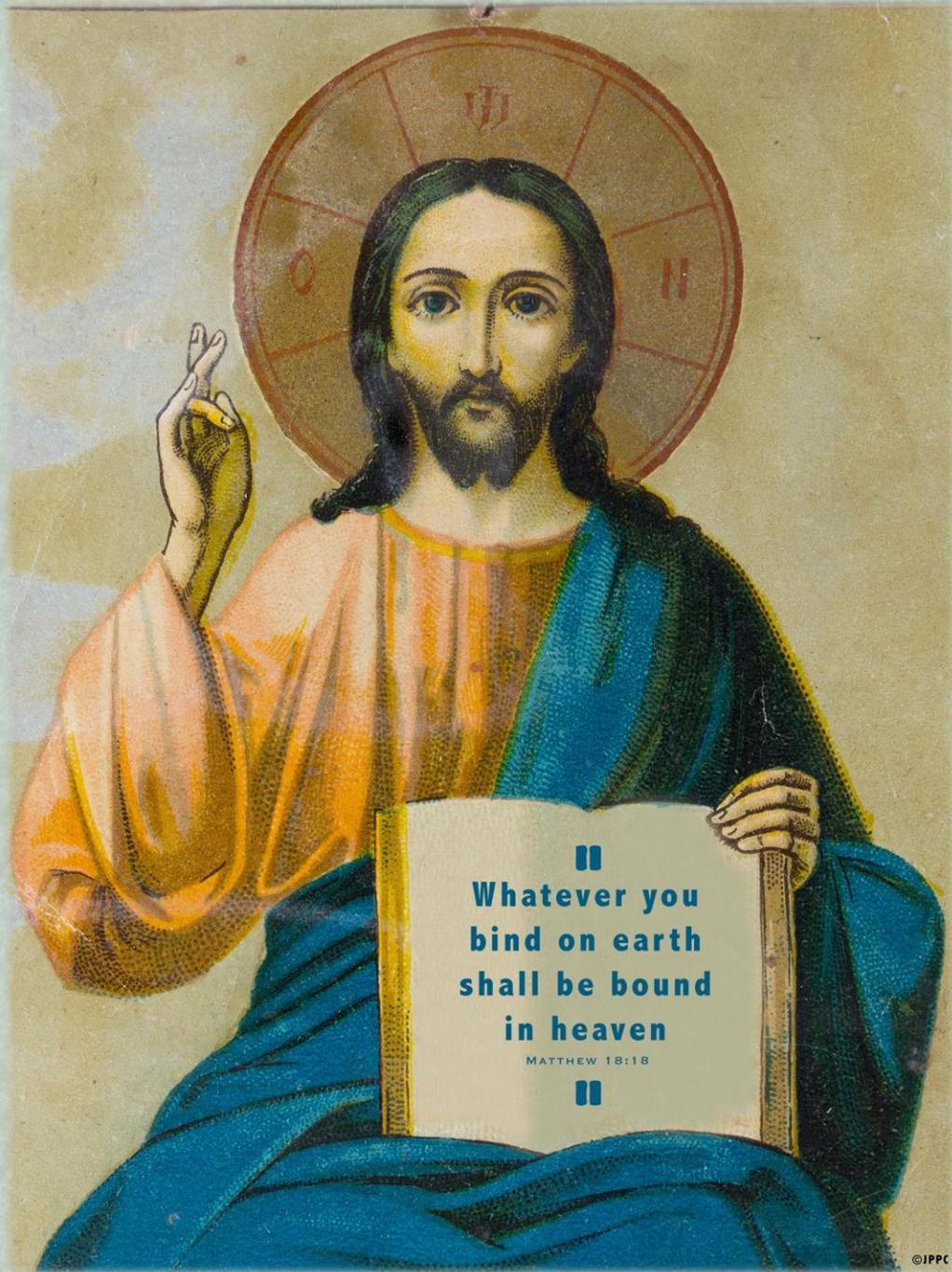


# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020



North Attleborough, Massachusetts

## Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

Rev. Rodney E. Thibault, J.C.L., Pastor  
Rev. John M. "Jack" Schrader, Parochial Vicar  
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### Saint Mary Cemetery

Mr. Jarrod Ward, Superintendent  
Towne Street  
North Attleborough, Massachusetts 02760  
(508) 695-1173 or email [ripco@comcast.net](mailto:ripco@comcast.net)

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](mailto: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\\_bnxJkvw5jurDrK2w?fbclid=IwAR234lCNCHVNYcjEhK-tgpr7FQ-TGUX\\_xdH9z\\_E1N4Hd2scfmR4JrK\\_x1s8](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi2_bnxJkvw5jurDrK2w?fbclid=IwAR234lCNCHVNYcjEhK-tgpr7FQ-TGUX_xdH9z_E1N4Hd2scfmR4JrK_x1s8)

