

Sacred Heart Parish
North Attleborough, Massachusetts

December 10, 2017

Sacred Heart Parish

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Welcome to Sacred Heart

Welcome to our Parish! If you are visiting the North Attleboro area we hope your stay is enjoyable. If you have recently moved to our area, we welcome you to join our parish family. Please introduce yourself to our clergy/staff after Mass on any Sunday.

Welcome Packets containing parish information and registration forms may be found in the information racks at the doors of the church. To join our parish, please complete the confidential registration form and return it to the parish office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office. The Parish Office is located at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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

Sister 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 Formation Coordinator

Mrs. Charlotte Lourenco, School Principal

Mr. David G. D'Amico, Music Director

Mr. Miguel Peixoto, Buildings Supervisor

Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School

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Sunday Mass

8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass

Monday & Wednesday at 8:00 am at Saint Mark Church

Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 am at Saint Mary Chapel

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on a monthly basis. First time parents and new parishioners seeking Baptism are asked to participate in a Baptism Preparation session which is held on the third Sunday of each month. Registration packets are found at the entrances of the church.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults, baptized and non-baptized, interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, are invited to participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Marriage

Couples seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the parish office at least nine months prior in order to begin formal preparations. Please make sure you check the availability of the church before making any further plans.

Sacrament of the Sick & Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care visitors regularly visit our sick, elderly, and homebound parishioners. Those desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick should contact the parish office to arrange a visit from the parish priest. Those homebound or elderly parishioners desiring to receive the Eucharist should contact the parish office to arrange pastoral care. Please call the Parish office at 508-695-6161. If you leave a message your call will be returned as soon as possible. Thank you!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 9– Vigil -2nd Sunday of Advent

Saint Mark 4:00 pm

Dorothy Tarani – Memorial

Saint Mary 4:00 pm

Adele Johnson – 7th Anniversary

Shirley Parker – 2nd Anniversary

Neal Poirier – Memorial

Sunday, December 10– 2nd Sunday of Advent

Sacred Heart - 8:00 am

Michael & Edna Arata

Saint Mark - 8:30 am

Grace Feid –Memorial

Saint Mary - 9:00 am

Raymond Vandette, Sr. – 37th Anniversary

Walter M. Miller – Birthday Remembrance

Maria C. Camara - Memorial

Sacred Heart – 10:15 am

Roger Corriveau - Memorial

Saint Mark - 11:00 am

Erna G. Crochetiere

Saint Mary - 11:15 am

Michael Gilmore – Birthday Remembrance

Horace Costa – Memorial

Sacred Heart – 5:00 pm

Susanne Wignall - Memorial

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Sunday, December 17– 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sacred Heart - 8:00 am

Pauline Hastings – Birthday Remembrance

Sacred Heart – 10:15 am

Rachel & Leo Piette - Memorial

Sacred Heart – 5:00 pm

Dean Demers - Memorial

December Memorials

Host, Wine and Lamps

In Memory of Russell Kenney, Shaun Kenney and

Cheryl Milone

Requested by the family



Prayer Requests

In your kindness, please pray for: Yvette Boehling, Teresa Sarrazin, Judy Leaden, Lucille Paquin, Jim Leaden, Ernest Goulet, Richard Soares, Karen McCusker, Barbara Paquette, Raymond Goulet, Rolande Poirier, Bernie Poirier, Yan Perez, Kira Corning, Dale Vose, Gail Blais, Ron Deschenes, Mark Johnson, Brian Kenney, Kevin Garvey, Diane Higgins, Mark Vose, Lillian Denis, Aaron Kenney, Laura King, Tom Levesque, Emma Thistlewaite, Mia Filleti, Linda Newman, Gary, Liam DiPilato, Elizabeth Morin, Maureen Miconi-Ross, Beth Kinneally, Sean McNamee, Mina Lacasse, Michael Weygand, Emily Ryan, Cassidy Burke, Gabriela, Cindy & Carlos Ruiz, Leah Grace Davis, Maureen Roche, Nick, Dorothy Beaulieu, Joan Driscoll, Brian Dughily, Rene Flamand, Mary McCauhey, Joanne Debello, Carol McIntosh, Beth Belanger, Lisa Petrucci, Joy Goulet, Jackie Belham, Paul Couturier, Michael Hassett, Peggy Conrad-Pope, Bill Pope, Richard Deschenes, Winnie Hassett, Madeline Lander, Paul Dumas, Joann Waskiel, James Taylor, Irene Vallee, Kim Rioux, Dottie Doe, Angel Brown, Richard Dughily, Lucille Bose, Betty Deschenes, Hugo Collamati, James Reed, Barbara & Sue Roy, Kimberly Lima-Ritacco, William Porter, Amanda Blackinton, Ken Giacoppo, Al Seigny, Karen Fallon

Weekly Stewardship

December 3, 2017 ~ \$7,675.00

Stewardship Reflection

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

Weekday Mass Intentions

Daily Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11-Saint Mark – 8:00 am

Robert O'Neil - Memorial

Tuesday, December 12-Saint Mary - 7:00 am

For the Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, December 13-Saint Mark – 8:00 am

Members of the Rae-Kelly family, All Priests and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 14–7:00 am

Ruth Papineau - Memorial

20 WEEK CLUB—Week 6

#181 - Gerard Charbonneau - \$25:

#206 - Mark Shorrocks - \$20:

#097 - Carol Esmeraldo - \$15:

#162 - Mrs. Linda Costa - \$10.

