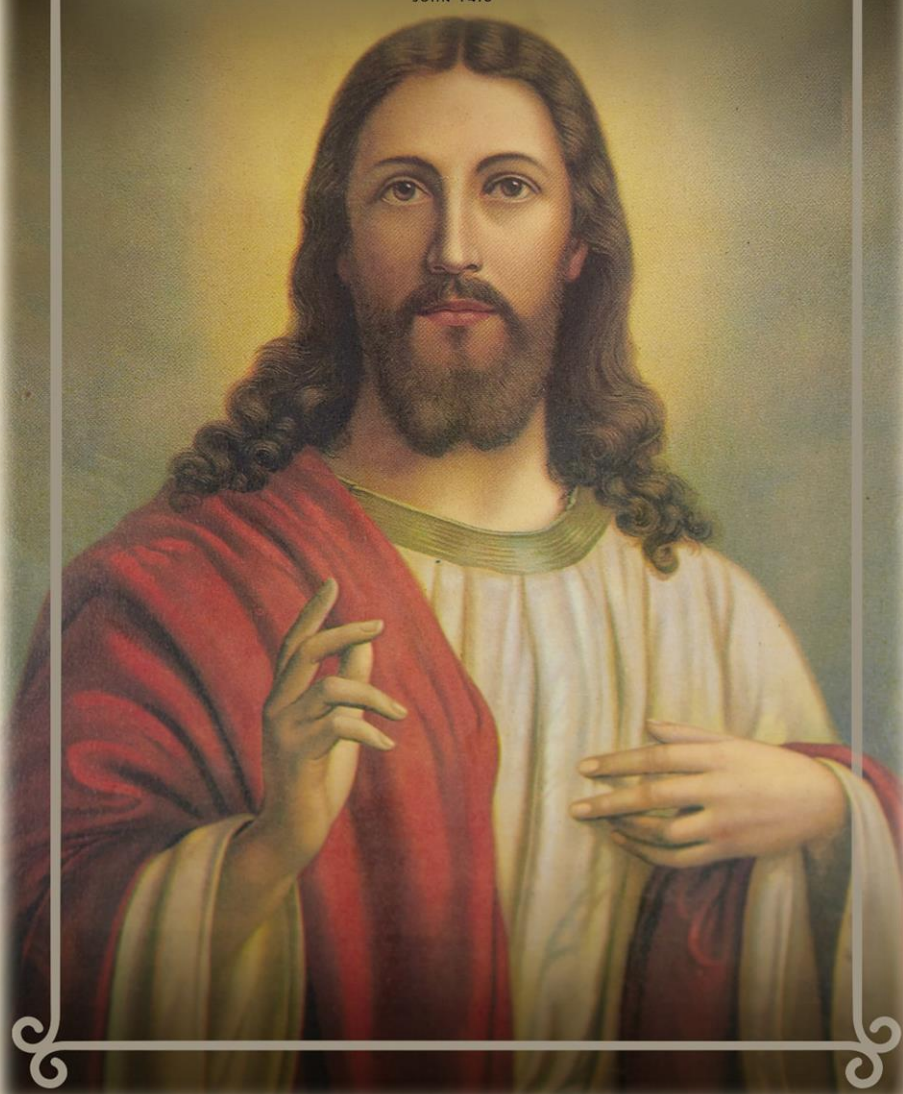


Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

I am the way and the truth and the life.

JOHN 14:6



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 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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May 7 – 5th Sunday of Easter

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>May 6 – Vigil</u>
4:00 pm	Mary & Charlie Sedlak
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 7</u>
8:00 am	Joseph Dery
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 7</u>
9:30 am	James & Patricia Bradley
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 7</u>
11:00 am	Claire & Alfred Benson
<u>Monday</u>	<u>May 8</u>
4:30 pm	
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>May 9</u>
8:00 am	
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>May 10</u>
4:30 pm	
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>May 11</u>
8:00 am	

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May 14 – 6th Sunday of Easter

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>May 13 – Vigil</u>
4:00 pm	Andria Rossi & Louis DiCicco
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 14</u>
8:00 am	David Parenteau
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 14</u>
9:30 am	Michael Sharp
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>May 14</u>
11:00 am	For the People of the Parish

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Parish Contributions

Collection for April 22/23: \$ 11,593.60

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Monthly Eucharistic Adoration

Monthly Adoration is offered on the *first Friday of every month (June 2 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.

Transfiguration of the Lord

Respect Life Group

The next meeting of the Respect Life Group will take place on Monday, *June 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm in Saint Mark rectory. Please note there is no meeting in May.* 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!

Saint Mary – Sacred Heart School



Learning to make friends and how to be a good friend are foundational skills taught at our Catholic schools. Our students are also taught how to develop a relationship with God as well - the most important friendship we will ever need! Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School's Kindergarten is a child-centered program designed to establish a strong foundation for learning in the early years. SMSH provides a caring, Catholic learning environment – one that promotes cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual development of all children.

We invite you to learn more about our school's strong curriculum by visiting our website www.smshschool.com. If you want your child to attend a school that balances faith with education, consider joining the Saints community of learners.

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 in Saint Mary church.

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!

Free Concert - Sunday, May 7 - 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.



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!**

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Religious Education ~ Mrs. Elaine Corvese

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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.

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!