### Parish Office

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# Mass Intentions

September 5-6

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>September 5 – Vigil Mass</u>
4:00 pm	Edith Myers
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>September 6</u>
8:00 am	Marcelino Lontok
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>September 6</u>
9:30 am	Deceased Members of Cumplings/Julius Families
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>September 6</u>
11:00 am	Mariano Araujo
<u>Monday</u>	<u>September 7 – Labor Day</u>
No Mass – Federal holiday	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>September 8</u>
4:30 pm	Helena Poirier
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>September 9</u>
4:30 pm	Patricia Clayton
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>September 10</u>
4:30 pm	Henry Shaia – Living intention

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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 beginning 8 September

Saint Mary Church has been outfitted with the capability to live stream Mass via Facebook Live and YouTube thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor. In an effort to ease our way back into public daily Mass we will be offering daily Masses open to the public beginning Tuesday, September 8. Every 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

All of us remember The Great Recession which began in 2008 and to this day still somewhat holds a grip on our economy and has now been made worse by the ongoing Pandemic. The major contributing factor to the Great Recession was all due to debt! As a society, we thought we could just pile up huge amounts of debt and worry about it later. Well, when home prices began to slip and people owed more than their homes were actually now worth, the crisis only continued to loom and intensify. Hundreds of thousands of people lost their jobs; the Dow Jones, S&P and Nasdaq all experienced significant losses. Simply put: as a country, we were in bad shape. Everyone I know experienced something negative due to the crisis which not only affected markets and people here in the United States, it was a global phenomenon. Yes, we have seen significant growth in the economies around the world and the unemployment rate, was beginning to ever so slowly to recover, prior to the Pandemic. Debt! The nasty culprit which played a major role in wreaking havoc for millions of people who lost jobs, homes and were forced to use their savings to survive.

In the second reading we read this 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saint Paul addresses the very issue of debt to the Christian Community living in Rome. Paul writes, "Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." (Rom. 13:8) Saint Paul was well ahead of the times. He realized that owing debt to someone is dangerous. It can continue to pile up and eventually, we are mired down in so much debt that we are simply unable to function in a healthy manner. However, Saint Paul does note that there is a certain type of debt, if you will, that is good and implores the Christian Community in Rome to embrace: to love one another. For Saint Paul, this debt is something that keeps the community healthy and makes it stronger. When we tear down the walls of hatred and resentment and put on the love of Jesus Christ, we are that much closer to the Kingdom of God. So, it is a challenge, but let us rack up so much debt in loving our brothers and sisters so that we thereby can merit the heavenly Kingdom.

From Father Rodney continues on the next page.

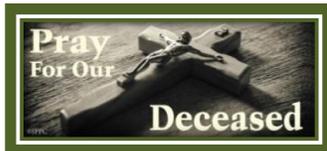
From Father Rodney continues:

## Labor Day 2020

With the borders to the North and South of us closed to regular traffic and with very limited travel to Europe most of us have not had a chance to enjoy any sort of real summer vacation. Sure, maybe we took a week off and just stayed home and took the occasional trip to the beach or hiking somewhere in the mountains, our travel looks and is very different these days. Some reading these words might still be furloughed from a job you had pre-Covid and are still reliant on unemployment benefits. Whatever the situation whether working from home, working in your workplace, all of us have experienced higher levels of stress. I am encouraging everyone to really take a break this Labor Day. We have labored in so many new and yet experienced ways in light of the current pandemic. Rest! Take some time to simply do nothing but enjoy some real R&R. Happy Labor Day!

## Parish Office Closed

There will be no Daily Mass on Monday, September 7 and the office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday.



*Richard A. Bonenfant*

*Linda McEvoy*

*Eternal rest grant unto Dick and Linda, O Lord.*

*Let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest always in your loving embrace.*

## We Welcome

On Saturday, August 29, 2020 and we welcomed two new members into our Catholic faith and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. We welcome: **Theodore Anthony Helberg**, son of Allison & Anthony Helberg and **Kalin Rai Camara**, son of Kelci & Josh Camara. Congratulations to Theodore and Kalin, their parents, godparents, family and friends on the joyous celebration of faith and family.

## 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 August 30**

**Budget collection: \$12,638.19**

**Thank you!**

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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: [smshff@comcast.net](mailto:smshff@comcast.net)

**Congratulations to our students who received Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time on the weekend of**

**August 29/30 :** Matthew William Cavicchi, Maggie Hart Signoriello, Grayson Sawyer Avila, Ashlyn Delores Conlon, Mac Francis Foley, Lillian I. Gunning, Jameson Thomas Jivoin, Victoria Grace Leung, Aylin Noble Morse, Matthew John Mosca, Jayden George Mourad, Alyson Lillian Pimental, Sarah Sadler, Tyler Gregory Sees, Connor Shamp

### 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 [smshff@comcast.net](mailto:smshff@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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade, please contact the Faith Formation office at [smshff@comcast.net](mailto:smshff@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 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> & then every other Thursday until November 19<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:colleenjuliaford@gmail.com)), Janet Kent ([buffalokent@comcast.net](mailto:buffalokent@comcast.net)) or Joanna Wissler ([wissler5@verizon.net](mailto:wissler5@verizon.net))

## Readings for September 6 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the LORD: You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;  
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:  
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as in the day of Massah in the desert,  
Where your fathers tempted me;  
they tested me though they had seen my works."

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

### Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

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 said to his disciples: If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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