

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 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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From Father Rodney

Suffering is not an enjoyable part of life however it is very much part of the human condition. Of course, suffering can come in many different forms. It can be due to an illness such as cancer or any other types of diseases. Suffering can come in the form of a divorce or the death of a loved one. Suffering can also be emotional or psychological or even mental. The reality of suffering is that although we might try our best to avoid it, all of us, at one time or another in our lives, will suffer.

The First Reading we read this 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time speaks of a specific type of suffering. The type of suffering that the reading refers to is the type of suffering comes to us in the cruelty others do to us. This cruelty is driven by self-centered egos that want only comfort in life and will not tolerate any challenge to be more than they can be. The letter of James calls this “jealousy and selfish ambition.” It’s a refusal to acknowledge our own ongoing need for conversion. This is exactly the type of suffering our Lord endured. The Chief Priests and leaders of the Jewish People knew that Jesus was spot on as He delivered His message, yet they feared that they would lose their coveted power over the people if they allowed Him to continue to preach and teach. In an effort to diffuse the situation they simply put Him to death. The “jealousy and selfish ambition” of the Scribes, Pharisees and Leaders of the Jewish People was not going anywhere. Their stubbornness of heart did not allow them to move out of that conditioned mode of thinking.

I am fairly certain that we all know people like the Scribes and Pharisees who are so selfish and stuck in their ways that they will do anything and everything humanly possible to make themselves look good even if it means making other people suffer. We need to pray for people like this and challenge them with fraternal charity. Yes, suffering is certainly part of the human condition but sometimes we need to distance ourselves who will make us suffer needlessly.

September 19 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>September 18</u>
4:00 pm	John Beckett
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>September 19</u>
8:00 am	Jane Sellner
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>September 19</u>
9:30 am	Veronica “Ronnie” Fontaine
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>September 19</u>
11:00 am	Gloria Gaskin
<u>Monday</u>	<u>September 20</u>
4:30 pm	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>September 21</u>
8:00 am	Russell Dion
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>September 22</u>
4:30 pm	Special Intention
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>September 23</u>
8:00 am	Helen Gill

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September 26 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>September 25</u>
4:00 pm	Lee Killingsworth
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>September 26</u>
8:00 am	Jim Crouse
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>September 26</u>
9:30 am	Jeannette Dupras
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>September 26</u>
11:00 am	Robert Medeiros

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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.*

Parish Contributions

Figures for the period ending
Sept. 5 - \$14,219.07

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In Your Prayers

Deborah Murray

Patricia Donnelly

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

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. **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.

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 grades. 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 508-695-3823 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**

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 was 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 (A-K) will be Wednesday, September 22nd

Group B (L-Z) will be Wednesday, September 29th.

Adopt-A-Family Updates

On behalf of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and former Representative Betty Poirier (R) North Attleboro, we would like to personally extend an invitation to participate in our upcoming Adopt-A-Family Fundraiser bowl-a-thon to be held at North Bowl on October 22, 2021. For so many of you 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! **SO . . . MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR NEXT FUN-FILLED BOWL-A-THON SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22nd!** If you are interested in pulling together a team or if you don't have a team, we can put you on a team. Call Deb Fitzgibbons at 978-884-1945 with any questions or to secure a lane! If you are interested in sponsoring a lane, we will develop a "personalized" banner for you! 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.

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.

Bishop Feehan Homecoming Weekend

Join Bishop Feehan High School on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2 for two days of family fun at its annual Homecoming celebration. Enjoy BFHS varsity sports games and local food trucks both days. Festivities run October 1 from 4-7 p.m. and October 2 from 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday \$5 admission fee includes athletic games, Family Fun Zone activities and music. Food trucks, concessions and Shamrock Shop items are additional.

Visit bishopfeehan.com/homecoming or contact advancement@bishopfeehan.com for more information.

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.

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

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.

*Readings for September 19
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The wicked say:

Let us beset the just one, because he is
obnoxious to us;
he sets himself against our doings,
reproaches us for transgressions of the law
and charges us with violations of our training.
Let us see whether his words be true;
let us find out what will happen to him.
For if the just one be the son of God,
God will defend him
and deliver him from the hand of his foes.
With revilement and torture let us put
the just one to the test
that we may have proof of his gentleness
and try his patience.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words,
God will take care of him.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, by your name save me,
and by your might defend my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
hearken to the words of my mouth.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

For the haughty have risen up against me,
the ruthless seek my life;
they set not God before their eyes.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord sustains my life.
Freely will I offer you sacrifice;
I will praise your name, O LORD, for its
goodness.

R. The Lord upholds my life.



Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint James

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

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 left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