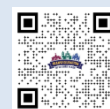
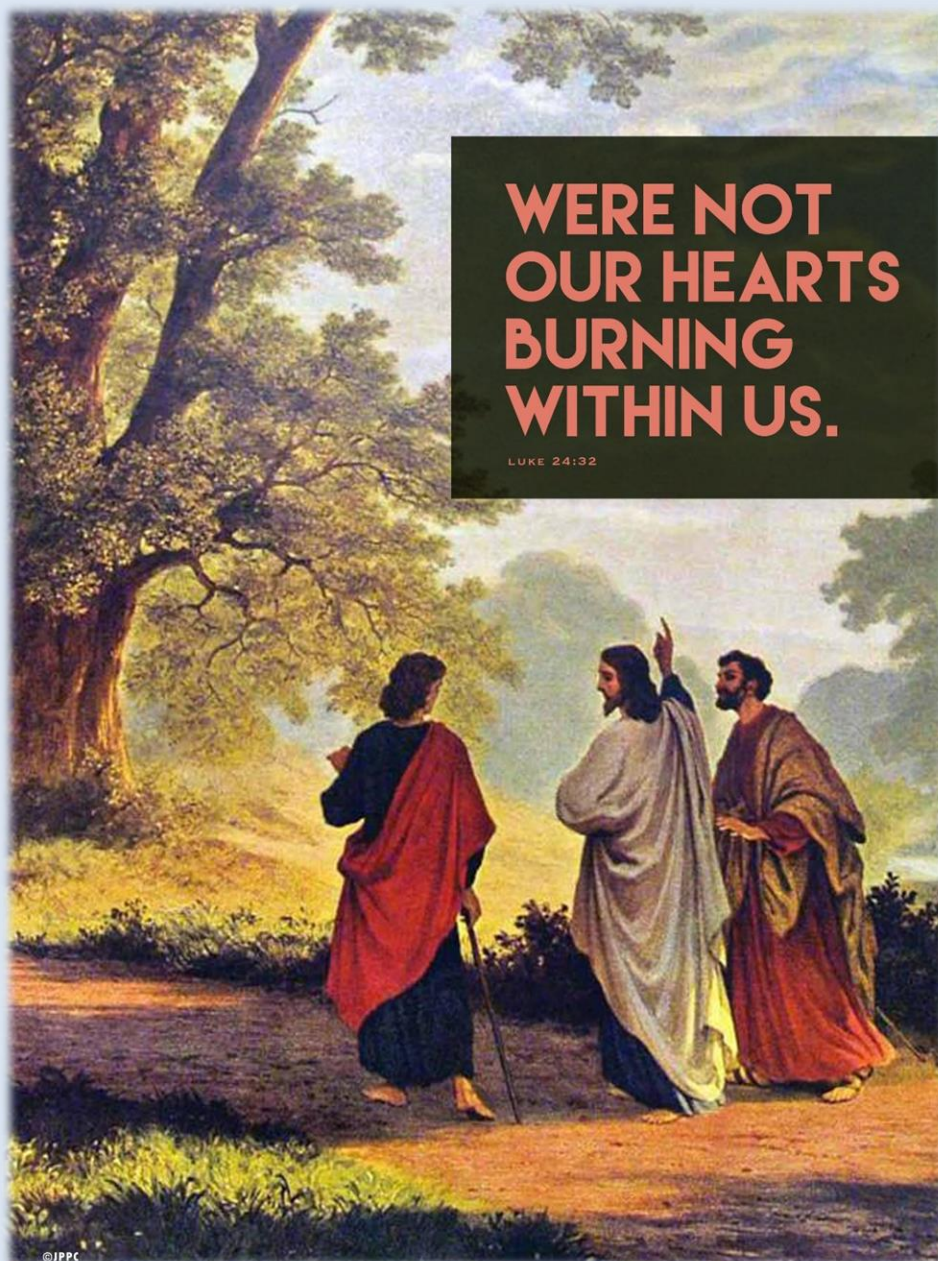


Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street

North Attleborough, Massachusetts

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish

Rev. Michael A. Ciryak, Temporary Parochial Administrator

Rev. Deacon Joseph E. Regali

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57 Richards Avenue,

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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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saint Mary Church • Saturday 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart. Baptisms are scheduled for 12:30 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 first Friday 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

