

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish

North Attleborough, Massachusetts



Our Heritage

Arrival of Catholic immigrants
to North Attleborough
1826

Mass celebrated for the first
time in North Attleborough
October 1848

First resident pastor
1858

First Catholic church dedicated
June 19, 1859

Present church cornerstone blessed
May 30, 1890

Present church consecrated
December 8, 1901

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him, Jesus . . .

Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'

Luke 1:31, 38

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018



Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, March 17—Vigil Mass

Saint Mark 4:00 pm

Matthew Joseph McGowan – 11th Anniversary
 Marco Tulio Alvarado – Month’s Mind
 Fred Gibbs – Month’s Mind

Saint Mary 4:00 pm

William Schriever – 12th Anniversary
 Jolly Jean Brown – Month’s Mind
 Richard (Dick) Quinn, Jr. – Month’s Mind

Sunday, March 18 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Sacred Heart - 8:00 am

Ruth Podsiadlo – 2nd Anniversary

Saint Mark - 8:30 am

For the People of the Parish

Saint Mary - 9:00 am

William Vandette – 3rd Anniversary
 Joseph Cardello – 15th Anniversary
 George Berger – 52nd Anniversary

Vincente Vargas, Carmen Vargas & Guadalupe Vargas -
 Memorial

Sacred Heart – 10:15 am

Zoe McMorran – 1st Anniversary
 Robert & Audrey Pare - Memorial

Saint Mark - 11:00 am

Ross Poirier – 25th Anniversary

Saint Mary - 11:15 am

Paul Molinario – Memorial

Sacred Heart – 5:00 pm

Denis Rinkacs – 1st Anniversary

Saturday, March 24—Vigil Mass

Saint Mary 4:00 pm

Sean Reynolds – 2nd Anniversary
 Louisa DaLuz - Memorial

Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday

Saint Mary – 9:00 am

Leo J. Wagner – 3rd Anniversary
 Dorothy Simon – 1st Anniversary
 Lena Trudeau – 4th Anniversary
 Mary E. Bradley – 46th Anniversary

Saint Mary - 11:15 am

Gertrude Dagosta – Memorial
 Normand Lemay – 3rd Anniversary

From Father Costa

LISTENING SESSIONS WITH BISHOP DA CUNHA

Come and share your hopes and dreams for our Church! Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., is hosting a series of Listening Sessions at different parish locations as part of the strategic planning process here in the Fall River Diocese. Members of diocesan parishes are invited to attend one of them to offer their thoughts in to that process. Listening Sessions are scheduled as follows, March 20, St. Mary Parish, Norton; March 21, St. Ann Parish, Raynham; April 5, Christ the King Parish, Mashpee; April 12, St. Mary Cathedral; April 18, St. John of Arc Parish, Orleans; April 20, St. Julie Billiard Parish, Dartmouth; and April 23, Our Lady of Victory Parish, Centerville. All sessions will take place from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., with the exception of the one in Centerville, which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

As you can see, these listening sessions are taking place throughout our Diocese. All three of our North Attleborough Parishes are part of the Attleboro Deanery within the Diocese of Fall River. The meeting that is scheduled within our Deanery is the first session, this Tuesday, March 20 at Saint Mary Parish in Norton. Saint Mary is located at 1 Power Street in Norton, directly off Route 123, with ample parking available.

I encourage you to attend this session to share your hopes for our Church and to hear other’s ideas for the future of the Church in our area.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep these members of our Catholic Community in your prayers in the days ahead.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of *Michael Croke, a longtime member of Saint Mark Parish.* His funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Mark on March 15. Our prayerful sympathy is extended to his wife, Brigid, all their children and families and all their friends. *Eternal rest grant unto Michael, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest always in your loving embrace.*

Weekly Collection

Many thanks to all those who continue to remember our Saint Mary community in your prayers and budgeting.

*March 10-11: Budget: \$84,797.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$1,038.00*

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday, March 19- Saint Mark – 8:00 am

For an Increase in Vocations to the Priesthood,
Diaconate and Religious Life

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Tuesday, March 20-Saint Mary - 7:00 am

Joseph C. Lombardi– Memorial

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Wednesday, March 21-Saint Mark – 8:00 am

Thomas Theodore – 14th Anniversary

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Thursday, March 22-Saint Mary-7:00 am

A. Agnes Byrnes– Memorial

LENTEN ALMSGIVING and HOLY WEEK

As we fast in these Lenten days we also reach beyond ourselves, remembering the most needy of our world. Beginning on Palm Sunday weekend and Easter Sunday weekend, envelopes will be included with the bulletin (and at the tables at the doors of the church) for our annual support of Sister Eileen Davey, S.U.S.C., and her work at the Nutrition Center of Saint Louis de Montfort Parish in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Please remember the children and families in Haiti we serve through Sister Eileen and plan on supporting this very worthy charity!

For your convenience the schedule for the Sacred Triduum is included in today's bulletin. These are the most sacred days of our entire Church calendar.

If you have never experienced the beauty and solemnity of these liturgies I strongly urge you to come and participate. The Triduum is shared among our three parishes. Please refer to the schedule and mark your calendars.

20 WEEK CLUB – WEEK 17

Week 17 - #167 - Madelyn Young - \$25;
#076 - Lynn Bradley - \$20;
#042 - Ernani Vergano - \$15;
#004 - Henry Chretien - \$10.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Thomas P. McDonough Knights of Columbus Council #330 meet in the parish hall of Saint Mary Church on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. If interested or if you have any questions please call George Devlin at 508-643-4676.

