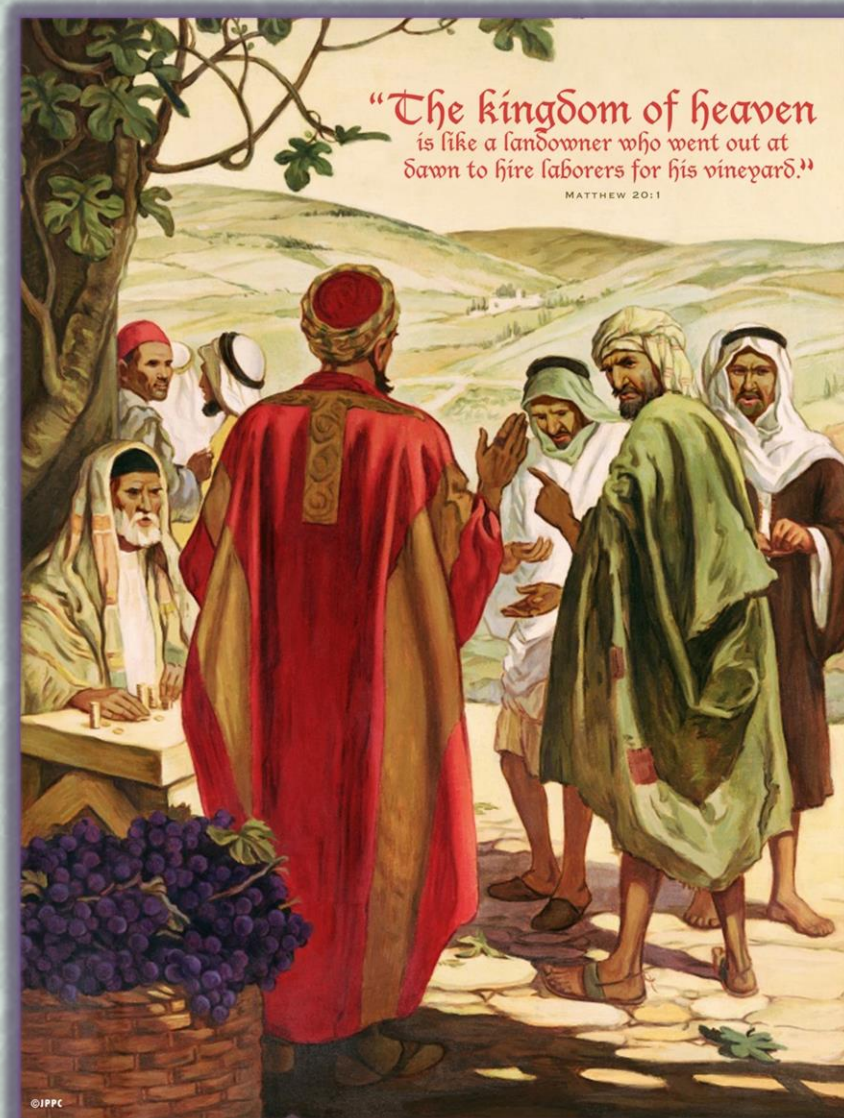


Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 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/UC1i2_bnxJkvwxc5jurDrK2w?fbclid=IwAR234CNCHVNYcjEhK-tgpr7FQ-TGUX_xdH9z_E1N4Hd2scfmR4JrK_x1s8

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September 19-20

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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 4:30 pm, Tuesday 4:30 pm, Wednesday 4:30 pm, Thursday 4:30 pm.

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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

"I'm looking but I just cannot seem to find him." Years ago, these words were once spoken to me by a complete stranger who stopped me in the halls of Saint Luke's Hospital when I was the hospital chaplain when he simply asked me to pray for him. I asked him why and of course, this opened up Pandora's Box. I was dealing with someone who had been long estranged from the practice of his Catholic faith and I needed to deal fairly delicately with this person because he obviously was hurting and needed guidance. I asked him why he no longer practiced his faith and the opening lines of this article was his response. He told me that he had always looked for God in his life and he simply could never find Him. My heart went out to this young man because I realized something: he was still looking for God, hence he outreach to a total stranger only recognizable by my Roman collar.

The opening lines of the First Reading we hear this 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time reminded me of the encounter that I recently experienced. "Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near." (Is. 55:6) We must remember that we might not always think that we can find the Lord acting in our lives. Sometimes we forget that He acts in mysterious ways. I know that in my own spiritual journey I have sought the Lord and think that I am looking in the right places and then years later I realize that, in point of fact, He was with me all the while the problem was me. I was looking in the wrong places. There is an old saying that "God writes straight with crooked lines." Anyone taking the time to read these words will readily recognize them to be familiar and true. Sometimes we need to stop thinking how we ordinarily think and start thinking as God thinks. Think outside of the box...that just might be where the LORD may be found!



Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

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	

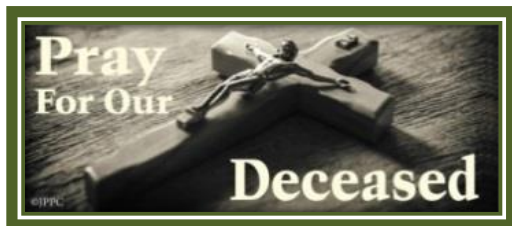
*Please note that "reservations" are not required but you are asked to 1) enter through the main doors of the church and 2) write your name on the sign-in sheet at the main entrance (done for contact tracing purposes only)

Weekend 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



*Etelvina Peixoto
Martha Jacques
Mary Signoriello*

Eternal rest grant unto Etelvina, Martha and Mary,
O Lord.

Let perpetual light shine upon them
May they 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: smsfff@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 smsfff@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 smsfff@comcast.net to enroll your child in the program.

Faith Formation format for the 2020-2021 year

Remote learning for grades 1-9: Remote learning 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.

Text book schedule: Textbooks for grades 1 - 8 will be available at Saint Mark Church (105 Stanley Street) on the following schedule: **Tuesday, September 22 & Wednesday, September 23 from** 10:00 am -11:00 am, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, and 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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 – \$17,054.14

Period ending September 13 –\$10,015.15

Diocese of Fall River Adult Confirmation Information

The Fall Adult Confirmation Courses will take place virtually via Zoom and will begin Oct 15.. For more information, email Deacon Bruce Bonneau at bbonneau@dioc-fr.org. To view the online information click on the links or visit the Diocese of Faith Formation website <https://www.fallriverfaithformation.org/>

[Fall Adult Confirmation Course Schedule](#)

[Registration Form](#)

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.

BAPTISM



We Welcome

On Saturday, September 12, 2020 and we welcomed three new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. We welcome: *Liviana Mae Fitzsimmons*, daughter of Christine (Mandeville) & Garth Fitzsimmons, *Cason Rhett Fundakowski*, son of Erica (Mandeville) & Steven Fundakowski, and *Maxwell Anthony Castonguay*, son of Katelyn (Giacoppo) & Michael Castonguay, Congratulations to Liviana, Cason and Maxwell and their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.



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)

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 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call him while he is near.
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,
and the wicked his thoughts;
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

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

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.



Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

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.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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