Hosanna to the Son of David

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

Matthew 21:7-9

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish
North Attleborough, Massachusetts
# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, March 19- Vigil Mass**
4:00 pm
Albert Chabot – 1st Anniversary
A. Agnes Byrnes – 6th Anniversary

**Sunday, March 20- Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion**
9:00 am
Deacon James J. Meloni, Jr. - Memorial
11:15 am
Joseph Glorioso – Month’s Mind
Terence Owens – Month’s Mind

**Monday, March 21**
8:00 am  Saint Mary Chapel
Deceased Holy Union Sisters, Associates and Benefactors

**Tuesday, March 22**
7:00 am
Barbara Sullivan – Memorial Mass

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

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

**Good Friday, March 25**
Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. at Saint Mary Church

**Service of the Lord’s Passion**
7:00 pm at Saint Mary Church

**Holy Saturday, March 26**
7:30 pm
Easter Vigil  7:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church

*Please note: there is no 4:00 pm Mass at Saint Mary today*

**Easter Sunday, March 27**
9:00 am
Easter Flower Memorials
11:15 am
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**From Father Costa**

With this week’s bulletin you will find a specially printed envelope for your annual Lenten fast donation. For the past nine years, Saint Mary Parish has joined with the members of Sacred Heart Parish to help 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 Saint Mary 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!
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.

SMHS 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.

IRISH NIGHT THANK YOU!
Last Saturday, parishioners and friends began this year’s celebration of Saint Patrick with our annual “Irish Night.” Sponsored by our Women’s Guild, this evening of food, music, and conversation was once again a smashing success. From the festive decorations to the delicious food, everything came together to provide a fun evening and a great way to begin celebrating the “wearing of the green.” Many thanks to Guild president Joan Marchitto and all who assisted to make this evening possible. Special thanks to Pat Lafore and the members of the kitchen crew for their many hours of work, and to our recently confirmed students for their stellar service as waiters and waitresses.

BISHOP FEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP
Again this year, Saint Mary’s Parish Guild will be offering a $1,000 scholarship to a member of Saint Mary’s Parish who is entering the freshman class at Bishop Feehan High School in September. Applications are available at the Saint Mary website, www.saintmaryna.com and in the sacristy after all Masses. Requirements are as follows: the student attends religious education classes or is enrolled in a parochial school. The student submits a typewritten essay of no more than 250 words on “Why I Want A Catholic Education” the completed application form, along with the essay, must be received no later than Friday, April 8th. Please send the completed application form and the essay to: Saint Mary Parish Guild, Scholarship Committee, 503 Hoppin Hill Ave., North Attleboro, MA 02760. Please call 508-695-8226 with any questions.

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.

IN YOUR PRAYERS
Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of John DeVisscher who passed away last week. Our prayerful sympathies are extended to his wife, Shirley and all their family and friends.

Your prayers are further requested for the repose of the soul of Jeanette Nadeem, whose funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, March 22. Our prayerful sympathies are extended to her children, their family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto John and Jeanette, O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest always in the loving arms of God.

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.
**Weekly Collection**

Many thanks to all those who continue to remember the financial needs of our parish. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**From March 12-13**

Budget: $4,914.00  Second Collection: $1,297.00

Thank you for your assistance and generosity!

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**SAINT MARY – SACRED HEART SCHOOL**

Our parish school – Saint Mary-Sacred Heart – is currently accepting new registrations for the 2016-2017 school year. Here are a number of facts that parents and students find appealing about our school; a sense of Christian community where teachers and staff know students by name and children feel safe and respected; our Catholic Faith and values are integrated into all aspects of the school day with daily prayer, monthly Masses and Christian service; strong academics taught by qualified, state certified teachers using the latest technology and updated textbooks and classroom resources; affordable tuition with parish discounts, parish subsidy and scholarship opportunities available. For more information on Saint Mary-Sacred Heart School please consult our webpage: www.smshna.org. We are also on Facebook and Instagram. We offer tours of the school during the school day for interested families. Please call the school office to make arrangements: 508-695-3072.

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**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, or donated via our website at smarysna.supportsvdp.com. 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 to help stretch their limited food dollars. 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 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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**SVDP FAMILY WALK**

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 consider 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.

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**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 pm
Sacred Heart Church

**Easter Sunday, March 27**

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

Easter Masses
8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

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

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**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!
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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 Mary Chapel
Monday & Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday, 7:00 a.m.
First Friday of the Month, 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.