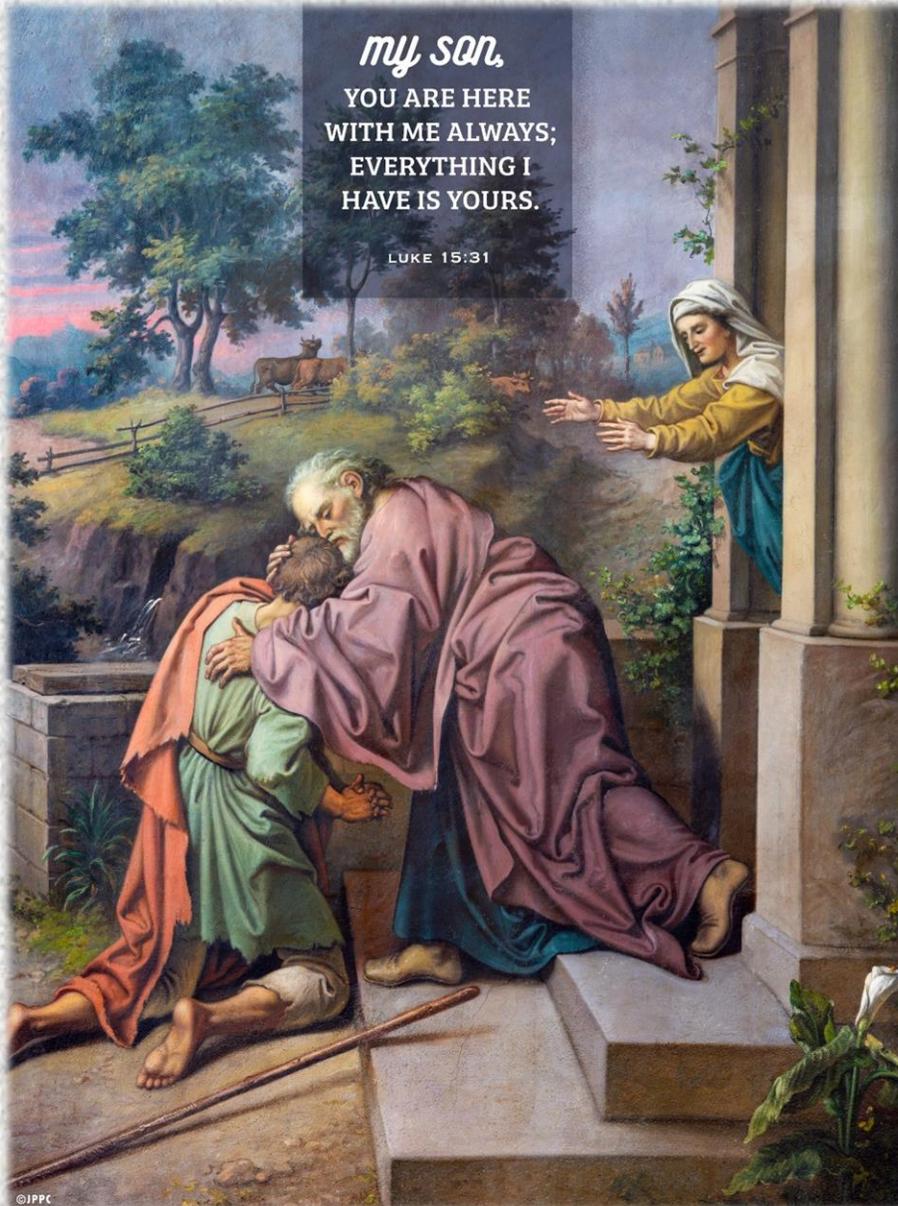


Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 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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Sept. 11– 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Table with 2 columns: Day and Date/Time. Rows include Saturday Sept 10, Sunday Sept 11, Monday Sept 12, Tuesday Sept 13, Wednesday Sept 14, Thursday Sept 15.

