Palm Sunday
Sacred Heart Parish
North Attleborough, Massachusetts
March 20, 2016
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. New Parishioner Orientation is scheduled on a regular basis. You will receive an invitation to one of these Sunday morning sessions through the mail. 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
Rev. Kenneth Sicard, OP, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Gabriel Pivarnik, OP, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Deacon Joseph E. Regali, Deacon
Sister Kathleen A. Corrigan, SUSC Pastoral Associate
Mrs. Monica T. Forte, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Michele Dillon, Faith Formation Coordinator
Mrs. Linda Nolin, Confirmation Formation Coordinator
Mrs. Denise Peixoto, School Principal
Mr. David G. D’Amico, Music Director
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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 Mary Chapel
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.
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### Mass Intentions

**Sunday, March 20:** Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion  
8:00 a.m. Lena Watters – 2nd Anniversary  
10:15 a.m. John LaRose & Charles LaRose - Memorial  
         Requested by a friend  
5:00 p.m. Diane Graveline – Memorial  

**Monday, March 21:**  
At Saint Mary Chapel  
8:00 a.m. Deceased Holy Union Sisters, Associates and Benefactors  

**Wednesday, March 23:**  
At Saint Mary Chapel  
8:00 a.m. For an increase of vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life  

**Holy Thursday, March 24**  
7:00 p.m.  
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at Saint Mary Church  

**Good Friday, March 25**  
3:00 p.m. at Saint Mary Church  
Stations of the Cross  
7:00 p.m. at Saint Mary Church  
Service of the Lord’s Passion  

**Holy Saturday, March 26**  
7:30 pm Easter Vigil  
7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church  
Please note: there is no 4:00 pm Mass at Saint Mary  

**Easter Sunday, March 27**  
8:00 a.m. Easter Flower Memorials  
10:15 a.m. Easter Flower Memorials  
Please note there is NO 5:00 pm Mass on Easter  

### Prayer Requests


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### In Your Prayers

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul, Charles Meunier Sr., whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, March 18. Our prayerful sympathies are extended to his children and all their family and friends.  

Eternal rest grant unto Charles, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest always in the loving arms of God.  

### 40 Days for Life

Parishioners from Sacred Heart and St. Mary’s are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life vigil in Attleboro on Saturday, March 26th. Please join the Respect Life Ministry to pray outside of the Abortion Clinic, Four Women, from 7:00-9:00 am. Meet on the public grounds of Angel Park located at 150 Emory St. in Attleboro. 40 Days for Life is a peaceful, prayerful pro-life campaign that has been embraced by more than half a million people worldwide. It joins 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion and has saved over 5,000 lives from abortion. For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/Attleboro……..All things are possible with God!

### Electronic Giving

You may sign-up for the E-giving program by going to the internet link listed on our parish website or going directly to the site at: www.e-giving.org/SacredHeartChurchNorthAttleboro.  

A link is up on the parish website (www.shna.org) with a link to instructions for sign up. Tax information is available on the site.

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**Weekly Stewardship**  
March 13, 2016 – $5,663.00  

**Memorials**  
Monthly memorials for the host, wine and lamps are available for many months of 2016, along with daily and weekend Mass Intentions. Please contact Monica for more information regarding availability. Thank you.
Spring Cleaning
It is that time of year - time to spruce up our beautiful church as we prepare for the Easter Holy Days. We will be cleaning on Monday, March 21 beginning around 4:00 p.m. and continuing through the early evening. Anyone who would like to assist, please contact Joan Belham at 508-695-5215. You may also email Monica at the Parish Office (stmaryna@noozi.com) and she will pass your name along to Joan. Thank you!

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 Monday, March 21.

Baptismal Preparation
Our monthly Baptism Preparation session will be held today, March 20 following the 10:15 a.m. Mass. (Approximately 11:30 a.m.) The meeting will take place in the chapel. First time parents and families new to the parish are required to attend a Baptism Preparation session before a baptism can be scheduled. Pre-registration is also required. Baptism information packets are available in the information racks at the side front doors of the church or by contacting Monica at the Parish Office (508-695-6161). Please send the completed registration form to the parish office on Park Street. For more information, please see Deacon Joe after Mass today or call the parish office.

SMASH Stations of the Cross
The Grade 4 students of our parish school invite you to their presentation of the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday afternoon, March 22, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. The students present each Station in tableaux with various readings and prayers. It is a quite moving reflection.

Good Friday Prayer Walk
The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them as they participate in a Prayer Walk from Sacred Heart Church to Saint Mary Church on Good Friday afternoon. The group will meet at 2:15 pm in front of Saint Mary- Sacred Heart School on Richards Ave. They will process with song and readings and will end at Saint Mary Parish by 2:50 pm. The group will then attend the 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross at Saint Mary. Please consider joining this holy walk.

