

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

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2017

✠ Mass Intentions for the Week ✠

Saturday, October 21 – Vigil Mass

Saint Mark 4:00 pm

Mary A. Regan – 50th Anniversary

Saint Mary 4:00 pm

John & Bernice Prendergast – Memorial

Ellen K. Douglas – Memorial

Lisa Donnelly Fournier – Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, October 22 – 29th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart - 8:00 am

Jeannette Grenon – 16th Anniversary

Deceased Members of the Hastings Family -
Memorial

Claire Prefontaine – 1st Anniversary

Saint Mark - 8:30 am

Jean McIntyre – 23rd Anniversary

Saint Mary - 9:00 am

Walter M. Miller – 11th Anniversary

Beverly Welch – Birthday Remembrance

Jacqueline Marie Gow – 2nd Anniversary

Victoria Leco – Birthday Remembrance

Sacred Heart – 10:15 am

Derith Gamach – 5th Anniversary

Francine Scott - Memorial

Saint Mark - 11:00 am

Alice Bellavance - Memorial

Saint Mary - 11:15 am

Denise Boyland – 1st Anniversary

Sacred Heart – 5:00 pm

Joan D'Ambrosia - Memorial

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Monday, October 23

Saint Mark - 8:00 am

Edward A. Rogers – Memorial

Tuesday, October 24

Saint Mary - 7:00 am

Margaret Roessler – Memorial

Wednesday, October 25

Saint Mark - 8:00 am

Thomas Warren – Memorial

Thursday, October 26

Saint Mary - 7:00 am

A. Agnes Byrnes - Memorial

From Father Costa

This weekend I write regarding the successful beginning of our Faith Formation Program among our parish communities. Our First and Second grade classes are filled with our youngest students on Sunday mornings in each of our parishes. These children will be preparing, in this two year program, to receive the Sacraments of Penance and First Eucharist in Second grade.

On Sunday and Monday evenings we welcomed our students from Grades 8 and 7. We had wonderful groups of young people and adult leaders from our three parishes, working together, sharing their time and their faith.

As happens every year, there are still some students to be registered and books to be distributed. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work out some of the "beginning of the year" issues. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Elaine Corvese for her hard work, organization and enthusiasm as Director of Faith Formation. I know you will enjoy working with her and our dedicated catechists and volunteers. I also thank all those who have come forward to assist in any way; as greeters at Masses, as catechists, as classroom assistants. We are all grateful for your time and talents.

Finally, thank you to all our parents. At Baptism, you accepted the responsibility of being the first teachers of your children in the Faith. Our Faith Formation Program is designed to augment and assist parents in this very important role. Faith Formation is an on-going process, begun in childhood, that continues throughout our lives.

The title "Faith Formation," expresses the belief that formation in our Catholic Faith is more than just "education," facts and figures learned from a book. While these are important and necessary, our Faith is also celebrated - weekly - in the prayer life of the parish community. At Sunday Mass, we are nourished and challenged by the Word of God that is preached and the Body and Blood of Jesus that is shared. Our Catholic Faith is also lived at home and in the wider community. Here, our beliefs and values are put into practice on a daily basis.

We look forward to a rewarding and exciting year for our students and families as we grow in faith, together.

Weekly Collection

Many thanks to all those who continue to remember the financial needs of our parish. Thank you for remembering our Saint Mary community in your prayers and budgeting.

October 14-15: Budget: \$4,652.00
Building & Development: \$2,190.00

FESTIVAL OF TREES

We are looking for individuals or families to decorate trees. We provide the tree and lights; you provide the decorations, tree skirt and creativity. In the past themes have been such as Frozen, Pirates, Travel, Luck of the Irish, Baby's First Christmas..... but there is no limit to the design YOU can assemble! We are even planning a pizza party night this year on Tuesday, November 7th when you can come and decorate your tree, ask for suggestions, and browse our assortment of items to enhance your design. It's a great opportunity for a multi-generational family time together. Sign-ups and trees distribution will be on the weekends of October 21-22 and October 28-29 (if necessary). You can email or call Diana Gray at dgraysix@yahoo.com or 508 695-1143 with any questions. The Festival of Trees will be held during the Christmas Fair on November 24-25.

NOVEMBER WOMEN'S GUILD

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 6:30 PM for a very special event. The November meeting of the Guild will be a **Wine Tasting**. All women from all three downtown parishes, St. Mary's, Sacred Heart, and St. Mark's, are invited. **There is no charge to attend this event.** Because we are expecting a great turnout, the event will be held at the newly renovated **Heather Hill County Club**, 149 West Bacon Street, Plainville. Our Wine Presenter will be John Gedgauas, who is a local wine distributor. John is the wine expert. He will educate us and teach us about "Wine Pairing" with hors d'oeuvres and with dinners. And if you like what you taste, the wines will be available for purchase for you personally and/or for gift-giving for the holidays. The event chairs are Judy Colvin (508-212-0870), Sylvia Eighmy (508-631-9136), Karen Finocchi (508-320-5555), and Margaret Smith (508-369-7690). This event is by **"reservation only"**. So, please call one of the above chairs and get your reservation in by or before Wednesday, November 8th. We will need a count in order to be sure we have enough wine and hors d'oeuvres for everyone who attends.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT IS ON A WEDNESDAY AND NOT OUR TRADITIONAL SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. We look forward to welcoming all the women from all three parishes.

Faith Formation News

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

First and Second grade: Students attend the 9:00 a.m. liturgy and class follows from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Students in grades 3-6 are enrolled in the home study program. Please contact Elaine at 508-695-3823 if you have not picked up your book.

