

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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

✠ **Mass Intentions for the Week** ✠

Saturday, November 18– Vigil Mass

Saint Mark 4:00 pm

Ronald Ciombor—5th Anniversary

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Saint Mary 4:00 pm

Louise Cote—15th Anniversary
Deceased Members of the Blais Family
Mary E. Ruby—15th Anniversary

Sunday, November 19– 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacred Heart - 8:00 am

Roger Labrie—Memorial
Joyce Copeland—Memorial
Catherine Landry—3rd Anniversary

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Saint Mark - 8:30 am

Catherine Lontok—3rd Anniversary
Carol Johnson—Memorial

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Saint Mary - 9:00 am

Elinore & Walter Leary—Memorial

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Sacred Heart – 10:15 am

Gerard Letourneau—Memorial
Therese Letourneau—Memorial
Roger Corriveau—Memorial

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Saint Mark - 11:00 am

For the People of the Parish

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Saint Mary - 11:15 am

Neal Poirier—Memorial
Deceased members of the Ward Family
Deceased Members of the Cox Family

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Sacred Heart – 5:00 pm

Horace Costa—Birthday Remembrance

Saturday, November 25– Vigil Mass

Saint Mary 4:00 pm

Lawrence William Murphy – 24th Anniversary
Rita M. Dumont – 5th Anniversary

Sunday, November 26– Christ the King

Saint Mary - 9:00 am

Mary J. Wagner – 6th Anniversary
Benjamin F. Brown – 6th Anniversary

Saint Mary - 11:15 am

Marianne Twombly- 1st Anniversary
Robert Laporte – 9th Anniversary

From Father Costa

From an article by Fr. Bill Murtaugh on Gratitude.

You may remember the story of the young man, Aron Ralston, whose arm became pinned under a boulder while on a solo mountain climbing trip. He was there for five days, hoping to be rescued, but he was not. Eventually he made the decision to free himself by amputating his arm, and as a result was able to hike out to be rescued. Aron shared information with his pastor regarding the turning point in his story. He wasn't afraid, despairing or even angry. The overwhelming emotion in his heart was thankfulness. He began to remember all the wonderful experiences of his life. He was thankful for his family and friends. He was completely overcome with gratitude for his entire life. And he began to think, "I want more of that!" And that overwhelming gratitude for life and desire for more life gave Aron the strength to take the actions that would result in his rescue. **Gratitude** literally saved Aron's life.

Gratitude is at the heart of religion, the spiritual life. Someone once said, "Gratitude is the most direct line to God." Ask anyone in recovery, and he/she will say that statement is absolutely true. Clearly, the sacred scriptures of all the world's religions remind us that God wants us to be grateful. Why? Because gratitude is life-giving and healing. Gratitude is good for our spirit, good for our heart, good for our mind, and even good for our body. People who practice gratitude experience more joy, contentment, and fulfillment than those who are not grateful. Gratitude is a powerful, life-giving practice.

Gratitude is a choice – our choice. We must make that choice every day. If I had to choose one word to sum up my life today, it would be "thankful". Without gratitude we cannot be generous. We need to be aware of the many gifts we have been given rather than to complain about what we haven't received.

Please consider the following as we approach Thanksgiving. Are you thankful for the people who make up this community, for the friendships you've made? Are you thankful for this community that assembles every weekend for prayer and Eucharist? Are you thankful for this unique community that is concerned about the poor, the members who are sick, homebound or in care centers. A community that works for peace, justice and the dignity of all?

Of all the groups and organizations that you belong to, is there any that is as unique as this faith community? Are you thankful?

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.

*Nov. 11-12: Budget: \$4,785.99
Building & Development: \$2,520.99*

Daily Mass Intentions

Monday, November 20-Saint Mark - 8:00 am

Bob Iaconis—19th Anniversary
Eleanor Hayes—Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, November 21-Saint Mary - 7:00 am

S. Celine Teresa Rainville, S USC—Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, November 22-Saint Mark - 8:00 am

For the Sick of our Parish Communities

Thursday, November 23- Thanksgiving Day

No Mass or Communion Service

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.

ADVENT MEN'S PROGRAM

Join us Saturday mornings beginning Saturday November 18th as we survey the book *The Divine Dance - The Trinity and your transformation* by Franciscan Father Richard Rohr. Breakfast will be available at 6:15am and the program will begin at 7am and end at 8am. The program is free of charge and is open to all men of the area. The location of the programs will rotate through St. Marks, St. Theresa in South Attleboro, St. Mary North Attleboro and St. John in Attleboro. Please visit the St Mark website at: www.stmarks-attleborofalls.org/mens-group

COAT DRIVE

Knights of Columbus Council #330 is sponsoring a coat drive over the coming three weekends, from Dec. 2/3 through Dec. 16/17. Clearly labeled boxes will be at back of the church by the main entrance. Please donate any unwanted, gently used (and clean) winter coats that you may have at home. Hats, gloves, and mittens are also welcome. The clothing will be donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Society clothing store in Attleboro, which serves those helped by our SVdP Conferences here in North Attleborough. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. If you have any questions, please contact Erik Morris at 508-400-1757.

Faith Formation News

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

Grades 1 & 2: Faith Formation Classes will not be held on Sunday, November 26 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday

Parents of Home Study students grades 3 – 6: If you have not picked up the textbook and lesson syllabus please contact the Faith Formation office at 508-695-3823 to make arrangements to pick up the materials

Students in Seventh grade: Next class is held on Monday, Dec. 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's parish hall.

