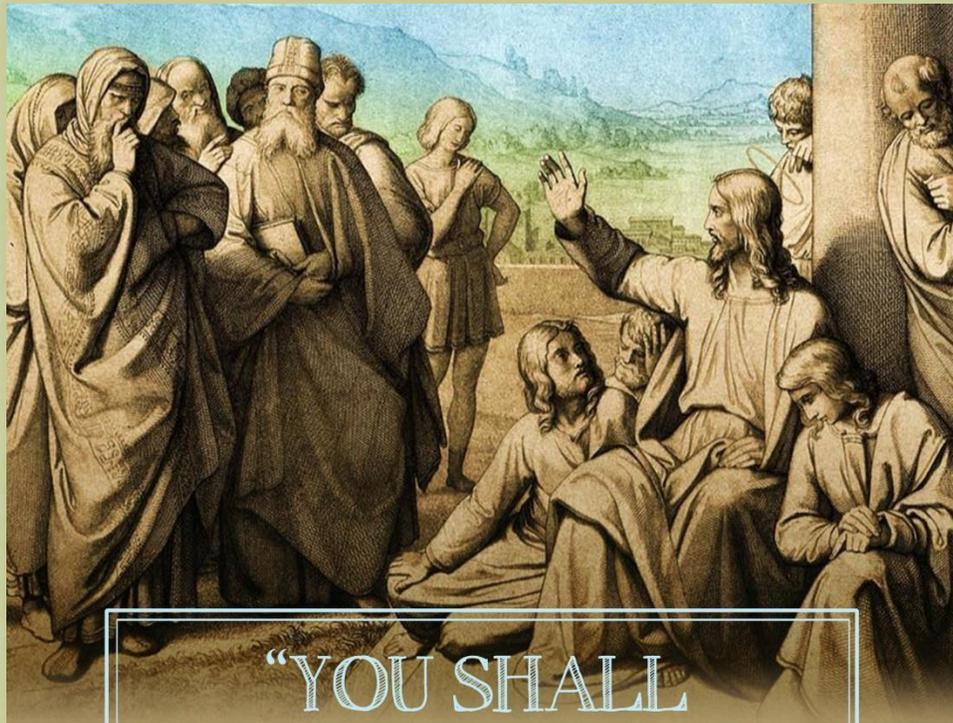


Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25, 2020



“YOU SHALL
LOVE THE LORD,
YOUR GOD, WITH
ALL YOUR HEART,
WITH ALL YOUR
SOUL, AND WITH
ALL YOUR MIND.”

MATTHEW 22:37

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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_bnxJkvwxc5jurDrK2w?fbclid=IwAR2341CNCHVNYcjEhK-tgpr7FQ-TGUX_xdH9z_E1N4Hd2scfmR4JrK_x1s8

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October 24/25

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Table with 2 columns: Day and Mass details. Includes Saturday Vigil Mass, Sunday 8:00 am, Sunday 9:30 am, Sunday 11:00 am, Monday 8:00 am, Tuesday 4:30 pm, Wednesday 8:00 am, Thursday 4:30 pm.



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.

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Location/Notes. Includes Monday 8:00 am, Tuesday 4:30 pm, Wednesday 8:00 am, Thursday 4:30 PM, Friday No public Mass.

*Please note that "reservations" are not required for Daily Mass and we are no longer asking people to sign in for Daily Mass. Remember: you can always go to the Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page and watch the video after the fact.

From Father Rodney

One of the things that I hope that I am able to do one day in the future is to host a dinner for our Confirmation students. I had a custom of hosting an annual gathering for the confirmation students when I was pastor at Saint Mary's in South Dartmouth for 7 years. Once a year, I would host "Pasta with the Pastor." It was an informal opportunity for the confirmandi to get to know me and to discuss the priesthood. It was always an event that I looked forward to since promoting vocations is an essential responsibility of the parish priest. I remember one year in particular, several of the questions that I received were unlike questions I had received in years past. The confirmandi inquired about what I would do if I weren't a priest. I told them that if I had not become an ordained priest, I would be a lawyer. Of course, the next question was, why? I had anticipated that question and was ready with the answer. I have always had a profound appreciation for the law. Laws are in place to ensure justice is served in a particular community. As a Canon Lawyer for the Catholic Church, it is my responsibility to ensure that the laws which govern the Church and her Faithful are followed. Lawyers are supposed to be the mouthpieces of the marginalized and for those who have no voice of their own. Of course, there is a whole other side to lawyers that sometimes tends to forget about justice but I think that we'll skip that part for the sake of keeping the peace.

