

# 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*

# February 17, 2019 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, February 16—Vigil Mass

*Saint Mark 4:00 pm*

Marco Tulio – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Rosella Findlen – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Elaine Basque – Birthday Remembrance

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*Saint Mary 4:00 pm*

Richard “Dick” Quinn – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Sunday, February 17 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Sacred Heart - 8:00 am*

Ruth Podsiadlo - Memorial

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*Saint Mark - 8:30 am*

For the People of the Parish

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*Saint Mary – 9:00 am*

Muriel Fitzgibbons – Birthday Remembrance

Robert MacCormack – Birthday Remembrance

Thomas Muldoon – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

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*Sacred Heart – 10:15 am*

Deceased Holy Union Sisters, Associates and Benefactors

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*Saint Mark – 11:00 am*

Grace Feid - Memorial

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*Saint Mary - 11:15 am*

Melina Petrucci – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Glenn Berger – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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*Sacred Heart– 5:00 pm*

Rosaria Angelo – Memorial

Elaine Basque – Birthday Remembrance

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Saturday, February 23—Vigil Mass

*Saint Mary 4:00 pm*

Ernest Mann – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Robert Roche, Jr. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

James Taksar – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday, February 24 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Saint Mary – 9:00 am*

Beatrice Leary – Memorial

Edward Joyce, Sr. – 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Robert MacCormack – 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Saint Mary - 11:15 am*

Gertrude Dagosta – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

John Plath – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

William Boyland – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## From Father Costa

### BLESSED

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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### WOMEN'S DAY OF RETREAT

Would you like to gather with other woman to pray, discuss and reflect on the wide and deep mercy of God? Would you like to know more about the divine promises made to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska? If so, plan on giving yourself the gift of a few hours on March 23, from 8:30am-1pm. More information to follow.

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed, Monday, February 18 in observance of President’s Day. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## Weekly Collection

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

**February 9-10**

Budget: \$4,043.00

Building & Development: \$2,577.00

Saint Mary Special Fuel: \$236.00

### Weekday Mass Intentions

#### Monday, February 18, Saint Mark – 8:00 am

Rose Martinelli – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Lean Trudeau – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Tuesday, February 19- Saint Mary - 7:00 am

Joan Provost - Memorial

#### Wednesday, February 20-Saint Mark – 8:00 am

Mark Pion – 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

John McCarthy – 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Thursday, February 21-7:00 am

Grace Resendes - Memorial

### WOMEN OF SAINT MARK

Save the date: Our March meeting will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> and we will be holding our first ever book discussion. Copies of “Life’s Greatest Lesson” by Allan Hunt are available to borrow and are located in the Kitchen. Feel free to sign out a copy and return it when you are finished.

### TAX TIME

The 2018 end of the year statements, *for those parishioners using the budget envelope system*, have arrived. These statements only include funds donated through the budget envelopes. If you drop a check in the collection without an envelope or if you have your donation sent directly from the bank, it will not be recorded in this process. If you would like your statement, please call (508-695-6161) or email ([stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com)) the Parish Office to have it mailed to you. If no one is available, please leave a message with your name and address, and which parish you belong to and the statement will be mailed the next business day. Please contact the office with any questions. Thank you.

### 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. For more information please go to [www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org).

## Faith Formation News

Director of Religious Education Grades 1-8

Mrs. Elaine Corvese

### **Students in grades 3-5**

Grade 3 – Mon., March 11, Grade 4, Tues. March 12,

Grade 5 – Wed., March 13.

**Students in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Next Class Sunday, **March 3** from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Saint Mark Parish Center.

**Students in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Next Class, Monday, **March 4** from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in Saint Mary Parish Hall.

**Students in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Next Class Sunday, **March 3** from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in Saint Mary Parish Hall.

### CONFIRMATION FORMATION

We have received word from the Diocese of Fall River that the dates for Confirmation are as follows:

Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart Parish (for parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish)

Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 AM Mass at St. Mary's Parish (for parishioners of St. Mary's Parish)

Rehearsal dates will be announced shortly.

The next class will be held on **Sunday, March 10** beginning with the 5:00 pm Mass and continuing with class from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Linda Nolin, the Confirmation Formation Coordinator at 508-699-9507.

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Parents requesting the baptism of their child should be registered members of the parish who attend weekend Mass here at Saint Mary on a weekly basis. Please pick up and complete one of the Parish Census forms if you have not already registered with the parish. If this is your first Baptism here at Saint Mary Parish, parents are asked to attend a baptismal preparation session. The next session will be held in April. Advance registration is required. Please call the parish office or email Monica at [stmaryna@noozi.com](mailto:stmaryna@noozi.com) for more information.

