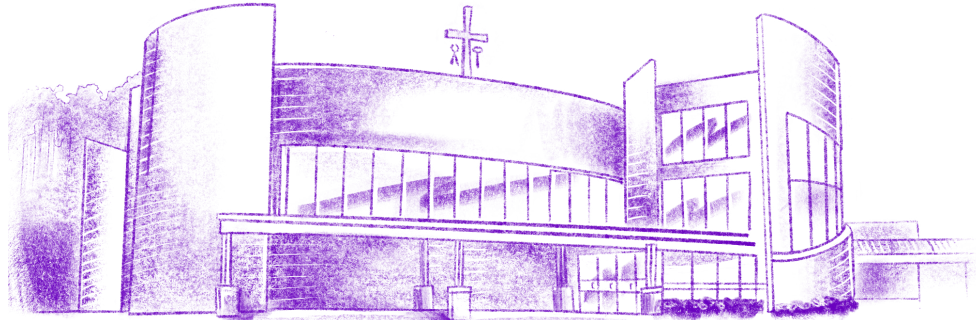




THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

947 Park St. Attleboro, MA 02703 - www.lasalette-shrine.org



MARCH 1-15, 2020

MASSES, RECONCILIATION, & ADORATION

<p>MASSES</p> <p>Sunday 12:10pm</p> <p>Monday - Friday 12:10 & 6:30pm</p> <p>Saturday 12:10 & 4:30pm</p> <p>Mass for Haitian Community 2nd Sunday at 9:30am</p>	<p>RECONCILIATION LENTEN SCHEDULE</p> <p>Every Day 1:00 - 5:00pm</p>	<p>HEALING MASSES</p> <p>Spanish First Sunday at 2:30pm</p> <p>Portuguese Third Sunday at 2:30pm</p> <p>English w/ Fr. Pat Last Sunday at 2:00pm</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Saturday at 1:00-4:00pm</p> <p>FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS Saturday at 11:00am</p>
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**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE &
WELCOME CENTER**

Open daily from 10:00am-5:00pm

SNACK BAR - Wed-Sun, 1:00-4:00pm

PRAYER GROUPS
Shrine Church & Chapel of Reconciliation

La Salette & Divine Mercy Devotions
Wednesday at 7:15pm in Shrine Church

Intercessory Prayer Group
2nd Thursday of the Month - 7:15pm

Padre Pio Prayer Group
2nd Monday of the Month - 7:15pm

La Salette Pax Christi
3rd Tuesday of the Month - 7:30pm

“COME NEAR MY CHILDREN, DON'T BE AFRAID.” -Our Lady at La Salette

Father Andre Patenaude, M.S. - Superior

Fr. Flavio Gillio, M.S. - Shrine Director

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MARCH 2020 CALENDAR

(RC) = Retreat Center Event

- Mar. 01** - Spanish Healing Service
- Mar. 03** - Prayer Shawl Ministry (RC)
- Mar. 03** - Separated and Divorced Support (RC)
- Mar. 04** - Bereavement Support Group (RC)
- Mar. 04** - Christian Meditation (RC)
- Mar. 04** - La Salette and Divine Mercy Group
- Mar. 06** - Men of Hope Retreat (RC)
- Mar. 07** - St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Mar. 08** - Haitian Mass
- Mar. 08** - First Saturday Devotion
- Mar. 09** - Padre Pio Prayer Group
- Mar. 11** - Mary Magdalene Retreat (RC)
- Mar. 11** - Israel Pilgrimage Info. Mtg.
- Mar. 11** - Christian Meditation (RC)
- Mar. 11** - Divine Mercy Devotions
- Mar. 12** - Intercessory Prayer Group
- Mar. 14** - Rosary Making Workshop
- Mar. 14** - Mexico Trip Info. Mtg.
- Mar. 15** - Portuguese Healing Service
- Mar. 15** - Mass for Children and Families
- Mar. 15** - Donut Sunday Social

SPANISH HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, March.1 @ 2:30pm – 3:30pm

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (RC)

Tuesday, Mar. 3 @ 1:15pm - 2:45pm

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP (RC)