Rosary for Life 4:00 pm each Monday prior to 4:30 pm Mass

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/vsfaxaty>

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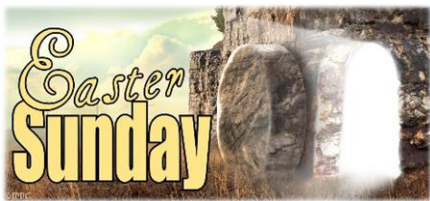
Parish e-mail • stmaryna@noozi.com

Parish website • www.saintmaryna.com

Phone 508-695-6161 Fax 508-695-5248

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April 23 -3rd Sunday of Easter

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 22 – Vigil</u>
4:00 pm	“Patsey” Cavalieri
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 23</u>
8:00 am	Marjorie Morrissey
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 23</u>
9:30 am	Gloria & Joseph Cardello
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 23</u>
11:00 am	Joseph Harney

<u>Monday</u>	<u>April 24</u>
4:30 pm	Father Dominico DaCese
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>April 25</u>
8:00 am	
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>April 26</u>
4:30 pm	William Miniscalco
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>April 27</u>
8:00 am	

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April 30 -4th Sunday of Easter

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>April 29 – Vigil</u>
4:00 pm	Joseph Smith
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 30</u>
8:00 am	For the People of the Parish
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 30</u>
9:30 am	Lou Abdou
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>April 30</u>
11:00 am	Michael Croke

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Parish Contributions

Collection for April 8/9: \$15,448.48

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Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

Monthly Adoration is offered on the *first Friday of every month (May 5 is next)*. You are invited to join us in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint Mary church, beginning at 9 a.m. with ending at 6 p.m. You can drop in at any time for as long as you like or, if you would like a specific time slot, please call Joanne Regali 508-643-3821 and leave a message.

Below is the letter read to the Parish on the weekend of April 15/16:

From Father Rodney

April 12, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter. It is my sure hope and prayer that the glory of the Resurrected Lord fills your hearts with great hope and joy.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayerful support these last eight months during my absence from the community. It is with a heavy heart that I share with you my decision to tender my resignation as Pastor of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish in North Attleborough. This decision has not been made lightly. I have arrived at the decision after much prayer and consideration as to what is in the best interest of the entire parish. I had hoped that I would eventually return to the community but that will not happen. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for the love and support from so many who have reached out to me during this challenging time. As a new day dawns in North Attleborough, I want to let you know that each and every single day I am gladdened by the good work that we accomplished as a parish and I will continue to pray for continued success for a very special community that I was proud to be a part of for almost four years.

Gratefully yours in the Risen Christ,

Father Rodney



Transfiguration of the Lord

Respect Life Group

The next meeting of the Respect Life Group will take place on Monday, *April 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm in Saint Mark rectory. Mark your calendars for June 12 at 6:30 for the meeting following the April meeting.* We hope you will join us as we implement our respect life vision in the parish. Please email or call Joanna Wissler wissler5@verizon.net or 508-243-5307 for more information. All are welcome!

Flourish with FAITH & Fundamentals

Middle school is an exciting time to grow in faith and knowledge of our world and community. The academic program at our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fall River is designed specifically for early adolescent students. Between the faith development and academic rigor, anything is possible for our middle school students! Working together on a community outreach project is just one of the ways our students shine as Saints in action! We invite you to learn more about our Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School students and programs by visiting our website www.smschool.com.



Women's Guild Meeting

The Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Women's Guild will be meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. All women of the parish are invited to join us at the Lafayette House, 109 Washington St (Rte. 1) in Foxboro, for our Closing Banquet starting with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., the menu includes: Rolls and Butter, Garden Salad, Baked Stuffed Chicken or Baked Scrod, Potatoes, Vegetables, coffee, tea and dessert. Cost is \$36 per person, please RSVP your dinner choice to Karen Smith (508) 212-7377 ksmith715@comcast.net or Diana Gray (508) 695-1143 dgraysix@yahoo.com on or before Friday, May 5, 2023. Hope to see you there!

Find Your Vocation Work in a Catholic school

The Diocese of Fall River Catholic schools are looking for committed people to be teachers, aides, nurses, and substitute teachers. Working in a Catholic school brings about great joy and satisfaction as each child develops his or her God-given talents. We encourage you to open your heart to these wonderful children and offer your time and talent.



