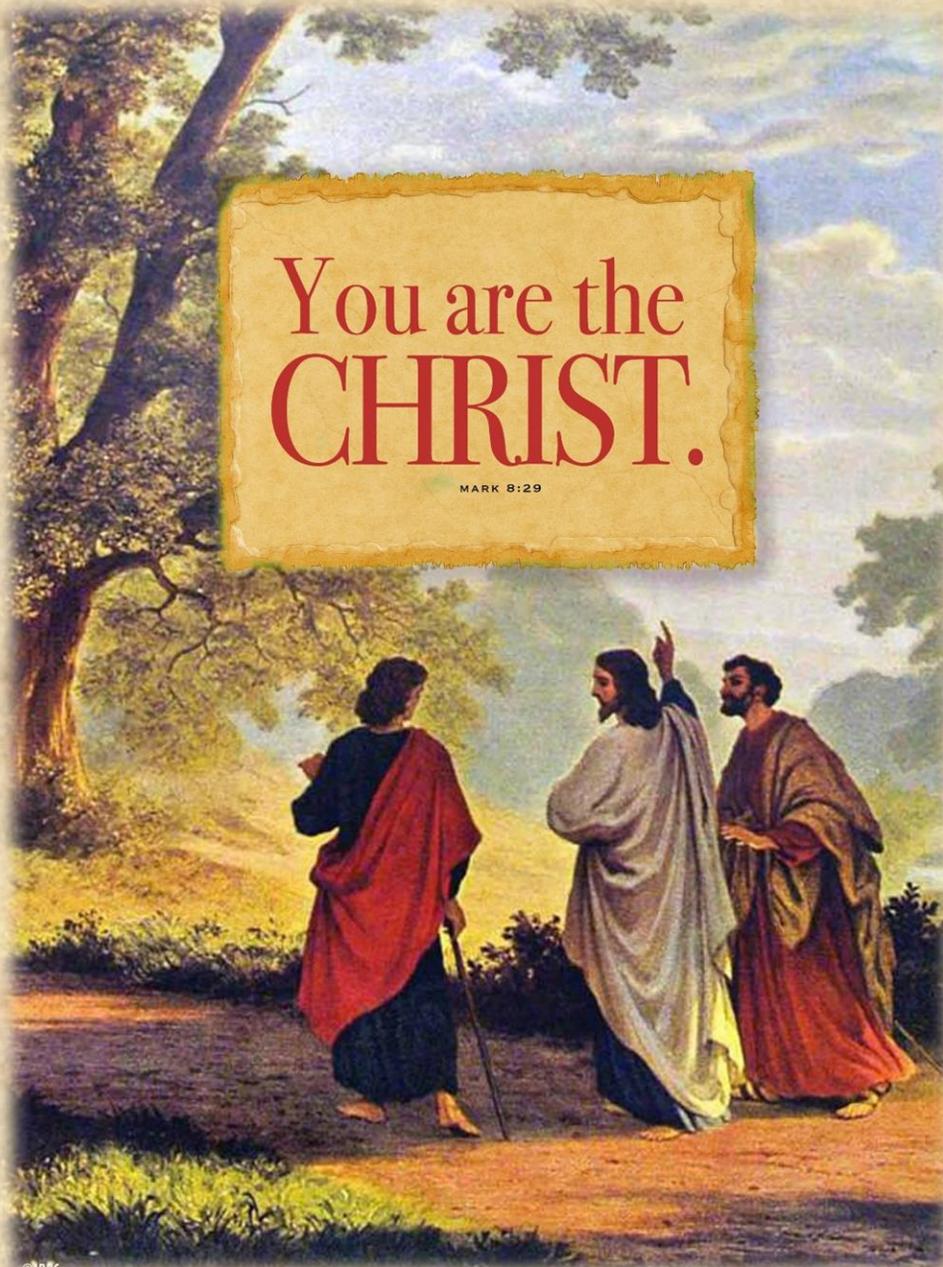


Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12, 2021



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 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

Suspended at this time

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

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>

Daily Mass

Daily Mass is celebrated

Saint Mary at 4:30 pm on Monday/Wednesday.