Tuesday, Mar. 3 @ 7:00pm – 8:30pm

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, Mar 4 & 18th @ 10:00am (RC)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION (RC)

Wednesday, Mar. 4, 11, 18 @ 6:30pm

LA SALETTE AND DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Every Wednesday Night after the 6:30 Mass

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Saturday, Mar. 7 @ 6:00pm - Cafeteria

HAITIAN MASS

Sunday, Mar. 8 @ 9:30am

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Saturday, Mar. 8 @ 11:00am - 12:00pm
Chapel of Reconciliation

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

Monday, Mar. 9 @ 7:15pm
Chapel of Reconciliation

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Thursday, Mar. 12 @ 7:15pm
Chapel of Reconciliation

PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, Mar. 11 @ 7:15pm
Welcome Center

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, Mar. 14th @ 10:30am

MEXICO HOUSE BUILDING INFO

Saturday, Mar. 14 @ 10:00pm

COME JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL NEW 12:10PM MASS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOLLOWED BY A DONUTS AND COFFEE SOCIAL!

Sunday, Mar. 15th 12:10PM Mass

PORTUGUESE HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, Mar. 15th @ 2:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday Night during LENT

After the 6:30pm Mass - Shrine

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

DAILY - 1:00PM – 5:00PM

LENTEN COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Saturdays during Lent 6:00pm

GRIEF COUNSELING: ANGER THAT COMES WITH GRIEF (RC)

Monday, Mar. 16 @ 6:30pm - 8:30pm

RETREAT CENTER

*To register for any Retreat Center event,
please call 508-222-8530*

MEN'S RETREAT: MEN OF HOPE – MEN OF FAITH A CATHOLIC VISION OF MALE SPIRITUALITY

Presenter: Father Flavio Gillio, M.S.

Starts: March 6th @ 7:30pm

(Registration begins at 6:45pm)

Ends: March 8th after lunch

One's spirituality is always shaped by experience; and first and foremost by our gender. What is male Catholic Spirituality? Is there such a thing as male spirituality? What potential and challenges do men encounter in today's world? How does masculine spirituality complement feminine spirituality? This retreat, *Men of Hope – Men of Faith*, is a unique exploration of Catholic Spirituality for Men. Through the biblical figures of John the Baptist, Peter, and Paul of Tarsus, and drawing from the realm of both spirituality and psychology, the retreat explores first the roots of Catholic Male Spirituality, and then it will delve into some of the ordinary issues in men's lives, such as career, failure, pain, retirement, and grief. A retreat for men seeking to deepen their experience of Christ, and to live a masculine life full of integrity, authenticity and freedom.

Suggested Donation: \$235

Registration Deadline: February 29th

MAGDALENA: THROUGH HER EYES

Presenter: Dottie Levesque

Wednesday, March 11 @ 10:00am – 4:00pm

(Registration begins at 9:15am)

The love she experienced changed her life. Deep in hopelessness, this woman found freedom as she was delivered from her past by this man called Jesus. Magdalena reveals what can happen when women refuse to live in defeat and choose to discover their real value. It is the true story of Jesus seen through the eyes of Mary Magdalene: a story of tenderness, freedom and purpose. Journey with women of our past to discover hope for the future. Hers is also my story – and yours!

Suggested Donation: \$45per person

Reg. Deadline: March 4th – lunch incl.

DATE-NIGHTS WITH GOD

Presenter: Father Flavio Gillio, MS

Starts: March 19th @ 6:30pm

(Registration @ 6:00pm)

Further Dates: May 21, Oct. 22, Nov. 12

Come! Meet new friends, eat out (no cooking? Yes!) and deepen your relationship with God.

The Bible is the most purchased book in the world; and yet, especially among Catholics, it is not well-read, studied or understood. The questions Fr. Flavio will tackle are: Is the Bible Word of God? What do we read when we open a page from the Bible? How did the Bible come about, and what does it mean that it is an inspired book? Does the Bible have a unified and unifying plot?

