & Shop, Shaw’s & CVS are always welcome to purchase pantry items. **Bags can be returned at Masses beginning the weekend of October 22-23.** Thank you to E.A. Dion and the Dion family for always printing our labels for this drive, and of course, we thank our parishioners in advance for your continued support of this project and the works of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. We cannot run our pantry without your very generous support!

**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.



Call for Assistance

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.

Pope Francis on Discernment

At the end of August, Pope Francis began a new catechesis (lesson) during his regular



Wednesday Audience at the Vatican. The theme for this series is Discernment. As he began this new series in August, Pope Francis stated: *“Discernment is an important act that concerns everyone,*

because decisions are an essential part of life. Discerning decisions. One chooses food, clothing, a course of study, a job, a relationship. In all of these, a life project is realised, and even our relationship with God is concretized.”

We are now to the third and fourth in the series. Week 1 and 2 were in earlier bulletins. All of the lessons can be found in their entirety:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2022/documents/20220928-udienza-generale.html>

Catechesis On Discernment: 3. *The elements of discernment. Familiarity with the Lord*

September 28 General Audience

Summary of the Holy Father's words

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on discernment, the process of making sound decisions about the God-given meaning and direction of our lives, we now consider the importance of prayer. Praying is never a purely intellectual exercise; it also engages the heart and the emotions. Through prayer, we deepen our friendship with the Lord; we grow in trust as we realize that, in coming to understand and embrace his holy will, we find our true happiness. One of the great temptations in the spiritual life is the fear that fidelity to God's will can make us sad or unfulfilled. Prayer helps us to overcome such empty fears, and brings instead a deep spiritual joy, even in the midst of trials and tribulations. As the fruit of prayer, discernment makes us sensitive to God's "kindly light", illuminating our minds and warming our hearts. Drawing each day closer to the Lord, we come, by a certain "connaturality", to recognize more fully his will for our lives, and in that will to find our peace and our authentic fulfilment.

Catechesis On Discernment: 4. *The elements of discernment. Self-knowledge*

October 5 General Audience

Summary of the Holy Father's words

Dear brothers and sisters: In our continuing catechesis on spiritual discernment, we have considered the essential importance of growth in prayer. Today we consider, as a necessary complement to prayer, our need to grow in self-knowledge. Coming to know ourselves is not easy; it requires honesty and a patient descent into the depths of our heart. Self-knowledge is itself a fruit of God's grace, whereby we are led to abandon our illusions, to understand who we really are, and to embrace the things that can bring us genuine happiness. In effect, we learn the "passwords" that open the portal to our deepest self and the paths that can lead us to lasting spiritual joy and fulfilment, in obedience to God's gracious will. A great help to such prayerful insight into ourselves, and thus to authentic discernment, is the traditional practice of the nightly examination of conscience. Through daily prayer and self-knowledge, may we more readily discern the Lord's plan for our lives, and come to appreciate more fully our dignity and freedom as beloved children of our heavenly Father.

Wrentham Knights of Columbus 5k Run/Walk

November 13, 2022 9:00 am

Wrentham, MA More information

<https://racewire.com/register.php?id=13038>

Fall River Diocese Culture of Life Mass

October 23, 2022 10:30 am

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

327 2nd St. Fall River, MA 02721

Mass Intention Book

Mass intentions are open for 2023. You may schedule up to three weekend Masses (so that others will have a chance as well). There is no limit on the number of daily Mass intentions. Please contact Monica in the office with your requests, email or in writing preferred.



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

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We Welcome!

On Saturday, October 8, 2022 we welcomed three new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. We welcome: **Ryan Alexander Boynton**, son of Kristen & Richard Boynton, **Gavin Michael Casavant**, son of Shauna & Michael Casavant and **Everly Belle Daher**, daughter of Kristin & Jad Daher. Congratulations to Ryan, Gavin and Everly, their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.

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.



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. Children in need of the restroom should be supervised by an adult. Please check the restroom before leaving to make ensure it is left in a sanitary condition. Thank you for your assistance.



Blessing the Animals

Saturday, October 8 parishioners brought their dogs, cats and stuffed animals for a special blessing in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. About 25 dogs and two cats joined their human companions on the plaza of Saint Mary, as they prayed the Prayer of Saint Francis.