The Sacred Triduum
Holy Thursday, March 24
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00 p.m.
Saint Mary Church
Repository in the chapel with Night Prayer at 11:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25
Stations of the Cross led by the youth of our parishes
3:00 p.m.
Saint Mary Church
Service of the Lord’s Passion
7:00 p.m.
Saint Mary Church

Holy Saturday, March 26
Easter Vigil
7:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church

Easter Sunday, March 27
Easter Masses – Sacred Heart
8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday at Sacred Heart Church

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

There is no 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday at Saint Mary Church

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
The 2016 Family Walk will be held on Sat.,April 23 from 9:00 to 12 noon at the Attleboro Springs Trail located at LaSalette Shrine. Please think about becoming a business sponsor, walker or pledging a walker. Information and participation forms are available at www.SVdPAttleboro.org. More information will be available in the coming weeks in our bulletins.
**From Father Costa**

With this week’s bulletin you will find a specially printed envelope for your annual Lenten fast donation. The members of Sacred Heart Parish, joined for the past nine years with Saint Mary Parish, help to support the ministry of Sister Eileen Davey, S.U.S.C., at Saint Louis de Montfort Parish in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Located in the capital city of the poorest nation in the western hemisphere, Saint Louis de Montfort Parish offers much needed hope and assistance to people who are struggling to survive. For almost 20 years, Sister Eileen has served the parishioners as founder/director of the Nutrition Center. This center provides pre-school formation for 100 children daily. In addition to basic social skills, play time, and school readiness, Sister and her staff provide the children one nutritious meal each day. For most of her charges, this is the one and only meal they will receive daily. The center also provides work opportunities for a number of the parishioners who serve as teacher aides, cooks, and staff members.

This work would not continue if it were not for the generosity of the people of our two parishes. At least one third of Sister Eileen’s yearly operating budget is generated by this Lenten collection.

Seeing a need in the families participating in the Nutrition Center program, Sister has also established a small medical dispensary that provides basic medicines and health care needs. Things we readily take for granted are not always available to the parishioners at Saint Louis de Montfort. Because of your generosity and concern, the health and physical needs of these beautiful children are being met.

As the program has grown and through the generosity of our parishioners, Sister Eileen is now able to offer tuition assistance to families desiring to send their children to some of the better schools. Sister also assists with uniform and book costs. Education is very important in Haiti. It is through education that the cycle of poverty can and will end. Education offers the people great hope.

As we look at Haiti, the political unrest, the poverty, and the struggle of her people, we cannot help but see how blessed we are. As we move towards Holy Week, Triduum, and our Easter celebrations, we are challenged to remember the directive of Jesus: whatever you did for one of these brothers and sisters, you did for me.

Please examine your heart and your financial resources and make a Lenten sacrifice gift to this most worthy parish charity. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart Parish. Your donation may be dropped in the collection basket at Mass or sent directly to the parish office. Please know that we are remembered daily in the prayers of the Holy Union Sisters serving in Haiti and the prayers of the children and families we help through this most worthy project. May God bless your generosity!

**Faith Formation News**

**Faith Formation Registration for the 2016-2017 year** continues through March. All families received an enrollment packet in the mail with a due date of March 30th. Please return the enrollment form/fee to the faith formation office by the due date. If you have a new first grader in the fall please call the office at 695-3823.

Our **Lenten project** was a great success! Thank you to our students and families for your generous support with so many donations to stock the shelves in the pantry. Those in need will benefit greatly because of your kindness!

Grade 6 class will meet Monday March 21st & 28th 4pm-5pm or 6pm-7pm in the hall at Saint Mary’s. Our last class for grade 6 is March 28th.

There are No classes for grades 1, 2 & 3 on Sunday March 27th and our last class for grades 1, 2 & 3 is Sunday April 3rd.

**Sacred Heart Confirmation Formation**

**Grade 9 - Confirmation I** 4/10

**Grade 10 – Confirmation II** 3/20

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Confirmation II students at Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Sunday, April 3 at the 5:00 pm Mass with Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha.

Classes are held on Sunday Evenings (6:00 pm – 8:00 pm) in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. For any questions regarding Sacred Heart’s Confirmation Program, please contact Linda Nolin at 508-699-9507.

**Saint Mary – Sacred Heart School**

Our parish elementary school, Saint Mary-Sacred Heart, is currently accepting registrations for incoming students in Kindergarten and other grade levels for the 2016-2017 school year. We ask you to consider this opportunity for your child. SMSH offers, two, full-day, academic kindergarten classes for children who will be 5 years old as of August 31, 2016. There are also openings in the other grade levels. Our tuition rate is very reasonable. If you are interested in learning more about our parish school, please contact the school office at 508-695-3072 for a registration packet and/or to set up a time to visit our growing campus. You may also visit the school’s website at: www.smshna.org. Registration information may be found under the school office heading.

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