Reg. Deadline: March 12th

Suggested Donation: \$40. Per person

VIRTUOUS WELL-BEING: THE MARK OF A CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE

Saturday, March 21 @ 10:00am – 4:00pm

(Registration begins at 9:30am)

Presenters: Fr. Flavio Gillio, ms & Dr. Sally Riconscente

This workshop in the 2020 *Bible & Well Being Series* will explore the link between character building, virtuous life and human flourishing. Even though "virtue" may not be a word we use every day, it defines the qualities of a person of character, and points to a journey of growth towards well-being, spiritual and human flourishing, and mature Christian life. Moving from the first chapter of the second letter of Peter, where we find a list of virtues that mark a Christ-like disciple, the retreat will explore the meaning and relevance of each core virtue mentioned by Peter and their significance and connection to our well-being. Hopefully, participant will gain useful insights to integrate virtuous and fruitful living with daily situations.

Suggested Donation: \$45 per person

Reg. Deadline: March 14 - Lunch incl.

March 1 - Beware the Tempter

(1st Sunday of Lent: Genesis 2:7-9 & 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11)

When the celebrant washes his hands at the end of the offertory, he says, "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." As he is about to enter into the most sacred part of the Mass, he is reminded of his unworthiness to do so, both personally and as a mere human being.

The same thought is expressed in today's Psalm, but is balanced, if you will, by the last verse: "O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise." By God's grace, our sinfulness is not an insurmountable obstacle to sincere worship.

St. Paul reminds us that "all sinned" when "through one man sin entered the world;" but that was not the end of the story. Acquittal has come through Christ. The Author of Life, who "formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life," sent his Son Jesus to restore life.

But before entering fully upon his mission, Jesus was tempted. We can easily identify with this experience. He triumphed over the Tempter, but let us not suppose that he was not really tempted. Jesus was truly human, and surely knew the appeal of easy gratification of his needs, of proof that God was watching over him, of royal power. When we acknowledge our sins, we recognize the temptations to which we have succumbed. Or, as at La Salette, someone else may point out the ways in which we have yielded to the Tempter.

The Beautiful Lady spoke of the following offenses: abuse of her Son's Name; working on the Lord's Day; neglecting the Eucharist; going to the butcher shops, "like the dogs," in Lent. What is the underlying temptation common to all of these? The answer can be found in Jeremiah 2:20: "Long ago you broke your yoke, you tore off your bonds. You said, 'I will not serve.'" Jesus' responses to the Tempter are a declaration of his desire to obey the Father alone. "The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

That is the model of how to resist temptation. But don't wait till the temptation comes. Resist it in advance. Always beware the Tempter!

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March 8 - Vocation

(2nd Sunday of Lent: Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9)

There is a slight contradiction between the Psalm and our second reading. In the first we read, "See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine." Hope and reverential fear seem to be a condition for deliverance. But then St. Paul tells us, "He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design." Here, salvation is unconditional. We see this also in the first reading. Abram was called, and received God's excellent promises, without having fulfilled any requirement. And in the Gospel, no reason is given why Jesus chose Peter, James and John to witness his Transfiguration.

The Lord calls whom he will, when he will, as he will. This is true for us, too. As La Salette Laity, Sisters and Missionaries, we share the free gift of Mary's love. As in the case of Abram, responding to the call means change, not necessarily geographical, of course, but a change of heart, open to further gifts: fear of the Lord, generosity in God's service, willingness to bear our "share of hardship for the gospel."

The life of faith, professing and living out the Gospel message as Catholics, has never been easy, but it seems more difficult in the modern age. It demands prayer. Prayer, in turn, requires silence, at least enough for us to be able to hear the words, "This is my beloved Son... listen to him," spoken from a shining cloud, and silently echoed by a Beautiful Lady bearing his image on her breast. And how can we read today's Psalm without thinking of her. Through her tears she saw the sufferings of so many; she came "to deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine," even though they were far from fearing the Lord or hoping for his kindness. How do we share that deliverance? There is no one answer to such a question. But when we deeply desire to live out our vocation, an answer will present itself in due time, probably accompanied by the words, "Do not be afraid."

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