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen

Adopt-A-Family

We hope to see you at the fun-filled BOWL-A-THON THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21st! Call Deb Fitzgibbons at 978-884-1945 with any questions or to secure a lane! You can have a great time even if you don't bowl! Those who have experienced this fun-filled event in the past can attest to what a wonderful time they had coming together with our Catholic community. It is a great evening of fellowship, laughter, friendship, and many chances to win some awesome raffle items! Don't miss out . . . this event is has grown every year and there is SO MUCH FUN to be had! Cost for bowling is \$20.00 adults/\$11.00 children (under 10). God Bless, *Debbie Fitzgibbons and Betty Poirier*, Adopt-A-Family Committee Members

Saint Mary –Sacred Heart School



Apple Day in Kindergarten!

Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School's Kindergarten is a child-centered program designed to establish a strong foundation for learning in the early years. SMSH provides a caring, Catholic learning environment – one that promotes cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual development of all children. We invite you to learn more about our school's strong curriculum by visiting our website www.smshschool.com. If you want your child to attend a school that balances faith with education, consider joining the Saints community of learners.



Calling All Alumni

Are you (or your child) a graduate of St. Mary's School, Sacred Heart School, or St. Mary-Sacred Heart School? We want to hear from you!!! Please visit the SMSH website (<https://www.smshschool.com/reconnect-with-smsh/>) and share your information with us!! We also invite you to join our alumni Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/alwaysasaint>). We want everyone that is & was part of Catholic education in North Attleborough to be included. SMSH is part of ALL of our stories! If you have any questions or are interested in joining our alumni effort please contact Shauna Fontaine '98 P'27 P'32 or Shannon Gaudet '99 P'31 P'32 at alumni@smsh.dfrcs.org.

Thank you and Go Saints!

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

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Faith Formation 2022-2023 Schedule

Grades 1 and 2: Will be held on Tuesday from 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. every other week. **Classes: Tuesday, Oct. 25 & Nov. 15, Saturday, Oct. 15, 29 and Nov. 19**

Grades 3, 4, and 5 is a non-sacramental preparation for your son/daughter therefore the program for these grades will be home-based. To assist parents/guardian with this program a grade appropriate book will be provided along with a lesson syllabus to assist families.

Grades 6 and 7: Will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. once a month. The next class for **6th Grade is Monday, October 17, and 7th Grade is Monday, October 24.**

Grades 8 and 9: Will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. once a month. The next class for **8th Grade will be held Wednesday, Nov. 9 and 9th Grade will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16**

ALL CLASS CALENDARS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH WEBSITE UNDER THE FAITH FORMATION TAB

Parents/Guardian of second and ninth grade Catholic School students: Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation is a two-year process that is distinct and separate from any catechetical program in the parish or Catholic school. Sacraments are parish celebrations and while Catholic school communities are important in the daily sharing of faith and values, it is also necessary for young people to stay connected to their parish communities through the celebration of Sunday Eucharist and attendance in the Faith Formation classes. Therefore, if you have a son/daughter attending Catholic School in 2nd and 9th grade, please contact the Faith Formation office at TransfigurationRelEd@gmail.com to enroll your child in the program.



MUSIC MINISTRY

The **2022-2023 Parish Choir** season has begun. We welcome all interested singers from high school age and beyond to join us. We rehearse **Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:00pm** at Sacred Heart Church. Our **Sunday warm-up rehearsal will begin 30 minutes before the start of Mass. (There will be a rotating location schedule between all three church buildings)**

We welcome new members at any time during the year but particularly at the beginning of the season. With Christmas coming quickly, we've begun to prepare music for the occasion. This lively, energizing ministry is the perfect place to share the love of singing together, rekindle old friendships and begin new ones. I often do not get the opportunity to speak with many of you after mass is over, but I hear you. I hear your beautiful voices singing to the rafters. Often people don't step forward unless personally invited to join in. Consider this my personal invite to you to join us and share your beautiful talents. "God gave it to you, give it right back!"

First Sunday Choir - If participating in choir on a weekly basis is overwhelming you should consider joining the **First Sunday Choir**. Just as the name indicates we meet the **first Sunday of the month 30 minutes before Mass begins**. If you need a little head start learning music, come to the previous Wednesday night's rehearsal.

Transfiguration Festival Choir - You are cordially invited to join the **Transfiguration Festival Choir!** The Festival Choir will provide music during Advent and Christmas and perform in a Christmas concert in December. This is also a perfect opportunity if you would like to participate in the music ministry but can't commit to a full year of serving in this ministry. Perhaps you just want to test the waters and see if this is something you would like to do. Come and join us! You do not need to know how to read music, though it is helpful.