Patriot Day is observed every Sept. 11 to mark the anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States. This year we observe the 21st anniversary of this terrible day. As we work for peace, forgiveness and reconciliation, let us make this a time for hope in God’s grace, in ourselves and in one another.

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.

Sept. 17– 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Table with 2 columns: Day and Date/Time. Rows include Saturday Sept 17, Sunday Sept 18, Sunday Sept 18, Sunday Sept 18.

Parish Contributions

Collection figures from August 27/28: \$10,319.55

Many thanks to all those who continue to remember our parish community in your prayers and budgeting.

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.



In Your Prayers
Normand Cloutier
Janet Watson

*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*

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.? If you, or someone you know might have an interest, please call RCIA coordinator, Arlene Hall at 508-695-0549 via email at ah_100@verizon.net

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish
Saint Vincent de Paul Society

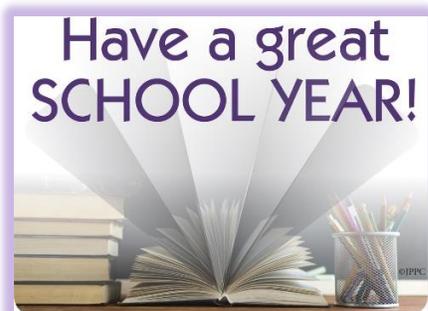
Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.



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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.



Celebrate Life with Abundant Hope

Abundant Hope Pregnancy Resource Center in Attleboro helped over 700 women last year by providing free options counseling and ultrasound to women in unplanned pregnancies, as well as providing free diapers, formula and baby supplies to women with young children. Our 14th Annual Celebrate Life Fundraising Dinner will be on Thursday Sept 22, 2022 at Lake Pearl Luciano's in Wrentham. Join us for fun, fellowship and stirring testimonies as we Celebrate Life! For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.ahprc.org.

Women's Guild Meeting

The Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Women's Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. All women of the parish are invited to join us at Fitzzy's Pub, 1 Man-Mar Dr, Plainville for our Opening Banquet at 6:00 p.m., the menu includes: Caesar salad, Baked Scrod, Chicken Parmesan, Penne with Marinara Sauce, Meatballs with Marinara Sauce, Italian Sausage and Peppers, Coffee, Tea and Dessert. The cost is \$35 per person, a cash bar is also available. We will also be collecting Guild dues of \$10 per person for the year. Please contact Karen Smith (508) 212-7377 ksmith715@comcast.net or Diana Gray (508) 695-1143 dgraysix@yahoo.com for information. Welcome Back!

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.

Saint Mary - Sacred Heart School ASK For Fun Program

Saint Mary - Sacred Heart School is seeking an adult staffer to assist with our ASK For Fun Program for the coming school year. The ASK For Fun Program is an extension of our school day program and incorporates the same mission of providing a quality Catholic education for our students.

Adult staff will work one to two afternoons a week from 3:00-6:00 pm. Responsibilities include supervising play time, snack and homework, communicating with parents picking up their children, and working with high school students on staff.

Please contact Allison Bennett, ASK Program Director, at abennett@smsh.dfrcs.org with any questions or to apply.

SMSH School Golf Tournament

Please come and support our parish school!
All are welcome!

When: Tuesday, October 4th –
Registration opens at 10:30am/shotgun start at 11:30am

Where: Agawam Hunt, Rumford, RI



Costs: \$175 per individual golfer/\$600 per foursome - includes boxed lunch
Hole & Goose Cart

Sponsorships are available

Please contact Chris Brislin to register and with any questions at cbrislin77@gmail.com

Prayer Cloths to Uvalde

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped, whether in making the prayer cloths, donations and prayers, to make our project a success. We will be sending 700 cloths to Uvalde, Texas. Prayers of thanks going to each and everyone of you. These cloths are being shipped this week to Sacred Heart Parish in Uvalde. This parish had eleven funerals in the weeks after the shooting. As the families in the Uvalde community return to school this fall, there are many who are suffering from loss of loved ones and also significant trauma of those who survived the tragedy. We hope that our prayerful support will bring them some consolation.

