

# *Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit*

*October 17, 2021*



Saint Mary 14 Park Street + Sacred Heart 58 Church Street + Saint Mark 105 Stanley Street  
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 on scheduled Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm, with a limit of four families at each baptism. Please contact Monica Forte in the office at [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto: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 with our parish priests. Please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Suspended at this time

### Parish Offering

If you are attending in person, you can drop your contribution in the collection basket. If you prefer, 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 on line giving:

<https://app.gabrielsoft.com/guest/mafrdiocese/31>

Thank you for your ongoing support!

### Masses

**Masks:** The *Diocese of Fall River* is *strongly encouraging all parishioners to follow the CDC guidance and to wear a mask while attending Mass or any other liturgical celebration unless unable because of a medical condition or under the age of 2.* Please be considerate of those around you and allow for space near those not in your family whenever possible.

Masses will continue to be available livestreamed (technology permitting) and saved online for later viewing. To see the Transfiguration of the Lord Facebook page to see live Masses you can go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/Transfiguration-of-the-Lord-Parish-North-Attleborough-106529317647894/>

*If you do not have a Facebook account, click "not now" under the log in information.*

You may also find us on YouTube at

<https://tinyurl.com/ysfaxaty>

### Parish Office

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**October 17 – Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit**

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>October 16</u></b>
4:00 pm	Donald Lander
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>October 17</u></b>
8:00 am	Francis R. Dietz
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>October 17</u></b>
9:30 am	Leonard & Bernice Quinn
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>October 17</u></b>
11:00 am	Cheryl A. Kenney Milone Russell J. Kenney

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**October 24- 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	<b><u>October 23</u></b>
4:00 pm	John & Bernice Prendergast
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>October 24</u></b>
8:00 am	Sabatino Viscusi
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>October 24</u></b>
9:30 am	Charlotte & Charles Burke
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	<b><u>October 24</u></b>
11:00 am	Walter M. Miller & Mary J. Wagner

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**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

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**Weekday Masses**

- Monday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church
- Tuesday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church
- Wednesday 4:30 pm Saint Mary Church
- Thursday 8:00 am Saint Mark Church

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**2022 Mass Intention Book**

The 2022 Mass Intention calendar is now open for scheduling memorial Masses. In an effort to make things fair and consistent please be advised of the following: In order to give everyone a chance at dates initially, you are asked to schedule only 2 weekend Mass intentions for anytime in the calendar year. You may schedule as many weekday Masses as you would like. Second, Mass intentions are for the deceased and not for the living. We will continue to have one person for each Mass time, of course accommodations will be made for a married couple who are deceased. Intentions can be scheduled via email at [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com) or by phone at 508-695-6161.

***From Father Rodney***

If you happened to have a chance to read the bulletin last weekend, you will have seen the notice about the “special Mass” we are celebrating this weekend. Pope Francis announced a Synod – (from the Greek *synodos*, assembly), in the Christian Church, a local or provincial assembly of bishops, church officials and laity during which they meet to discuss the life of the Church. The title of the particular 3 year period that will soon begin with the bishops of the entire Church meeting in communion with Pope Francis is: For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission. Now, if you are reading these words, you understand the importance of these three elements so vital to the life of the ecclesial body of the Church. We need to be in communion with one another and when we do we receive Communion and build up the Body of the Church. We participate in the mission of the Church by reaching out to those who have fallen away from the practice of the faith. The Holy Father has asked all Diocesan Bishop’s and for them to ask local parishes to celebrate the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit. You will note that I will be wearing red vestments and the readings have been selected by the bishop (they will not be in the missals – if you have one – but Monica will print them in the bulletin which you can access on your smart phone – yes – even during Mass! We will hear about the Spirit vivifies the Church but we need to be open to seeing how the Lord is working in our midst hence the Gospel story of the road to Emmaus. We all know that over the years people have fallen away from the practice of the faith. Younger families worship the god of sports as practices and games are held on Sunday mornings. I am always so edified when I hear young families who regularly attend weekend Mass that they will be changing their normal Mass time to accommodate their children’s sports schedule but always making time to worship. As we enter into this time of a refocusing our attention on what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church let us pray that the Spirit will guide us into greater communion with our God and with one another. We are all called to share our faith with one another. Not in a “showy” sort of pious way but rather helping to shape and be reshaped into the likeness of the living God. Communion, Participation and Mission. May these principles help to reshape the Catholic Church in North Attleborough so that, like those who settled here many, many years ago and gave their all to spread the faith, be rebuilt into a stronger community who desire to have our eyes opened by Jesus who journeys with us even today.

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From Father Rodney continues:

Pew Missals

We have been asked by many parishioners when missals will be put back into the pews. If you remember, we needed to re-order missals for 2021 when we still could not distribute items. At the time, in an effort to be a good steward of parish resources, Father Rodney made the decision to order just a certain number of missals and parishioners were encouraged to come to the rectory to pick one up and it was yours to keep. Well, things have changed and we can place items in the pews and so, the first Sunday of Advent begins the new liturgical year and the missals will be placed in the pews so that congregants can follow along as the lector reads the readings and the cantor leads us in song. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

SAVE THE DATE

As was announced at all weekend Mass this past weekend, the Saint Mark Fall Festival and the Saint Mary Christmas Fair are being combined into one singular event which we are rebranding as “Christmas in July!” It will commence the evening of Friday, July 22, 2022 and continue throughout the day on Saturday, July 23, 2022. Save the date and stay tuned for the ways you can get involved in this parish event that hopefully will serve to unite us further as a completely transfigured parish here in North Attleborough.