The First Reading that we hear proclaimed this 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time talks about the type of justice I am talking about. It is fairly brief so I will reprint it here.

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans. If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

(Ex 22: 20-26)

There are people in our community who need a voice so that they can be heard. Perhaps we can be attentive to the needs of those around us so that justice will be the reality for those in need.

Special Mailing from Father Rodney

All active, registered households should have received (or will receive early this week) a special letter from Father Rodney. In an attempt to be transparent, a financial statement that addresses the state of the parish finances. This is something that he has always done during his tenure as pastor and as administrator of parishes in the Diocese of Fall River. The statement will serve as a cost analysis showing how he has attempted to cut spending to better utilize the monies that come into the parish. The statement will also show how monies are spent. Father Rodney hopes that this detailed statement will hope to enlighten you about parish finances.

Additionally, there is an additional letter which that outlines how we might be able to bridge the gap when it comes to the fact that fundraising efforts have been put on hold in light of the ongoing pandemic. In advance, than you for your continued generosity to our parish. Without your support, the ongoing efforts to maintain and sustain our campuses would not be possible.



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 October 11: \$11,596.87

Period ending October 18: \$13,139.70

Monthly Income/Expense Reports

August:

Income: \$53,509.98

Expenses: \$52,816.17

September:

Income: \$61,724.35

Expenses: 46,358.04

TIME CHANGE INFORMATION



Saturday, October 31/Sunday, November 1

It is time to change the clocks again! Be sure to “fall back” an hour before retiring for the evening on Saturday (you have an extra hour of sleep ☺) or you will wonder where everyone is when you come to Mass on Sunday. Also remember to check your smoke detectors and change the batteries!

We Welcome

On Saturday, October 17, 2020 we welcomed three new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish.

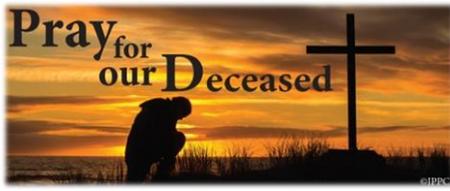
We welcome: *Madison Jaymes Dailey*, daughter of Meghan (Jones) & Daniel Dailey, *Wesley Alexander Treloar*, son of Julie (Lozinski) & Seth Treloar and *Samuel Julian DeCoursey*, son of Alexandra (Lozinski) & Harold DeCoursey.

Congratulations to Madison Jaymes, Wesley Alexander and Samuel Julian, their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.



Scheduling Baptisms

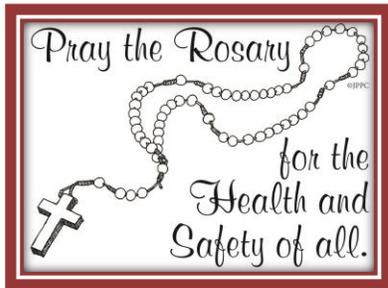
We continue to work with families to schedule baptisms for the fall. Baptisms are being scheduled one family at a time with a maximum of 24 in attendance. We are scheduling on Saturdays at 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm. Weekdays are also available for families who can take advantage of this option. Weekends spaces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



*Albert Castonguay
Darlene Pina
Catherine Hutchinson*

Join in Prayer

America Needs Fatima, a Nation-wide prayer movement, will be holding a local event on Saturday, October 31. The group will be meeting in front of the NAPD building request to pray for the safety of our police. The group will meet at noon and pray the rosary and the prayer to St. Michael for protection and other prayers. For more information please email Maryellen Peterson at mepmobile7@gmail.com.



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.

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.

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' Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus in North Attleboro will not be running their annual Tootsie Roll Drive in person with their yellow vests this year due to COVID-19 guidelines, but people with intellectual disabilities are still in need. 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/mafrdiocese/31>. The fund name on the web site will be "Tootsie Roll Drive-KofC"

Readings for October 24

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

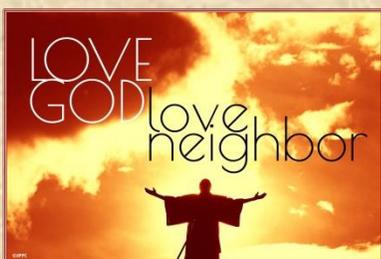
My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.



Second Reading

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

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

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.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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