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Elaine Corvese

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Faith Formation 2022-2023

Faith Formation schedule for all grades 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 27th and Saturday, October 1st.**

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. **Dates for pick-up of materials are Monday, September 12th from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 13th from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. at Saint Mark Church.**

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 19th and grade seven is Monday, September 26th.**

Grades 8 and 9: Will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. once a month. **The first class for 8th grade will be held Wednesday, September 14th.**

The first class for 9th grade will be Wednesday, September 21st.

Please note: If your son/daughter are new to the program or have first grade student you should contact the Faith Formation office at transfigurationreled@gmail.com to register to the Faith Formation program. A copy of each child's baptism certificate is required at registration.

Parents/Guardian of 2nd and 9th 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.

Pope Francis on Discernment

Excerpts from General Audience – August 31

“Today we begin a new series of catecheses: we have finished the catechesis on old age, now we begin a new series dealing with discernment. 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 realized, and even our relationship with God is concretized.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of *discernment with images taken from ordinary life*; for example, he describes the fishers who select the good fish and discard the bad ones; or the merchant who knows how to identify, among many pearls, the one of greatest value. Or he who, ploughing a field, comes across something that turns out to be a treasure (cf. Mt 13:44-48).

In the light of these examples, discernment presents itself as an exercise of *intelligence*, and also of *skill* and also of *will*, to seize the opportune moment: these are the conditions for making a good choice. It takes intelligence, skill, and also will to make a good choice. And there is also a price required for discernment to become effective. To perform his trade to the best of his ability, the fisherman reckons with hard work, long nights spent at sea, and then the fact of discarding some of the catch, accepting a loss of profit for the sake of those for whom it is intended. The pearl merchant does not hesitate to spend everything to buy that pearl; and so does the person who has stumbled upon a treasure. [These are] unexpected, unplanned situations, where it is crucial to recognize the importance and urgency of a decision to be made.”

To read more of this week’s teaching and to follow this series from Pope Francis, you can read the full catechesis on Wednesday each week at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2022/documents/20220831-udienza-generale.html>

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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.

What Are The Requirements To Be a Godparent or Sponsor? If you have been asked to be a godparent, requirements set by the Roman Catholic Church are as follows: You must be a confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old, registered in a parish and practicing your faith by regular participation at Mass. If you are married, your marriage must be recognized as valid by the Church. If you are currently a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and have been asked to be a godparent, please see Father Michael after Mass. You may contact the office for more information.

Readings for September 11

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, 'This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!' "I see how stiff-necked this people is, " continued the LORD to Moses. Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'" So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, O God,
in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion
wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew
within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not
from me.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim
your praise.
My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;
a heart contrite and humbled,
O God, you will not spurn.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

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.

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them he addressed this parable. “What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

“Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.’ In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

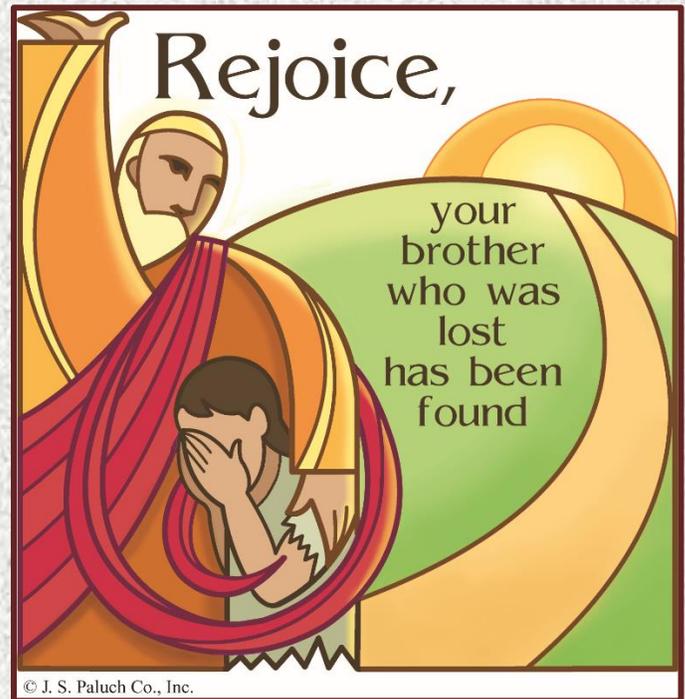
[Then he said, “A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.’ So the father divided the property between