Faith Formation News

*Director of Religious Education Grades 1-8
Mrs. Elaine Corvese*

If your son/daughter in grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 has completed their lessons and written assignments, please place chapter test pages **only** from each chapter in an envelope with your child's name on it in the mail or in the collection basket when you attend Mass. **Please note:** each page in the textbook is perforated...tear out and send pages only...I do not want the entire textbook...this is for you to keep.

It is my goal this summer to put your son/daughter's information in the computer for each grade level to eliminate the mailing in the spring or fall...you will no longer have to fill out a form each year. I will notify parents in late summer by email with information regarding the Faith Formation program for the 2018-2019 year.

Faith Formation classes for 8th grade will be held on Sunday, March 18 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Faith Formation classes for 7th grade will be held on Monday, March 19 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Saint Mary Confirmation Formation

Students from St. Mary's Church will be confirmed on Sunday, May 6th at 11:15 am.

Students from Sacred Heart Parish will be confirmed on Sunday, May 6th at 5:00 pm.

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha will be the celebrant with Fr. David Costa at both Masses.

Rehearsal dates will be set and sent to all families in March. For more information regarding Confirmation at Saint Mary or Sacred Heart please contact Mrs. Linda Nolin at 508-699-9507

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

We are gratefully accepting donations for our Easter flower memorials. Those who receive the budget envelopes have already received a specially marked envelope for their donation. Please make sure to **clearly print** the names of deceased loved ones to be remembered on the envelope. If you did not receive an envelope you may send a listing of the names to be remembered with your donation to the parish office. In order to have the names printed in our book, please make sure the names are sent into the office no later than March 26.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society at Saint Mary's helps struggling local families with basic needs, including food, shelter, utilities, and heating. Monetary donations can be deposited in the poor boxes located near the church entrances, mailed to SVDP/Saint Mary's Church, 14 Park Saint, NA. Food donations can also be deposited in the SVDP bins near the church entrances or at the local Stop & Shop, along with any UNUSED COUPONS we can give to families in need. Anyone interested in joining the Society, please call 508-212-4755 or attend one of our monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION TEAM

Our Marriage Preparation Team is looking for young couples recently married within the last 1-5 years to join our group. This is a chance to help couples as they prepare for marriage by sharing your marriage experience. We provide a one day Marriage Preparation Session for couples from our parishes twice a year and meet two to three times a year for a few hours to prepare for these sessions. Please contact Lori Darragh at 508-695-8833 for more information. The next team planning meeting will be held on March 23 in preparation for our April 15 Spring Marriage Preparation Session. Couples from all of our parishes are encouraged and welcome to attend this planning meeting.

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TAX TIME

The 2017 end of the year statements, *for those parishioners using the budget envelope system*, have arrived. If you would like your statement, please call (508-695-6161) or email (stmaryna@noozi.com). If no one is available, please leave a message with your name address and parish. The statement will be mailed the next business day.



The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 29

Mass of the Lord's Supper at Sacred Heart Church, 7:00 p.m.

The church will be open until 11:00 p.m. for prayer at the repository in the chapel. Night Prayer will be celebrated at 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30

Stations of the Cross will be led by our young people at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Mark Church.

Service of the Lord's Passion at Saint Mark Church at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 31

Solemn Easter Vigil at Saint Mary Church at 7:30 p.m.

Please note: there is NO 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass at Saint Mary or Saint Mark Church on March 31.

Easter Sunday, April 1

Easter Masses at Saint Mark Church
8:30 am and 11:00 am

Easter Masses at Saint Mary Church
9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Easter Masses at Sacred Heart Church
8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Please note: there is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on
Easter Sunday

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Special Children's Liturgy of the Word for Palm Sunday

All children aged 4 – grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word, which is offered three Sundays a month during the 10:15 AM Mass at Sacred Heart. Next week on Palm Sunday, some of the older children will help proclaim the Gospel to the younger children with a drama of the Lord's Passion. After a short homily, the children will create a craft that celebrates Jesus' Resurrection. Children's Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated today at Sacred Heart's 10:15 AM Mass and next on March 25.

Saint Mary Parish 0902

Saint Mary Parish Staff

Rev. David A. Costa, Pastor

Very Rev. Jeffrey Cabral, J.C.L., in residence –
Saint Mark Rectory, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Kenneth Sicard, OP, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Gabriel Pivarnik, OP, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Deacon Joseph E. Regali

Rev. Deacon Juan Carlos Muñoz

S. Kathleen A. Corrigan, SUSC, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Monica T. Forte, Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Elaine Corvese, Director of Religious
Education, Grades 1-8

Mrs. Linda Nolin, Confirmation Coordinator

Mr. Michael Dias, Music Director

Mr. Miguel Peixoto, Buildings Supervisor

Saint Mary Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Contact Information

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Parish Office

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Saint Mary Cemetery

Mr. Jarrod Ward, Superintendent
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(508) 695-1173 or email Jarrod at ripco@comcast.net

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses, 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Saint Mark Church

Monday & Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.

Saint Mary Chapel

Tuesday & Thursday, 7:00 a.m.

Joining Our Parish

If you are new to the North Attleboro area, we welcome you to join our parish community. Parish census forms are found at the doors of the church, or you may contact the Parish Office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard in the Reconciliation Room of the church on Saturday afternoons from 3:00-3:30, or by prior appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is celebrated once a month at 12:30 on Sunday. Baptism Preparation class is required. Please call the Parish Office 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 the sick and homebound is provided by the parish staff and trained parishioners. Please call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the parish chapel on the First Friday of each month. Adoration begins at 7:00 a.m. and concludes with Night Prayer at 10:45 p.m.

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