Saint Mark at 8:00 am on Tuesday/Thursday

All daily Masses are also live streamed

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September 12 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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September 19 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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 Sacred Heart Church

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Weekday Masses

note day/time change

- 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

If you have a WEEKDAY Mass scheduled for the remainder of this year, please contact Monica in the office (email if possible stmaryna@noozi.com) to make any changes or confirm the Mass date and time. If you do not contact the office, the Mass intention will remain on the DATE you originally scheduled the Mass.

From Father Rodney

2,996! That is the number of souls lost on September 11, 2001 in New York City, Arlington, Virginia and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. It is extremely difficult to fathom that twenty (20) years have passed since that tragic day in the life of our country. I was a newly ordained priest (having been ordained in July of the same year) and was administering the anointing of the sick to an elderly parishioner who was not doing well and despite the television being on mute, my eyes glanced in the nick of time to see United Airlines Flight 175 crash into the second tower having not known of the previous attack by the first flight that had crashed into the first tower which aboard were family and friends of those reading these words...yours truly included. Father Francis "Frank" Grogan was a Holy Cross Priest who was aboard the flight flying to Los Angeles to visit his sister. That day will forever live in our collective hearts and minds as one of immense sadness and yes anger. As I type these words as I (we) prepare to mark this solemn occasion in the history of our country tears are literally streaming down my cheeks. There are just some things that will never bring comfort to us, and that tragic day is one of those events. Yes, our country sought justice. Osama bin Laden was killed but that does not take away the pain from our hearts. One death does not make proper reparation for the murder of 2,996 United States citizens. I pray for each and every person who knew someone on board one of the four (4) flights. I pray for their families, and I pray for those who simply grieve because of a senseless act of terror. Let us each do our part to make peace be a part of our world that is so needlessly divided. Let us be emissaries of peace and justice in a world that hungers and yearns for these essential necessities. I have not composed the following prayer, but I hope that we each use it to facilitate to the healing that is still so needed. May we never forget! God rest those 2,996 souls who had done nothing to deserve the fate that they met. Rest in peace and may God Bless the United States of America.

A Prayer for the Anniversary of 9/11

O God, our hope and refuge,
in our distress we come quickly to you.
Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided,
replaced now with an emptiness,
a longing for an innocence lost.
We come remembering those who lost their lives
in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.
We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants
who demonstrated the greatest love of all
by laying down their lives for friends.
We commit their souls to your eternal care
and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.
We come remembering
and we come in hope,
not in ourselves, but in you.
As foundations we once thought secure have been
shaken,
we are reminded of the illusion of security.
In commemorating this tragedy,
we give you thanks for your presence
in our time of need
and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
our guide and our guardian. Amen.

Parish Contributions

Figures for the period ending
August 29 - \$13,487.32

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In Your Prayers

Lorraine King

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



Abundant Hope Fund Raiser

Turning Fear Into Hope ~ Please join Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center from the comfort of your home for a night of fund raising and pro-life information. We need your help to save babies! The Celebrate Life Event is Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 7PM, lasting about 30 minutes. Livestream the event to a television or watch on your phone or computer. The event can be watched later, if more convenient. • Learn how your financial support and prayers keep us available to the hundreds of women we help each year. • Hear about our future plans • See client testimony • Experience a typical day at our center Register online at

[HTTPS://ahprc.ejoinme.org/2021celebratelife](https://ahprc.ejoinme.org/2021celebratelife)

It's quick, easy, and free! Event details and a link will be sent via email when you register. Questions? Call 508-455-0425 or email Director@ahprc.org

Women's Spirituality Group

An Invitation To All Women to Join Us in Women's Spirituality Group Why? • Friendship-Make new friends • Knowledge-Increase your Knowledge about your faith • Growth- meet like minded women to help you live out your faith **Weekly Evening Group:** Tuesday, 6:30-8:00 PM via Zoom **Morning Group:** Wednesday, 9:00-10:30 AM at Saint Mary (or Zoom if unable to be in person) **Biweekly Evening Group:** Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM, twice a month via Zoom. Perfect for busy women • No need to attend every session (but you'll want to) • We break from Thanksgiving until New Year's • Try a group out and see if it fits. For more information email Janet Kent at Buffalokent@comcast.net or call 508-699-4446

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese smsdff@comcast.net

Faith Formation Office are Monday – Thursday

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

2021-2022 School Year Information

Faith Formation program needs Table Leaders/Catechists for grades 6, 7, 8, and 9th grade. Grades 6 and 7 meet once a month on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. at Saint Mark Church and Grades 8 and 9 meet once a month on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. at Saint Mark Church. If you would like to join the team or if you would like more information, please contact Elaine Corvese at the Faith Formation office at 508-695-7773 or smsdff@comcast.net. Thank you

Faith Formation program will resume in-person classes for all grades - schedules are as follows:

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. First class begins Tuesday, September 21st and Saturday, September 25th. Parents/guardian will receive email by the end of August with further information.

