

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 13, 2020



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/UCi2_bnxJkvxwc5jurDrK2w?fbclid=IwAR234lCNCHVNYcjEhK-tgpr7FQ-TGUX_xdH9z_E1N4Hd2scfmR4JrK_x1s8

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Table with 2 columns: Day and Mass details. Includes Saturday (4:00 pm, John Beckett), Sunday (8:00 am, Diane Szurleys), Sunday (9:30 am, James Curtis, Sr.), Sunday (11:00 am, Lynn Goodchild & Shawn Nassaney), Monday (4:30 pm, Teresita Cadena), Tuesday (4:30 pm, Theresa Williams), Wednesday (4:30 pm, Louis Abdou), 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

A reservation is required for all indoor weekend Masses. Reservations may be made for two weeks at a time and must be made by phone or email, no later than 3:00 pm on Friday. NO NAMES WILL BE RECORDED ON THE RESERVATION LIST after 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY. Masks must be worn at all times and must cover nose and mouth. You will not be allowed to enter the church without a mask.

Daily Mass

Tuesday and Thursday, Mass will be opened to the public for the 4:30PM Mass. It will also be live streamed. You will not need to make a reservation however you will be asked to sign in (for contact tracing purposes) at the main doors of the Church. On Mondays and Wednesdays Mass will be offered as live streamed only. Since schools will be back in session Friday Mass will be suspended as we did not offer one prior to the shut down. Remember: each and every measure we are taking is for the safety of each and every parishioner.

From Father Rodney

The second reading presented to us for our reflection this 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time taken from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans is one that is frequently selected for a funeral liturgy. Since it is brief I will reprint it here for your further reflection.

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

(Rm. 14:7-9)

The first word that comes to mind when I read these powerful and inspiring words is selfless. Jesus was selfless, that is, he did not even consider his own sufferings nor the pain He would endure as he embraced the Cross – for us! How selfless are we? Do you put the needs of others first or do we focus on our own problems first and not even consider those in need? Having been here just a little over a year, I have seen many selfless acts of kindness whereby our parishioners put the needs of others first. It happens all the time and I have seen it alive and well during the last six months of this pandemic. Our Vincentians giving their time making certain that those who are hungry or in need have what they require. People who make charitable donations so that those suffering in any way can be taken care of during these challenging times. The reading, when chosen for a funeral usually makes me think that the deceased will be remembered for how they treated their loved ones; how they treated their neighbor. As I preached this past weekend, our neighbor comes in many forms, shapes and sizes. Are we truly “living” as Christ lived for us? The powerful message that Paul shared with the Christian Community living in Rome is shared with the Christian Community living here in North Attleborough – even during a pandemic. Let us not live for ourself but rather let us live selflessly for our neighbor.

From Father Rodney continues on the next page.

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Current Mass schedule

Just so that there is no confusion you will find here the current Mass schedule.

Monday	4:30PM	Mass on-line only
Tuesday	4:30PM	Mass on-line and in person at St Mary's*
Wednesday	4:30PM	Mass on-line only
Thursday	4:30PM	Mass on-line and in person at St Mary's*
Friday	No public Mass	
Saturday	3:00PM	Confessions at the Saint Mary Rectory porch
	4:00PM	Mass on-line and in the parking lot at St Mary's*
Sunday	8:00AM	Mass at St Mark – reservation needed**
	9:30AM	Mass on-line and in the parking lot at St Mary's*
	11:00AM	Mass at Sacred Heart – reservation needed**

*no reservation needed

** reservation needed – please call the rectory 508.695.6161 or email stmaryna@noozi.com by 3PM on Friday



Cornelius "Neil" Sullivan

*Eternal rest grant unto Neil, O Lord.
Let perpetual light shine upon him
May he rest always in your loving embrace.*

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education - Mrs. Elaine Corvese

Faith Formation Office Hours – Monday –Thursday

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

First Communion 2020: Parents have the option to schedule their child's First Communion at our outside Mass (4:00 p.m. Saturday or 9:30 a.m. Sunday) If you wish to arrange First Communion at either outside Mass, please contact the Faith Formation office at: smsdff@comcast.net

2020-2021 School Year Information

REGISTRATION

If you are new to the program or have a first grade student please contact the faith formation office at smsdff@comcast.net or 508-695-3823 to register with the Director. A copy of each child's baptism certificate is required at registration. All families must be registered in the Transfiguration of the Lord parish.