Students in Eighth grade: Next class is held on Sunday, Dec. 3 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's parish hall.

Please don't forget to sign in! Books for all parishes are located in our churches. The books for all grades are located at the rear of the church.

*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

*Class each month will begin with the 5:00 p.m. parish Mass at Sacred Heart. Confirmation candidates are expected to attend, class follows Mass in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. The next class for all **Grade 9** students will be **November 19**. For more information regarding Confirmation at Saint Mary or Sacred Heart please contact Mrs. Linda Nolin at 508-699-9507.*

SAINT MARY CHRISTMAS FAIR

We hope you will mark your calendars and make plans to attend the Annual Christmas Fair at Saint Mary Parish. The festivities begin on Friday, November 24 with the Festival of Trees in the main church from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Come and see the beautifully decorated trees and enjoy some beautiful music. Then on Saturday, Nov. 25, come to the Fair. The Fair begins at 9:00 am and continues through 4:00 pm with lots of raffle baskets, delicious baked goods and candy, Silent Auction items, the popular Wine Wheel, handcrafted knit and craft items...and of course our beautiful wreaths! Come for breakfast and stay for lunch! We hope to see you there.

20 WEEK CLUB—Week 3

These are the winners - week 3 of the 20 Week club

#214—John Wignall—\$25

#079—Linda Gibbons—\$20

#182—Donna Lovenbury—\$15

#155—Gavin Mooney—\$10

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Festival of Trees Update – The Tree Committee will be in the main church on **Tuesday evening, November 21st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for tree drop offs, we will also be there on Friday morning, November 24th from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.** If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Kerry Vigorito at jkvig@hotmail.com or 508 294-3883. We look forward to seeing all of the beautiful trees that have been created!

LECTOR WORKBOOKS 2018

New lector workbooks are available for the coming liturgical year. The new workbooks begin the weekend of December 3. The workbooks are located in the sacristy. We ask you to please check your name off on the list when you take your workbook. Thank you!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

In order for the staff to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday, the parish office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 22 and remain closed through the remainder of the week. The office will re-open on Monday, November 27. Thank you for your understanding. *Happy Thanksgiving!*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This fall, between 50-75 children have been attending Children's Liturgy of the Word at Sacred Heart's 10:15 AM Mass. As we near the holidays, we expect these numbers to swell. It's wonderful to see so many children responding to the call to listen to the Word of God. However, with these numbers we need more adult leaders and helpers to shepherd the children. Parents are especially encouraged to attend CLOW along with their children for the first few times and are invited to discern their involvement with this important ministry. This ministry has been so fruitful and life-giving to those who have been called. Are you being called? Go to www.childrensliturgy.weebly.com for more info. *Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered next on December 3.*

NEATNESS COUNTS!

Please help us keep our Parish home clean and tidy. After Mass, please take a moment to return your missal to the holder, take your bulletin and put the kneeler up. Please take any debris; tissues, wrappers, and throw them away. Trash containers can be found at the main entrances to the church. ***We also ask that an adult accompany any children in need of the restrooms during Mass, and that they be used only if urgently needed.*** Please help us keep our parish clean and welcoming to all who may come after you. *Thank you for your assistance!*

WE WELCOME

A new member was welcomed into our Catholic Community at Sacred Heart Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 12, 2017. We are happy to welcome: *Catherine Megan Harwood*, daughter of Megan & Andrew Harwood. *Congratulations to Catherine Megan, her family, godparents and friends on this joyous celebration of faith!*

UPCOMING BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approach our bulletin printing company has earlier deadlines for submission. If you are asking for something to be printed in the bulletin in the coming weeks please note that all information will need to be in the office by noon on the dates below:

Bulletins for Nov. 26 have already gone to the publisher.
Dec. 8 for weekend of Dec. 17
Dec. 14 for weekend of Dec. 24
Dec. 20 for weekend of Dec. 31
Dec. 21 for weekend of Jan. 7

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2017 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

It is almost here, but it is not too late to help make our Fair a success! We ask you to consider how you can participate in this annual event. Please use the "clip and drop" to let us know where you would like to help. We are also asking for donations to our Silent Auction. If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to help, please call Karen Smith at 508-699-7955.

Please clip and drop in collection basket or mail to the office: 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA 02760
Saint Mary Christmas Fair November 25, 2017

We need everyone's help in making our Christmas Fair a big success! Listed below are ways **you** can make a difference. Please circle your choices below!

Yes, I can help with the Christmas Fair this year!

Name: _____
Telephone: _____

Please circle what you would like to do:

Help with set – up ~ Help to decorate ~ Bake
Make candy ~ Donate a gift card Donate
a bottle of wine ~ Sponsor a table
Help with the Festival of Trees
Work the day of the Fair
Hours available to work _____

*Please contact Karen Smith 508-699-7955
with any questions.*

Saint Mary Parish Staff

Rev. David A. Costa, Pastor

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

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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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stmaryna@noozi.com

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Parish Office

Phone (508) 695-6161 **FAX** (508) 695-5248

Faith Formation Contact

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Saint Vincent de Paul Help-Line

(508) 212-4755

Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School

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smsdh@smsdh.dfrcs.org www.smsdna.com

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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