The Second Sunday of Advent – December 10, 2017

Coat Drive

Knights of Columbus Council #330 is sponsoring a coat drive ends, next weekend 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. 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.

Baptismal Preparation

The monthly Baptismal Preparation session at Sacred Heart will be held on Dec. 17 following the 10:15 am Mass beginning at approximately 11:30. First time parents and families new to the parish are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation session before a baptism can be scheduled. Pre-registration is also required. For more information, please contact Monica in the office at 508-695-6161.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul


Calling new members!!! We invite you to join us on Monday, **December 11 at 7:00 pm** in the Sacred Heart Meeting Room. Come and find out about the good works of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, and find out how you can become a member of our ministry! If you are in need of assistance, or know of someone else who is, please call the help line at 774-254-7587.

Upcoming Bulletin Submission Deadlines

As the Christmas and New Year 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:

- weekend of Dec. 17 – already at publisher
- Dec. 14 for weekend of Dec. 24
- Dec. 20 for weekend of Dec. 31
- Dec. 21 for weekend of Jan. 7

Advent Adopt-a-Family Project

Envelopes marked “Adopt-a-Family” can be found at the entrances of the church. Please take one or as many as you would like.  These may be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office at 14 Park Street, North Attleborough, MA. For all the ways that you have been “Christ” to others... Thank you!

Faith Formation Christmas Pageant

The Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 17 following the 9:00 am Mass at Saint Mary Parish. We hope you will make plans to attend this Annual Faith Formation Christmas Pageant! Please contact Mrs. Hare at 508 643 7173 with any questions.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Wanted: Children’s Liturgy of the Word Aides to join our rotating team!

Who: Students 8th Grade and older – Perfect for Confirmation Candidates.

What: Students to assist leaders in activities with the children, walk with children to and from the main church.

Where: At Sacred Heart’s 10:15 AM Masses (CLOW is usually offered 3 times per month).

When: December 2017 through June 2018. We give you flexibility. You may choose the Sundays you want to help.

Why: To make the children’s experience of church meaningful while showing them that they are important participants in the Liturgy of God’s Word.

Contact Manju Yoder (manju@yoder.org) 774-254-2202 to be put on the schedule.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered today and will next be held on December 17

Christmas Flowers

For those who use the monthly budget system, an envelope has been included in your budget packet for your memorial donation towards the purchase of Christmas flowers. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. If you do not use the budget system, we invite you to consider making a donation in memory of a deceased loved one. Mark your donation envelope “Christmas Flowers” and the name of the Parish and include your memorial list with your donation. All Christmas flower donations should be at the parish office by **Monday, December 18**.

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 *Mary Adele Thimot*, whose funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Mary on Sat., Dec. 2. Our prayerful sympathy is extended to her children and all her family and friends.

Your prayers are additionally requested for the repose of the soul of *longtime parishioner, Albert Houle*, whose funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Mary on Mon., Dec. 4. Our prayerful sympathy is extended to his wife, JoAnn, their daughter, Danielle, his mother-in-law, Josephine and all their family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto Mary and Al, O Lord.

Let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest always in your loving embrace.

From Father Costa

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where's Waldo?* children's book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presepios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

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Taped TV Mass for Epiphany

Fr. Jeff Cabral will be celebrating a taped television Mass this coming Saturday, December 16, at 10:15 am at the chapel in Bishop Stang High School in Dartmouth. (*The Mass will air on Epiphany, Sunday, January 7, on Channel 6 at 11 am.*) All are invited to join him. Please arrive early as the taping will begin promptly. For further information, please contact Fr. Jeff at jac@dioc-fr.org.

Sacred Heart 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 **December 17**. For more information regarding Confirmation at Saint Mary or Sacred Heart please contact Mrs. Linda Nolin at 508-699-9507



As you plan your Christmas celebrations with family and friends, please note our schedule of Masses.



Christmas Mass Schedule 2017

Sacred Heart

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Midnight Mass at 12 midnight.

Our Adult Choir will offer music selections prior to Mass at 11:40 p.m and will sing for the Midnight Mass.

Monday, December 25

Mass of Christmas Day at 10:15 a.m

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Saint Mary

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Masses at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

The choir will offer music selections prior to the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

Monday, December 25

Mass of Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m.

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Saint Mark

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Vigil Masses at 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

The Children's Choir will sing at the 4:00 p.m. Mass

The Adult Choir will sing at the 6:00 p.m. Mass

Monday, December 25

Mass of Christmas Day at 8:30 a.m.

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Please note the abbreviated schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23/24)

Saint Mark Parish – Saturday, Dec. 23 - 4:00 pm

Saint Mary Parish – Saturday, Dec. 23 – 4:00 pm

Sacred Heart Parish – Sunday, Dec. 24 – 8:00 am

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Faith Formation News

Director of Religious Education Grades 1-8

Mrs. Elaine Corvese

Grades 1 & 2: Faith Formation Classes are held today Sunday, Dec. 10.

Faith Formation classes will not be held on Sunday, December 17 through December 31 due to the Christmas holiday season. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7.