To find your next calling, please go to
catholicschoolsalliance.org/job-opportunities
or call (508) 687-7301



Free Concert Sunday, May 7, at 3:30 pm Saint Mary Church

Join early music ensemble *Le Note Diverse* as they present a program of vocal and



instrumental pieces by women composers from 17th-century Italy. The program will feature works by Francesca Caccini, Isabella Leonarda, Barbara Strozzi, and Maddalena Casulana.

The performers are Agnes Coakley Cox, soprano; Juan A. Mesa, keyed lyre; and Hideki Yamaya, theorbo and Baroque mandolin. This concert is free and open to all and is partially funded by a grant from the North Attleborough Cultural Council.

Saint Mary- Sacred Heart School

Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School is hosting a Clothing Drive sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation New England. Donations of clothing/shoes/linens can be dropped off outside of the Sacred Heart Church Rectory on May 6th & 7th from 9:00-11:00am. For a list of acceptable items, please visit epilepsynewengland.org/donations-center/acceptable-items. Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School thanks you for your support and donations!



FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education ~ Mrs. Elaine Corvese

508-695-3823

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First Communion will be held on **Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 20, 2023** at Saint Mary Church at 11:00 am. Please see your email from Mrs. Corvese for information about your date assignment.

Rosary for Life

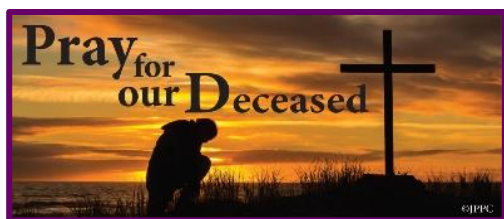
The Respect Life Committee of the Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is pleased to announce that every Monday we will lead a Rosary for Life before the 4:30 pm Mass .

Abundant Hope

Did you know... A woman in an unplanned pregnancy needs tremendous love and support to make the brave decision to keep her



child. Showing her that you will be there for her could make the difference in her decision to parent. If you or someone you know thinks she may be pregnant, please contact us at 508-455-0425 for compassionate and nonjudgmental care. **Serving the community since 2011 - from pregnancy testing to potty training!**



Please Pray for our Deceased

Cecile Cornetta and Roger LaBonte

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.



82ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

**“Do This in Memory of Me” –
The 82nd Annual Catholic Appeal
begins May 1.**

Since 1942, the Appeal has helped people in all phases of life – from children, to youth, to parents, to the elderly. Your support sustains the numerous agencies, programs, and ministries providing food and shelter, educating children and adults, and meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of thousands. We encourage you to support the Appeal as generously as you can. You can make a one-time gift or a pledge with convenient payments throughout the year. You can give by mail, use a contribution card located in church, or make your gift or pledge online at: www.GiveFRDiocese.org.

Knights of Columbus

Council #330 of the Knights of Columbus has been serving the Catholic Community of North Attleborough for 125 years. The Knights meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, in the rectory of St. Mark church. Please drop by on meeting nights if you'd like to learn more about the Knights. Council #330 is committed to assisting local charities that align with the values of our Faith such as the Parish, the Parish school, and Abundant Hope. Contact Jim Schromm at jim.schromm@verizon.net with any questions.

Knights of Columbus March for Life

Please join the Knights of Columbus Assembly #398 for the Attleboro Area March for Life on Saturday, April 29th, at 5:00pm, at St. John's church in Attleboro. The March will follow a 2 mile loop.

5th Saturday Rosary

All are welcome. The Knights of Columbus meet to pray a decade of the Rosary on months that have 5 Saturdays. Saturday, April 29th, is the next 5th Saturday. Please join us at 8:30am, outside at the statue of Saint Mary in front of the rectory. In case of inclement weather, we may move inside to the former chapel.



Christmas Fair 2023 Update

Plans are underway for our November 25th Christmas Fair. We ask you to consider how you can participate in this event. At this time we are looking for volunteers for Chairpersons for the large basket raffle and the kitchen. Please note that the Chairperson for the kitchen must be Serve Safe Certified or have a volunteer with Serve Safe Certification available all day on Saturday, November 25th. In the coming weeks we will be asking for volunteers to help with set up, work day of Fair, make phone calls to winners, cleanup and other various duties. Please watch the bulletin for further information.