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. Workshops are scheduled (not mandatory) to be held at Saint Mark church hall to review unit lessons including group activities that coincide with the church calendar.

Grades 6 and 7: Will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. once a month. The first class for sixth grade is Monday, September 20th, and grade seven is Monday, September 27th.

Grades 8 and 9: Will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. once a month. The first class for eighth grade will be held Wednesday, September 15th.

Due to the large enrollment for **ninth** grade, the students will be divided into two groups A and B. **Group A – students with the last name A-K.** **Group B – students with last name L-Z.** The first class for Group A will be Wednesday, September 22nd and Group B will be Wednesday, September 29th.

We Welcome

On the weekends of August 28 and September 4 we welcomed five new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish at the sacrament of baptism. We welcome: *Vivian Leigh Connolly*, daughter of Carrie & Justin Connolly, *Mason Eric Waite and Hudson William Waite*, sons of Katherine & Benjamin Waite, *Morgan Marie Fernandes*, daughter of Allyson & Jacob Fernandes and *Miles Jack Reagan*, son of Jenna & Jonathan Reagan. Congratulations to Vivian, Mason, Hudson, Morgan, Miles, their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.



Scheduling Baptisms

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass on a weekly basis. Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 1:00 pm at 14 Park Street with a maximum of four families. Please contact Monica in the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and visit the parish website www.saintmaryna.com and click on the "Sacraments" tab for more detailed information. Thank you

Masks

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.

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.

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 will be able to offer information about the types of assistance available. Please call 508-212-4755 for help or more information.

How Does One Become a Catholic?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA is the liturgical process concerned with the total spiritual formation of a person that enables an individual to become a Catholic. Their gradual development culminates in the celebration of the Initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist usually at the Easter Vigil celebration. Soon, the R.C.I.A. program will begin for another year. Interested in learning more? If you, or someone you know might have an interest, please call RCIA coordinator, Arlene Hall at 508-695-0549 or see Father Rodney after Mass..

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.

Preparation for Adult Confirmation

The diocesan program for those adults seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is intended to provide catechetical instruction in the faith, as well as spiritual support to compliment the parish in the formation of candidates, who are completing their initiation in the Catholic Church. **Prior to registration, candidates must begin this process by meeting with the pastor** to gather canonical documents, determine if there are any impediments to the reception of the sacrament, as well as the desire and disposition of the inquirer requesting the sacrament. Candidates should submit a certificate of Baptism to their pastor if they were not baptized in this parish. This year's preparation through the Diocese of Fall River is a hybrid program, with both virtual and in-person sessions for candidates to attend in the Fall. Online Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm via Zoom (Oct. 7, 21, 28, Nov. 14) In person Saturday mornings from 10:00 am to 12 noon (Oct. 16, Nov. 6, Dec. 4) Confirmation will take place December 9 at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Fall River. If you are interested in beginning this process, please email the parish office or see Father Rodney after Mass.

Readings for September 12
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

He is near who upholds my right;
if anyone wishes to oppose me,
let us appear together.

Who disputes my right?
Let that man confront me.

See, the Lord GOD is my help;
who will prove me wrong?

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice in supplication,
Because he has inclined his ear to me
the day I called.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

The cords of death encompassed me;
the snares of the netherworld seized upon me;
I fell into distress and sorrow,
And I called upon the name of the LORD,
“O LORD, save my life!”

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gracious is the LORD and just;
yes, our God is merciful.
The LORD keeps the little ones;
I was brought low, and he saved me.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

For he has freed my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I shall walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint James

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, ” but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say, “You have faith and I have works.” Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

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 Mark
Glory to you, O Lord. †

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” They said in reply, “John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said to him in reply, “You are the Christ.” Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