them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns, who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened

calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"]

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



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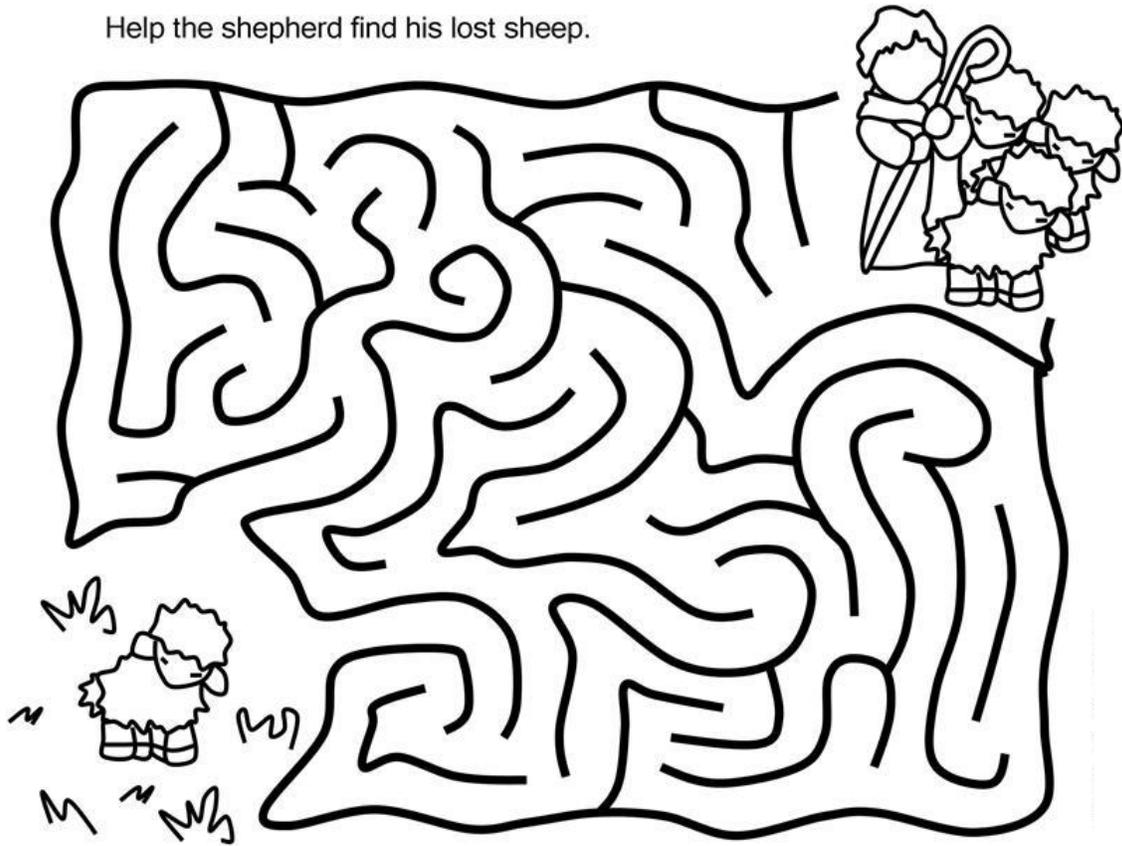
*A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.*

— Psalm 51:12



Activity Page

Help the shepherd find his lost sheep.



Can you find the woman's lost coin?