**Parish Contributions**

**Weekend of October 10:** not available at publication due to holiday weekend

**September Income/Expenses**

**Income: \$107,029.00**

**Expenses: \$103,968.96**

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**Understanding the Synod**

To learn more about the Synod, please click on the link below:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2021-09/text-read-in-english.html>

**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 Saturdays at 1:00 pm at 14 Park Street with a maximum of four families. Please contact Monica in the office via email (stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information and visit the parish website [www.saintmaryna.com](http://www.saintmaryna.com) and click on the “Sacraments” tab for more detailed information. Thank you

**FAITH FORMATION**

*Director of Religious Education*

*Mrs. Elaine Corvese [smshff@comcast.net](mailto:smshff@comcast.net)*

**Faith Formation Office Hours**

**Monday – Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Grades 1 and 2:** will be held on Tuesday, October 19 from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

**Grade 3:** Workshop will be held on Monday, October 18 from 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.

**Grade 4:** Workshop will be held on Monday, October 25 from 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

**Grade 5:** Workshop will be held on Monday, November 1 from 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

**Grade 6:** Class will be held on Monday, October 18 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

**Grade 7:** Class will be held on Monday, October 25 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

**Grade 8:** Class will be held on Wednesday, October 20 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

**Grade 9:** Group A – will be held on Wednesday, November 3 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

**Grade 9:** Group B – will be held on Wednesday, November 10 from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.

**Calling Faith Formation Students Grades 6-9!**

Do you want to spread Christmas Cheer for our Parish for all to hear? Covid stopped us last year but this year we are back! The format might be different this year but the Christmas Joy is always here. If you are interested, please contact Eileen Hare ASAP at [bunhare6395@gmail.com](mailto:bunhare6395@gmail.com), in order to plan numbers and rehearsals late October/November. Please contact Mrs. Hare **directly** (not the Faith Formation office) for more information.

**Ministry Schedules**

If you have been assisting at Masses as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, Server or Usher Coordinator, you have received an email requesting your busy dates for the next schedule (November/December/January). *Please enter your dates in Gabriel no later than Tuesday, Oct. 19. IF you are unable to use the system, please email me any dates you are NOT available during that time also by the 19th.* If you wish to change your Mass time or service, please also let me know. If you have been away from ministry during the pandemic, but would like to resume, please email me by October 19 and indicate what Mass time and your ministry. You will be added to the next schedule. Thank you.

## 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 at approximately 5:30 pm, we together will pray the rosary, which will be offered up to Mary, Undoer of Knots ([maryundoerofknots.com](http://maryundoerofknots.com)). As St. Padre Pio said, “The rosary is the weapon for these times...”. Whether you pray the rosary daily or have never prayed it before, please consider joining us for “Prayer and Pizza” *beginning Wednesday October 20*. Pizza from Bill’s Pizza in North Attleboro will be provided as well as bottled water in the parish center at Saint Mary Church following the rosary. Voluntary donations will be accepted and donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their charitable works. All are welcome! Please contact Rick Leco (508 930 9264) or Vicky Curran (508 930 3306) with any questions.



## Adopt-A-Family Bowl-A-Thon

On behalf of Transfiguration of the Lord Parish and former Representative Betty Poirier (R) North Attleboro, we would like to personally extend an invitation to participate in our upcoming Adopt-A-Family Fundraiser bowl-a-thon to be held at North Bowl on October 22, 2021. If you are interested in pulling together a team or if you don’t have a team, we can put you on a team. Call Deb Fitzgibbons at 978-884-1945 with any questions or to secure a lane! If you are interested in sponsoring a lane, we will develop a “personalized” banner for you! Cost for bowling is \$20.00 adults/\$11.00 children (under 10).

## Bishop Feehan Open House

At Bishop Feehan High School we dare to believe that great things are always within reach. Today, we invite you to be bold with us, to believe in yourself and to reach higher than you ever thought possible. Are you ready to believe, too, and take a chance on more? If so, we can’t wait to help you get to know us and get started on an amazing high school journey. Join us on October 17 at 1:00pm at our Open House. Register at [BishopFeehan.com/getinfo](http://BishopFeehan.com/getinfo). Dare to believe... you’ll never regret it.

## Marriage Congratulations!

Our prayerful congratulations are extended to *Angela Bauer & Jason Morin* who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage on September 25, 2021. Our prayerful congratulations are further extended to *Jacqueline Baglio & Joseph Mackenzie* who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage on October 9, 2021. *May God’s choicest blessings come upon you as you begin to live this sacrament of love.*

## 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. If you need 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.

## Massachusetts Newborns Protection Coalition

With the passage of the ROE Act (Remove Obstacles and Expand Abortion) last December, Massachusetts is now among the most pro-death states in the country having removed the existing state law mandating lifesaving medical care to be administered to a child who survives an abortion. The Massachusetts Newborns Protection Coalition is conducting a fall statewide signature campaign to place a question on the 2022 ballot ensuring life saving medical care for babies born alive after a botched abortion. If you believe that every newborn in MA deserves this common sense life-saving protection, please assist in helping to collect signatures in the coming months and after all masses outside of the Church on the weekends of October 2nd & 3rd and November 6th & 7th. Please contact Kathy Parsons at 781-910-7682 if interested to help. Thank you very much for helping to protect the most vulnerable among us. \*Abortion destroys the smallest and most helpless members of the human family. We, as Catholics (Christians), are called by God to protect his precious gift of Life. *Fellow parishioners will be collecting signatures outside church after all masses on October 16th and 17th.*



*Readings for October 17*  
*Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit*

**First Reading**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

the earth is full of your creatures;

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD be glad in his works!

Pleasing to him be my theme;

I will be glad in the LORD.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

If you take away their breath, they perish  
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

**Second Reading**

**A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by

the same Spirit; to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another mighty deeds; to another prophecy; to another discernment of spirits; to another varieties of tongues; to another interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

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 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**