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 smsdff@comcast.net to enroll your child in the program.

Faith Formation format for the 2020-2021 year

Home Study for grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8: Home study program gives students/parents a blended- learning catechetical program that integrates print, digital resources, and recorded videos. Emails have been sent to parents/guardian with information regarding the program. Dates and times to pick up textbooks and lesson syllabus will be announced no later than September 10th.

Hybrid Method for grades 2 and 9: will include In-person lessons six times during the year meeting at Saint Mark parish hall combined with at-home learning using recorded videos. Parents/guardian who choose the Remote only learning format will receive textbook (grade 2 only) with recorded videos to view with your son/daughter at your convenience. Classes will begin on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. for second grade and Wednesday, October 7, 2020 for ninth grade from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Emails have been sent to parents/guardian with information regarding the program.

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 September 6 – not available due to holiday weekend. Figures will be reported next weekend.*



Women's Bible Study Groups

Tuesday Program

Are you looking to explore scripture more deeply? Would you like to magnify God's role in your life? Are you interested in meeting other women who would like to do the same? We welcome you to join us from the comfort of your own home for our weekly meetings where we will delve into the Gospel of Mark and how his words relate to our lives today! All meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning September 15th from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm via the Zoom platform until such a time as we are allowed to gather in person. Please feel free to invite a friend! You do not need to be a member of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish to participate! To register, or for more information, please feel free to contact Kim Simmons at (508) 369-3435 or simmonskima7@gmail.com We hope you will join us!

Thursday Program

Hey All Busy Women, Looking to recharge your batteries? Wish to meet other women in our Parish? Interested in being a spiritual role model for your children? Feeling like you deserve time for yourself? Want to grow in your faith? And you can do all of this from the comfort of your own home. Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is starting a **NEW** Women's Spirituality Group that will meet twice a month. Beginning October 1st & then every other Thursday until November 19th (four sessions). We will meet on Zoom from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. This is a group to journey through your faith wherever you are, **no experience needed**. Feeling you don't know enough about your faith – you're perfect for this group. For more information and to register please reach out to: Colleen Ford (colleenjuliaford@gmail.com), Janet Kent (buffalokent@comcast.net) or Joanna Wissler (wissler5@verizon.net)

Missalette Information

A box of missalettes for THIS YEAR is at the entrance to the parish office. Please feel free to pick one up. Note that if you bring it to church and leave it there it will be thrown away, even if your name is on it. When the new missalettes are available (November) a notice will be placed in the bulletin. **You will be asked to sign out your copy of the new missalette in November, with a sheet in the box. Please do not call the office to add your name to a list – we will ask you to sign out the books when they arrive and record the names in the office.** If you lose it or it gets thrown away because you left it in church a replacement will be available but at a cost. The first one is a gift. You will need to pay for a replacement.

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 to attend indoor Masses and when out of the car at outdoor Masses.

Wear your mask to protect others.



Masks For Children

One of our parishioners asked to make this information available to our parents of school age children. As the school year approaches, and the students will be required to wear masks this year, I would like to offer, free of charge, children's cloth masks to any family that might be interested. I have been making masks for the adults throughout these past few months of the pandemic. Lately I have been focusing on my grandchildren who will need them for school. I saw the need for parents of the area, (especially our parish) to have masks for their own children. I turned my attention to that population with the hope of helping families who are struggling with so many demands during these difficult times. If you think you would be interested, please e-mail me at lady singer1950@yahoo.com for details. I have different patterns from which to choose. Again, there is no charge but only to "pay it forward"!

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.

Readings for September 13

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Sirach

Wrath and anger are hateful things,

yet the sinner hugs them tight.

The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance,

for he remembers their sins in detail.

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;

then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

Could anyone nourish anger against another

and expect healing from the LORD?

Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,

can he seek pardon for his own sins?

If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,

who will forgive his sins?

Remember your last days, set enmity aside;

remember death and decay, and cease from sin!

Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;

remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;

and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,

crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us,

nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,

so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

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.

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

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