Cherubim Choir – Geared towards our youngest parishioners, **ages 3-6**, we will learn simple songs and explore music enriched in our faith while teaching the basics of musicality and movement exploration. There will be opportunities for them to participate in our weekend liturgies and special celebrations throughout the liturgical year. We will meet from 12-12:30pm on Sundays at Sacred Heart Church.

Arch Angel Choir – Geared for students in **grade 2-8**, we will provide music for Mass once a month and for special celebrations such as Christmas and Easter. Rehearsals will be at Sacred Heart on Sundays from 12:30-1:30pm.

Cantors – We are in strong need of cantors to help lead us in song at all our weekend Masses. A cantor should have a strong voice, great leadership skills, and a willing passionate spirit. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided. **Open to youth in Grade 4-12 and adults.** If interested, please stop by and speak to our music director, Nikkie Barton, after Masses or send an email to transfigurationmusicdirector@gmail.com

Instrumentalist – Do you play an instrument? We are always looking for instrumentalists to enhance our liturgies and special celebrations. Strings, brass, reeds, piano/organ, guitar, bass, drums/percussion are all welcome. Please contact Nikkie Barton for further information.

Anyone interested in any music ministry opportunities, please stop by and speak to our music director, Nikkie Barton, after Masses or send an email to

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North Attleborough Cultural Council

Do you have an idea or project that could contribute to the cultural vitality of North Attleboro? The North Attleboro Cultural Council is committed to funding a broad variety of activities, art forms as well as education projects to support artists and local cultural groups.

For more information on the application process, please search:

<https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/application-process>.

Grant deadline is October 17th.

Readings for October 16

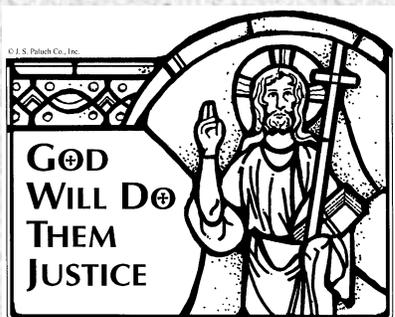
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Exodus

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. Our help is from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

**R. Our help is from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

May he not suffer your foot to slip;
may he slumber not who guards you:
indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps,
the guardian of Israel.

**R. Our help is from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD
is your shade;
he is beside you at your right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

**R. Our help is from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

The LORD will guard you from all evil;
he will guard your life.
The LORD will guard your coming and
your going,
both now and forever.

**R. Our help is from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*The word of God is living and effective,
discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

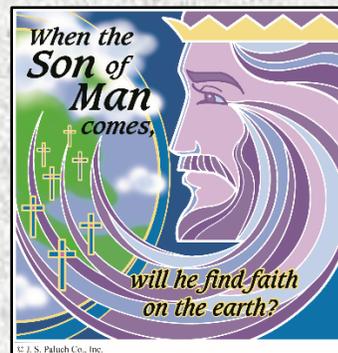
And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Sunday, October 16 Activity Page

Animals in the Bible

H S V X O I E S A K R E G D A B K C O R T F A J
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wild horse	turtle dove	pigeon	rat	naked mole	chamelion	sand lizard
newt	gecko	mouse	lizard	red kite	bat	black kite
hoopoe	heron	stork	black vulture	pelican	swan	cormorant
falcon	fowl	gull	owl	ostrich	hare	cricket
rockbadger	leviathan	fish	sparrow	grasshopper	dog	pig
dove	raven	dragon	horse	lamb	goat	camel
locust	donkey	sheep	bull	eagle	cobra	serpent
leopard	bear	wolf	lion	Ant	Behemoth	

“Then God said: Let the water teem with an abundance of living creatures, and on the earth let birds fly beneath the dome of the sky. God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of crawling living creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw that it was good, and God blessed them, saying: Be fertile, multiply, and fill the water of the seas; and let the birds multiply on the earth. Evening came, and morning followed—the fifth day. Then God said: Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature: tame animals, crawling things, and every kind of wild animal. And so it happened: God made every kind of wild animal, every kind of tame animal, and every kind of thing that crawls on the ground. God saw that it was good.” Genesis 1:20-25

Where in the Bible are these creatures found?

After you search for them here, search for them in the Bible!