If you wish to volunteer, please call Colleen Buckley, Volunteer Coordinator, 508-455-8446 Please call Miles Miller 508-369-1349 or Karen Smith 508-212-7377 with any questions.

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. The Society meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the parish hall in Saint Mary Church. Please join us!

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.

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 Sunday following the 11:00 am Mass in Sacred Heart Church (58 Church Street) 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 Ciryak after Mass. You may contact the office for more information.

ASL-Deaf
Community
Mass

Celebrated by Fr. Shawn Carey

Saturday, Apr. 29th at 4 PM

Holy Family Church
372 Middleboro Ave,
East Taunton, MA

Gathering to follow at the
Holy Family Parish Center:
438 Middleboro Ave, East Taunton, MA

ASL Deaf Community Mass

On Saturday, April 29th the 4 PM Mass at Holy Family Church, East Taunton will be celebrated in ASL (American Sign Language), with interpretation. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Shawn Carey – Director of the Boston Deaf Apostolate. A gathering with hospitality will follow Mass in the Holy Family Parish Center (438 Middleboro Ave, East Taunton, MA) for all those in the deaf community to both spend time in fellowship and learn more about the needs of the deaf community in the Diocese of Fall River. No pre-registration required.

St. Julie's Catholic Women's Conference

On Saturday, May 20th at St. Julie Billiard Church, N. Dartmouth, the St. Julie's Ladies Guild is hosting a Women's Conference from 8 AM to 3:30 PM. The Conference will feature speakers Laura Phelps, Jean Revil, and Liz-Cotrupi-Pfunder, morning pastry, lunch, opportunity for Confession, Mass, Adoration, Living Rosary and Vendors.

Tickets are \$30. Access registration by clicking <https://www.saintjulies.org/womens-conference/>

"And the Angel said to Her, Do Not Be Afraid"
- Luke 1:30



**St Julie's
Catholic Women's
Conference**

May 20, 2023 • 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

St. Julie Billiard Parish, Slocum Rd Dartmouth MA

Featuring:



Laura Phelps
Author &
Speaker



Liz Cotrupi Pfunder
Musician &
Songwriter



Jean Revil
Educator &
Parishioner

Mass • Sacrament of Reconciliation • Adoration & Benediction
Living Rosary • Vendors

Register Online www.saintjulies.org

Price \$30.00 includes morning pastry and lunch
Complete program and information on speakers online

Information Classification: General Hosted by St. Julie's Ladies Guild

Healing Mass

Transfiguration of the Lord Parish is having a Healing Mass, sponsored by the Respect Life Committee, on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10 am. It will be held at Sacred Heart Church which is fully handicap accessible, including elevator. This Mass is open to all parishioners and their families who are in need of healing be it a physical, mental or emotional need. Jesus healed all maladies.

Those in need of assistance can be dropped off in the circle and use the ramp on the side of the church. We will also provide light refreshments after the Mass. We hope to see you there.

HOLY SPIRIT - LIGHT THE WAY



Day of Reflection for Young Women ages 17+

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Place: Dominican Sisters Convent
3012 Elm St., Dighton, MA. 02715
Cost: \$10.00 upon arrival (cash only)
RSVP: by April 22, 2023
To: Sr. Paulina@dioc-fr.org or call: 909-496-2022 or 508-675-1311 ext. 6533

DIRECTIONS: From President Avenue, Fall River, MA. Take Rte. 138 North / Route 6 West Take first exit on the new Veterans Memorial Bridge West Route 138 North. Take right at the end of exit. Follow Route 138 North (County Street) for approximately 4.2mi. Take left onto North Street (sign on the right). At end of road take a right (Elm Street) for 0.2 miles. Dominican Sisters' Residence is on the left. The Parking is in the circular drive in front of the residence. Additional parking (when needed) in the field across the street just IN FRONT of the residence. WELCOME!

Young Women's Day of Recollection

On Saturday, April 29th from 9:30am-5:30pm there will be a Young Women's Day of Recollection at the Dominican Sisters Convent in Dighton. Participants will have an opportunity to ponder on their personal gifts in interactive activities, enjoy nature walks, conversation, and picnic lunch, as well as experiencing quieting prayer.