Mother's Day Roses

Mother's Day weekend, May 13/14, the Respect Life Committee will be offering silk roses to honor Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers and all we love as Mothers. Roses will be available at the doors of the churches at each Mass. You may keep the rose or you may place it in a vase by the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the remaining month of May. Each church will have a vase near the statue of the Blessed Mother for this purpose. A donation of \$1 is greatly appreciated to help support Mass Citizens for Life and to support mothers and children.



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



“Do This in Memory of Me”

The 82nd Catholic Appeal has begun. Please join with your fellow parishioners in helping those in need in our communities, and show



82ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

love through your generosity. The agencies and apostolates funded by the Appeal provide

compassionate care to our neighbors in need, such as hospital chaplaincy and pastoral care in our nursing homes, programs that uphold and protect a culture of life, food services for the hungry, care for children in crisis, and much more. Make your secure gift or pledge online today at www.GiveFRDiocese.org

In 2022 our parish contributed a total of \$103,210, an increase over 2021 of \$962.00!

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO “CATHOLIC APPEAL”.

Please do not make the check out to the parish. Please indicate “*Transfiguration of the Lord Parish*” on the donation card on the line “please credit the following parish with my gift”. This will enable your donation to be counted as a donation from our Parish. The Catholic Appeal Office will handle all contributions, and you are asked to mail your contribution directly to: The Catholic Appeal – Diocese of Fall River P.O. BOX 237, Kensington, CT 06037-0237. Any contributions that come to the office are required to be sent **unopened** to the address above.

Prayer and Pizza

Looking for another way to deepen your spirituality? Do you have “knots” in your life that you need help undoing? Please join us on the third Wednesday of each month for “Prayer and Pizza”. Following the 4:30 pm Mass **Wednesday, May 17**, we together will pray the rosary, which will be offered up to Mary, Undoer of Knots (maryundoerofknots.com). Whether you pray the rosary daily or have never prayed it before, please consider joining us for “Prayer and Pizza”. All are welcome! Please contact Rick Leco (508 930 9264) or Vicky Curran (508 930 3306) with any questions.

Mark your calendars for these Diocesan events

For young people ages 14-17

**July
26-27**

Pro-Life Bootcamp

"Perhaps you were born for a time such as this" - Esther 4:14

Location:
LaSalette Retreat Center: 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA 02703

\$150 per person includes:

- Two Day, One night Stay
- Meals and Snacks
- Speakers and Activities
- Closing Mass with Bishop da Cunha

RSVP by June 15th
dledoux@dioc-fr.org

For Parish, Catechetical, and Ministry Leaders, Catechists and Volunteers

**September
9**

**Parish Leader
Convocation**

Bishop
Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V. | Special Keynote

9 AM - 2 PM
St. John Neumann
East Freetown

Speaker & Registration
Announced Soon!

St. Julie's Catholic Women's Conference

On Saturday, May 20th at St. Julie Billiard

"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, Stocum Rd Dartmouth MA

Featuring:

Laura Phelps
Author & Speaker

Liz Cotrupi-Pfunder
Mission & Inspiration

Jean Revil
Education & Inspiration

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

Hosted by St. Julie's Ladies Guild

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/>

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.

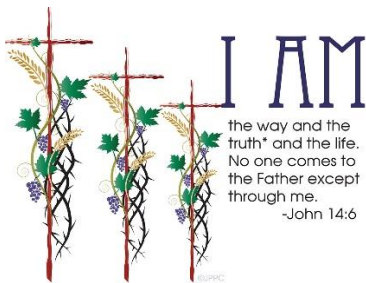
Transfiguration of the Lord Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society

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

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.



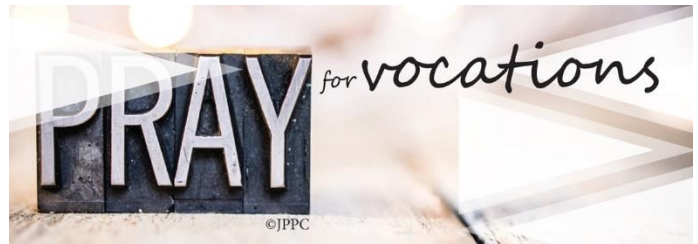
Feast of Faith

The Preparation of the Altar

The altar is the focal point of our churches. It is a sign of Christ in our midst; indeed, it has been said that “the altar is Christ” (Dedication of an Altar, 4). The altar is a table “on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes”; but it is also the place for a festive meal: “a table at which the Church’s children assemble to give thanks to God and receive the body and blood of Christ” (Dedication of an Altar, 4).

Both these functions of the altar are clear in the rites for the preparation of the altar that follow the general intercessions, which remind us of the preparations we make at home for a festive meal. The deacon or altar servers come forward and, bowing, place a cloth known as a corporal (from the Latin for “body”) over the altar cloth. They place the chalice, the cup to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist, and the Sacramentary or Roman Missal, which contains the prayers of the Mass, on the altar. These reverent preparations help us to focus on what is about to happen: the sharing of a holy meal, a solemn sacrifice.

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Vocation

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;
with the ten-stringed lyre chant
his praises.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,
and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right;
of the kindness of the LORD
the earth is full.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon
those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Second Reading

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture:

*Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion,
a cornerstone, chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.*

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:

*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,*

and

*A stone that will make people stumble,
and a rock that will make them fall.*

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

*I am the way, the truth and the life,
says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father,
except through me.*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

† A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Update on the work on the outside windows above Saint Mary sanctuary



PREVIOUS DETERIORATED SILL AND BULLNOSE FRAME



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