### 20 WEEK CLUB

Winners Week 11

#052 - Sue McInerney - \$25;

#221 - Flora Robinson - \$20;

#108 - Mary Ellen Fauth - \$15;

#491 - Louise Farrands - \$10.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered three times a month at the 10:15 AM Mass at Sacred Heart. All children, age 4 – grade 5 are invited to attend! CLOW is a time of prayer and reflection on God's Word presented with child-friendly language and rituals. It provides a wonderful opportunity to involve our young children in the liturgy at a level understandable to them. At the start of the Mass, Father invites the children to come forward. The children leave the main church and assemble with their age groups in the meeting room, library, and sacristy. Children's Liturgy of the Word follows the Order of the Mass. Children return to their families at the Offertory and join the community in celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Children's Liturgy is run by parents and adults from the North Attleboro parishes. Leaders are CORI certified by the diocese. This is a drop-in program; there is no registration. Children from all three parishes are welcome to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word at Sacred Heart. For more information about the program and to see the 2019 CLOW schedule, go to [www.childrensliturgy.weebly.com](http://www.childrensliturgy.weebly.com) or contact Manju Yoder ([manju@yoder.org](mailto:manju@yoder.org), 774-254-2202) or Barb Goad ([thegoads@comcast.net](mailto:thegoads@comcast.net), 774-2564-1351).

CLOW will be held next on February 24th. Enjoy the school vacation week!

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society at Saint Mary Parish 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 or mailed to SVDP/Saint Mary's Church, 14 Park Saint, North Attleboro. If you are interested in joining the Society, please call 508-212-4755 or attend one of our monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month held in Saint Mary parish hall.

### WE WELCOME

Two members were welcomed into our Faith family at the Sacrament of Baptism on the weekend of February 9-10 at Saint Mary Parish. We are happy to welcome: *Kamryn Faith Shepardson*, daughter of Shannon & Cory Shepardson and *Logan James Carlisle*, son of Kerrin & James Carlisle, Jr. Congratulations to the children, their parents and godparents on this joyous celebration of faith!

### IRISH NIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA

Preparations are now in full swing for our annual Irish Night. We are hoping that you all will be able to attend this fun-filled night of fellowship, music, sing-alongs, amazing food, and a little "Luck of the Irish". The date will be Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and the cost will be \$25.00 per person. Tickets will be sold after all the Masses at Saint Mary's the weekends of February 16<sup>th</sup>, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A great hit last year was our "wine wheel" where everyone could take a chance to win! We are looking for donations toward this, so if you can donate any wine bottles it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought to mass or you can contact one of the following people below and they can arrange to pick it up. **So mark your calendars!** Please contact Karen Smith (508)699-7955, Deb Fitzgibbons (978)884-1945, Norma McCarthy (508) 695-6817 or Diana Gray (508) 695-1143.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For the past few years, we have adopted the following policy when bad weather strikes. The same policy is in place this year as we approach the winter storm season.

1. For daily Mass in our parishes, we follow the directive: if school in North Attleborough is canceled or delayed, **daily Mass is canceled for that morning.**
2. Sunday Mass is never canceled due to weather, but common sense should always prevail. If we are told to stay off the roads in a storm, then you should stay home and, if necessary, miss Mass. There is no sin of missing Mass involved in this particular instance. This is for your safety and the safety of others.
3. If there is a severe storm on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday and the roads are not good for driving, Fr. Ken, Fr. Gabriel and our other friends from PC, would most probably not be available for Mass. Therefore, as needed, Saturday 4:00 pm Mass and all Sunday Masses would be held at Saint Mary Church (at 9 & 11:15) for that day as Fr. Costa and Father Jack live at the Park Street property adjacent to the church. Sacred Heart Church and Saint Mark Church would not be open for use under these circumstances.

*Thank you for your understanding and cooperation concerning these directives.*

## **Saint Mary Parish Staff**

Rev. David A. Costa, Pastor

Rev. John M. "Jack" Schrader, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Kenneth Sicard, OP, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Gabriel Pivarnik, OP, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Deacon Joseph E. Regali

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

Mr. James Kitsock - Building Maintenance

## **Saint Mary Parish Office**

14 Park Street

North Attleborough, Massachusetts 02760

### **Office Hours**

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

### **Contact Information**

#### **Parish e-mail**

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#### **Parish website**

[www.saintmaryna.com](http://www.saintmaryna.com)

#### **Parish Office**

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#### **Faith Formation Contact**

(508) 695-3823

e-mail: [smshff@comcast.net](mailto:smshff@comcast.net)

#### **Saint Vincent de Paul Help-Line**

(508) 212-4755

## **Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School**

Mrs. Charlotte Lourenco, Principal

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[smsh@smsh.dfrcs.org](mailto:smsh@smsh.dfrcs.org) [www.smshschool.com](http://www.smshschool.com)

## **Saint Mary Cemetery**

Mr. Jarrod Ward, Superintendent

Towne Street

North Attleborough, Massachusetts 02760

(508) 695-1173 or email Jarrod at [ripco@comcast.net](mailto: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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