

North American Martyrs



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Lord's Day Saturday, 4:30 p.m.
Masses Sunday, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday 7:00 a.m. (except Thursday)
Masses 8:00 a.m. Saturdays

Confessions Saturday, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Baptisms By appointment

Weddings Please make arrangements 1 year in advance

April 11, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 10, 4:30 p.m.

Edwin Wallace

Requested by William & Elaine Rynders

Sunday, April 11, 8:30 a.m.

4th Anniv.: Bryan O'Brien

Requested by his family

Sunday, April 11, 10:30 a.m.

George Maroney - *Requested by his family*

Thursday, April 15, 7:00 a.m.

Richard White - *Requested by the Brigham family*

Friday, April 16, 7:00 a.m.

7th Anniv.: John Mullen

Requested by his family

Saturday, April 17, 8:00 a.m.

James Sullivan

Requested by Bill & Jane VanWinkle

Saturday, April 17, 4:30 p.m.

Ann Tuson Alexandra

Requested by her family

Sunday, April 18, 8:30 a.m.

Theima Marc-Aurele

Requested by Ed & Barbara Vaitkunas

Sunday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.

**Robert (10th Anniv.) &
Sharyn (5th Anniv.) Elmendorf**

Requested by the Judge family

2nd Sunday of Easter

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

O God, our loving creator and giver of all good gifts, bless our parish and the diocese, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to the spreading of Your kingdom here at North American Martyrs and throughout the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Bereavement - Refreshments are offered to families after the funeral of a loved one. You may request this ministry by calling Fr. Gee at 508-798-8779.

Coffee And ... - Every Sunday after the masses, teams of men in the parish serve coffee and doughnuts in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome. Schedules are available in the kitchen.

4/11 - Team 7

4/18 - Team 8

Hymn Requests - Eagle's Wings is our liturgical music group that plays at the 8:30 mass. Please call Pete Michaud at 755-5863 or talk to him after mass.

Hall Reservations -- To reserve the hall, please contact T Jablanski at 508-751-6476.

Bulletin Items -- Please submit by Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. all items to appear in the bulletin. Please contact Pam Ashmankas at 508-798-0612 or NAMparish@charterinternet.com.

It's a joy to welcome new parishioners and visitors. Please let us know who you are.

Praying

It is the most powerful thing we can do.

Please pray for Rose Vartanian
and for the souls of all the faithful departed,



for those who are ill:

*Susan Cole, Rick Belair, Emery Lucier,
Anthony Real, Mary DePasquale,
Betty Gallant, Mary LaVoie,
Maeghan McGuirk*

and for all the men and women
serving in our country's military

For Engaged Couples

The "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage" Seminar is a one-day program for engaged couples that uniquely presents the "why's behind the what's" of Catholic teaching, helping couples understand God's plan for marriage and the joy of living it. The next seminar is scheduled for **Saturday, April 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at Oakhurst Retreat and Conference Center, Whitinsville. Pre-registration is required. Download the brochure and registration form at our website:

www.worcesterdiocese.org (click on "Marriage and Family" under the Departments tab; information can be found on the Marriage Preparation page), or contact the Office of Marriage & Family at (508) 929-4311; aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org.

The *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* is for people who wish to become Catholic and are either not baptized or have not received the other sacraments of the Church.

Landings is for persons who would like to return to their Catholic roots. It provides a landing place to share faith journeys, prayers, and discussion of Catholic teachings. If interested, please let Fr. Gee know.

Kateri's Kitchen -- Open Saturdays, 10-12



We are asking our parishioners to help "stock our shelves" by donating ANY non-perishable food items. You may bring your donations to the altar at the offertory or to the classroom at the back entrance.

We are especially in need of the following:

**Peanut Butter
Canned Meat
Oatmeal
Cold Cereal**

**Mayonnaise
Canned Fruit
Juice
Canned Tuna**

We are very grateful for your extraordinary generosity in bringing food. If you have any questions, please call Ann Marie Lucas at 508-752-4852.

Congratulations to:

**Jonathan Medeiros
Jesse Verdolino**

**who received
THE SACRAMENT
OF CONFIRMATION**

**at the Easter Vigil on
Saturday, April 3, 2010.**



CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE

For this week, April 12-16, there is a slight change in the daily mass schedule. There will not be a mass on Tuesday, April 13; there will be a mass on Thursday, April 15, 7 a.m.

Fr. Gee would like to thank our parishioners for their kindness to him at Easter.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION Scripture Study

A Scripture study will be held for six weeks using the series "Six Weeks with the Bible" beginning on **Thursday, May 6, from 7-8:30 p.m.** The theme for the six weeks will be "Exodus: God to the Rescue" If interested in attending, please contact the Religious Education Office at 508-798-0612 or by e-mail at namparish@charterinternet.com.

Auburn Rotary Pancake Scholarship Breakfast

The 46th Annual Pancake Scholarship Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, April 11** from 8 a.m. to noon at the Auburn High School. Tickets will be \$5 (children 7 and under are \$1). Come and watch our guest flippers make you breakfast and enjoy music performed by the Auburn High School Jazz Band.

"Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed," Jesus says in today's Gospel. For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

See John 20:29; Acts 5:14

COLLECTIONS

The collection for last weekend was \$6,405. The Easter collection was \$3,000. We are very grateful for your wonderful generosity.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
APRIL-MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, April 11
9:20-11:00 a.m. - First Eucharist Class
6:30-8:00 p.m. - Grade 9/10 Class

Tuesday, April 13
7:00 p.m. – Religious Education Board

Sunday, April 25
10:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Program, Rectory
1-4 p.m. - First Eucharist Retreat
6:30-8:00 p.m. - Grade 7/8 Class

Thursday, April 29
6-7:30 p.m. – First Eucharist Rehearsal
 (Gowaski/Zona & Anish/Kennedy)

Friday, April 30
5:15 p.m. – First Eucharist Rehearsal Dinner
 (all classes)
6-7:30 p.m. – First Eucharist Rehearsal
 (Scully & Lavallee/Lutz)

Saturday, May 1
11:00 a.m. – First Eucharist Celebration
 (Gowaski/Zona & Anish/Kennedy)

Sunday, May 2
1:00 p.m. - First Eucharist Celebration
 (Scully & Lavallee/Lutz)

The Auburn Women’s Club will present **“Women of the Bible: The Good Girls and the Bad Girls, The Old Testament”** on **Tuesday, April 27**, at Pakachoag Church, 203 Pakachoag Street, Auburn, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call 508-832-5561 or 508-832-3985 for tickets or info.

This scholarship fundraiser is supported, in part, by the Auburn Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The presenting actress is Linda Gray Kelley, who interprets multiple characters from history in an entertaining manner. She is the producer, director, costumer, designer, and performer of her one-woman show. Themed baskets will be raffled. Refreshments served.

Third Memorial for Audrey Santo

On **Wednesday, April 14** the third anniversary for Audrey Santo will be held at 64 South Flagg St., Worcester from 9 am to 9 pm with Mass at 2 pm.

Godspell Performances

St. Rose of Lima Youth Ministry is presenting **GODSPELL** on **April 16, 17, and 18 at 8 PM**. This is a full production with a pit band, costumes, props, lights, and sound. A talented cast of middle and high school youth has been rehearsing for several months under the direction of skilled adults to bring you a wonderful evening of entertainment. Tickets are \$10 (\$8 for Seniors and children 10 and under). For ticket information contact the St. Rose of Lima Youth Ministry office at www.strosegodspell.com or 508.393.6444. Online ticket sales are available. **GODSPELL** is one of the biggest Broadway and off-Broadway hits of all time! Its comical style and lively music guarantees an enjoyable night for all! Advance tickets are recommended.

The Sound of Music at St. Mary Jr.-Sr. H.S.

St. Mary Junior/ Senior High School is proud to present Rodgers and Hammerstein’s *Sound of Music* on **April 30, at 7:30 PM, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. and May 2 at 2:30 PM** in St. Mary School Auditorium, 50 Richland St., Worcester, MA. This will be a great performance. General seating tickets are \$10.00 and reserved seating tickets are \$12.00. Please call 508-753-1170 to order tickets and for more information. Thanks for your support.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Do not be unbelieving, but believe. (John 20:27)

Everyone had heard about the man who lived among the tombs, unable to be restrained (Mark 5: 1-18). Surely people warned Jesus to stay away from him. Yet he continued on, filled with compassion. As they met, the man was so tormented he couldn’t even ask for help. But Jesus spoke, the demons fled, and the man was released. Divine mercy brings freedom.

As Jesus was leaving Jericho, two blind men called out to him: “Son of David, have pity on us!” (Matthew 20:29-30). People told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder. They knew how much they needed him. Again, full of love, Jesus touched their eyes and restored their sight. Divine mercy brings healing.

Zacchaeus was a tax collector known for extorting money. Yet when he heard Jesus would be coming by, he was determined to see him (Luke 19:1-10). He was not deterred by his short stature but climbed a tree to get a good view. Jesus called to him, and the two shared a meal together. Divine mercy transforms lives.



“Do not doubt but believe.”
In 20:27

This is the miracle of divine mercy: It is available to all of us right now. It is a free and boundless gift from our Father. He has prepared a banquet hall for us, and he invites us all to come. With bold and eager hearts, not allowing unbelief to keep us away, we can enter in and receive all that he has for us.

God’s mercy is a fresh, ever-rushing river. Jesus is inviting you today to immerse yourself in his cleansing tide. How great is the love that God lavishes on his children! His mercy is not earned but is given freely. So don’t hesitate. Come and surrender to him, and receive the freedom, healing, and transformation that spring from the heart of Christ!

Adapted from The Word Among Us

PET FOOD DRIVE

March 16 – April 14, 2010

Sponsored by Daisy Troop 30197 and Brownie Troop 30090 to benefit Second Chance Animal Shelter.

Items needed are kitten food & formula, old towels, blankets, cat & dog food. Please drop off all items at PetCo in Auburn.

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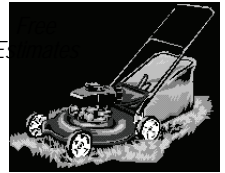
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