The cost \$10.00 (cash only at the door). Please RSVP by Saturday, April 22, contacting Sr. Paulina Hurtado, O.P. at Sr. Paulina@dioc-fr.org or by telephone: 508-675-1311 x, 6533 or 909-496-2022.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH SFX & SECRETARIAT OF EVANGELIZATION

Mens MEAT N GREET

Team Events
Giant Cornhole (bags to be thrown with a catapult), Giant slingshot and potato cannon target shooting and a tractor pull.

Ticket price \$15.00

DINNER
Pulled Pork, Burgers, Hotdogs and Bacon*

Saturday, May 6, 2023
Cathedral Camp
E. Freetown, MA
5-8pm

Special Guest

Tyler Rowley

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him:

*I saw the Lord ever before me,
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.
Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue
has exulted;
my flesh, too, will dwell in hope,
because you will not abandon my soul to the
netherworld,
nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.*

"My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."
O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who hold fast my lot.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

I bless the LORD who counsels me;
even in the night my heart exhorts me.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be
disturbed.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul
rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
because you will not abandon my soul
to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to
undergo corruption.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

You will show me the path to life,
abounding joy in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

alleluia!
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alleluia!

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke

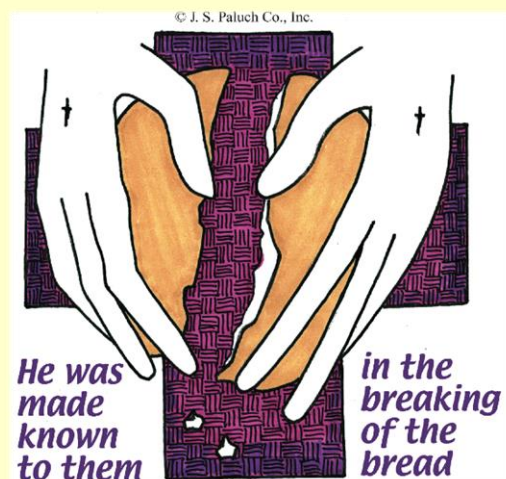
Glory to you, O Lord.

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this,

it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Please see the letter from Bishop da Cunha, read at all Masses last weekend, April 15/16.



Diocese of Fall River
Office of the Bishop
Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.

LETTER FROM BISHOP TO PARISHIONERS
OF TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD PARISH
APRIL 15-16, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

I want to wish the entire Transfiguration of the Lord Parish a Happy and Blessed Easter and to share with you an important update regarding your parish.

As you know, since last August, Father Rodney Thibault has been on administrative leave, and I want to acknowledge the distress you have experienced because of that. I am grateful to Father Michael Ciryak for assuming the responsibilities of temporary parochial administrator and to Deacon Joseph Regali and the entire parish staff with whom he worked to ably shepherd this community through a difficult time.

I want to inform you that the investigation into the allegation of misconduct made against Father Thibault is nearing its conclusion.

At this time, I also want to inform you that Father Thibault has decided to resign as the pastor of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, and I have accepted it. While difficult, his decision to resign is one with which I agree is in the best interest of the parish.

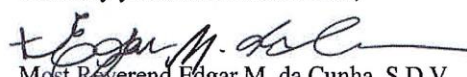
A large and vibrant parish like yours needs a permanent leader, so I am pleased to announce the appointment of Father David A. Costa as the new Pastor of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish. Father Costa is certainly well known to all of you, having served the Catholic community of North Attleboro for many years before beginning an assignment outside the area in 2019. He will return well familiar with you and the area and be ready to lead your parish. His appointment will become effective on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Until then, Father Ciryak will continue to serve you.

As we celebrate this Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, our Lord comes to us once again in the same way as today's Gospel and says, "Peace be with you." May we all hear his voice and receive his peace.

I thank you for your goodness, generosity, patience, and understanding throughout this time. Likewise, I wish to extend again a word of gratitude to Father Ciryak and your Parish Staff and volunteers for steadfastly moving your parish forward in these past months.

Please be assured of my prayers for the gift of Christ's Easter peace to you, your families, and your wonderful parish as you prepare to move forward with your new pastor.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,


Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Bishop of Fall River

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