Workshops for all students in grades 3 and 4 will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm at Saint Mark Parish hall

Workshops for all students in grades 5 and 6 will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm at Saint Mark Parish hall

Please contact Elaine Corvese at 508-695-3823 or smshff@comcast.net with any questions regarding the Faith Formation Program, grades 1-8.

SAINT MARY CONFIRMATION FORMATION

Registration materials have been mailed out to incoming Grade 9 students. If you did not receive a packet, please contact Mrs. Linda Nolin at 508-699-9507 and leave a message with your student's name and address. *Class each month will begin with the 5:00 p.m. parish Mass that Confirmation candidates are expected to attend, class follows Mass in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.* The first class for all **Grade 9** students will be **October 22**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD


What is the parents' role in Children's Liturgy of the Word? Parents play a critical role in preparing the children to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word. We ask you to remind your children to listen attentively, walk in and out quietly with hands folded in a prayerful posture, stand reverently for the gospel, etc. After Mass, ask your children to retell the Scripture stories and discuss with them how we respond to the gospel message in our own lives. Let your children watch this video <http://childrensliturgy.weebly.com/little-peoples-creed.html> to learn words and gestures to the Little People's Creed, a prayer we pray together in church.

We encourage parents of participating children to join this ministry, either as session leaders or helpers. See the website for information about the ministry. Questions? Contact Manju (774-254-2202 manju@yoder.org) or Barb (774-254-1351 thegoads@comcast.net). *Children's Liturgy of the Word will next be held on November 5 at Sacred Heart's 10:15 AM Mass.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Thomas P. McDonough Knights of Columbus Council #330 meet in the parish hall of St. 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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
BROWN BAG PROJECT

 In order to stock our food pantry for the winter months and provide holiday meals for families in our area, the St. Vincent de Paul Society at both Saint Mary and Sacred Heart parishes are asking for your help. The “Brown Bags” which were previously distributed may be returned at weekend Masses or may be brought to the Parish Office during the week. *The conferences of both parishes would like to thank you in advance for your support of this project and the works of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society throughout the year.*

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.

BISHOP FEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL

Come to the Open House at Bishop Feehan High School (70 Holcott Drive, Attleboro) on Sunday, November 5 at 1:00 pm- sharp. Student guided tours will take place, along with informational areas with Department Heads, Athletic Staff, Extracurricular Staff and Student Speakers. For more information please call 508-226-1731 or visit the website at www.bishopfeehan.com

PILGRIMAGE PRAYER INTENTIONS

On Nov. 6 – 15, Fr. Jeff Cabral will be leading a group on pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain, with Fr. David Frederici, the Pastor of St. George in Westport. If you have any specific prayer intentions, please e-mail him at jac@dioc-fr.org (please put *Pilgrimage Prayer Intention* in the subject header) or drop him a note in the collection basket. These prayer intentions will be collected and remembered at daily Masses celebrated during the pilgrimage in Portugal and Spain.

SCARE OFF HUNGER

Saturday, October 28, at Briggs Nursery on Kelley Blvd from 11 am to 3:00 pm. Visitors can bring five canned goods, dry goods or toiletry items and receive a complimentary 4x6 photo of your child. Donations will be split between St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and Leonor’s Pantry locations. There will be a spooky themed set for photos of your children. Come and enjoy a Halloween event and support a great cause!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All the angels of heaven gaze in ecstasy at the image left on your soul after each holy hour you make in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

(Excerpts from ‘Letters to a Brother Priest’)

Come visit Jesus in adoration,

Saint Mary’s - Friday, November 3rd,
Beginning after the 7:00 a.m. Communion Service and concludes with Night Prayer at 10:45 p.m.

Sacred Heart - Saturday, November 4th
Beginning at 6:00 a.m. and concluding with Benediction at 2:00 p.m.

WE WELCOME

Two new members were welcomed into our Catholic Community at Sacred Heart Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, October 8, 2017. We are happy to welcome: *Katherine Joy Crawford*, daughter of Lauren & Edward Crawford and *Eden Leona McGrail*, daughter of Lauren & Joseph McGrail.

Six children were welcomed into our Catholic Community at Saint Mary Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, October 15, 2017. We are happy to welcome: *Hudson Tate Bickford*, son of Jennifer & Christopher Bickford, *Isabella Grace Giordano*, daughter of Deborah & Nicholas Giordano, *Charlotte Grace Longendorfer*, daughter of Kelly Burke & Russell Longendorfer, *Hailey Ann Nappi*, daughter of Katelyn & Nicholas Nappi and *Hudson Wyatt Perry*, son of Danielle & Ryan Perry.

Congratulations to all our children, their families, godparents and friends on this joyous celebration of faith!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Reminder to please return your filled Baby Bottles to any of the Masses at Sacred Heart and St. Mary’s the weekend of October 28-29th. Your donation will provide life-affirming counseling, education, baby supplies and the love and support of the Christian community to young pregnant women who are without resources and don’t know where to turn. Thank you for your help to those who cannot care for themselves by supporting this fundraising initiative! Abundant Hope Pregnancy Center is located at 182 East St. in Attleboro.

MARRIAGE CONGRATULATIONS

Our prayerful congratulations are extended to *Jennifer Lemieux and Nicholas Mancini* who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at Saint Mary on Saturday, October 14. *May God’s choicest blessing come upon you as you begin to live this sacrament of love.*



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

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Education, Grades 1-8

Mrs. Linda Nolin, Confirmation Coordinator

Mr. Michael Dias, Music Director

Mr. Miguel Peixoto, Buildings Supervisor

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Parish Office

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Saint Mary Cemetery

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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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