

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 18, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Ann Tuson Alexandra

Requested by her family

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

Thelma 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

Thursday, April 22, 7:00 a.m.

George Maroney

Requested by his family

Saturday, April 24, 4:30 p.m.

Rod Barry

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Houle

Sunday, April 25, 8:30 a.m.

William, Helen & Mary Jane Grady

Requested by their family

Sunday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.

Rita Hanlon, Chip Hanlon & Mady Monahan

Requested by their family

3rd 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.

4/18 - Team 8

4/25 - Team 1

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 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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM was celebrated on

April 10, 2010, for

Nicole Ashley McGill,
daughter of James and
Erin (McMaster) McGill.

We congratulate the parents
and welcome Nicole Ashley
into the Church and our parish.



CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE

For this week, April 19-23, there is a slight change in the daily mass schedule. There will not be a mass on Wednesday, April 21; there will be a mass on Thursday, April 22, 7 a.m.

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.

Early Childhood Program "You Are My Sheep"

Sunday, March 28, 10:30 a.m., Rectory

This program is open to children who are 4 & 5 years old through kindergarten and is held during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the last Sunday of every month. No sign-up required. On your first visit, you will be asked to fill out a brief information form. For more information, call Michelle Gallant at 508-757-8065.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

See John 21:15

COLLECTIONS

The collection for last weekend was \$4,082. The monthly collection was \$1,057. We are very grateful for your loyal support.



Faith In Action, the diocesan monthly magazine show featuring Partners in Charity agencies and ministries, including this year's appeal video, will air as follows: Charter Communications WCTR TV3 - Saturday, April 24 at 6 p.m., Rebroadcast on the following Sunday at 6 a.m. and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. after the Daily Mass. *All TV Ministry programs are available online at www.worcestercatholictv.org.*

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 raffle. Refreshments served.

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
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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.

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

Sunday, April 25
10:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Program, Rectory
1-4 p.m. - First Eucharist Retreat
1 p.m. - Walk for Autism (EYF)
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)
6:30-8:00 p.m. - Grade 9/10 Class

EXERCISE YOUR FAITH

Thank you to the following 7/8 students who “exercised their faith”

by assisting at the Gathering Day on March 13-14:

Gabby Bonofiglio Morgan Laplante Courtney Moen
 Olivia Shearns

by attending a Meditation on Thursday, March 18:

Gabby Bonofiglio	Dillon Bruso	Michaela Davis
Alana Desimone	Zachary Ernenwein	Tom Gannon
Kellie Guittarr	Casey Gurlitz	Mary Grace Judge
Paige LaPerle	Courtney Moen	Maggie McCarthy
Stephen Racine	Olivia Shearns	Kyle Quitadamo
Andrew Tenore	Ian Wykes	Tara Wykes

by attending an “Illuminate” Eucharist Adoration at St. Joseph’s Church, Charlton, on Sunday, March 28.

Craig Anderson	Alana Desimone	Elizabeth Fazio
Morgan LaPlante	Sara Beth Lyons	Courtney Moen

by attending the “Living Stations” at St. Brigid’s Church on Wednesday, March 31:

Craig Anderson	Dillon Bruso	Matthew Bissailon
Thomas Gannon	Catherine Hoey	Morgan Laplante

3rd Sunday of Easter

Do you love me? (John 21:15)

Jesus’ questioning of Peter in such a direct way was not intended to make Peter feel guilty. And neither was it an ego trip for the Lord. Jesus didn’t need Peter’s love to feel better about himself. He already knew—better than Peter himself—how much Peter loved him. Rather, Jesus wanted Peter to reach deep within himself and see how much love for the Lord was actually there.

Jesus questioned Peter at a pivotal moment to show that Peter’s love for him was greater than any opposing power that might try to keep him bound in the memory of his failures. He wanted Peter to see that while he would make mistakes, his love for Jesus could still cover a multitude of human failings. This was probably one of the most encouraging interrogations anyone could experience! True, Jesus’ questions must have disturbed Peter.

But in the end, they actually restored his faith in himself as a child of God and as a chosen apostle. They helped Peter understand that even in spite of his imperfections, he could still serve Jesus fully.

Today, Jesus asks each of us, “Do you love me?” even though he already knows the answer. We should welcome this kind of questioning. He doesn’t doubt us. He only wants to burn away any unbelief in us with the fire of his love—a love that will create an even deeper love for him in our hearts.

Today at Mass, welcome Jesus into your heart so that he can expand your capacity to love. Yes, you will make mistakes; no one is sinless. But know that as you declare your love to Jesus, he will strengthen you and empower you to take up the work he has called you to. Then your love for him will become the visible proof that his kingdom really has come to earth.

Adapted from The Word Among Us



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. 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.

OLIVER! April 23-25

Four performances of the musical OLIVER!, based on the Charles Dickens novel Oliver Twist, will be presented by the Assumption College Department of Art, Music & Theatre at the Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts, on **April 23 and 24 at 7 p.m.**; and on **April 24 and 25 at 2 p.m.** Tickets are \$19.00. Seniors and children receive a \$5.00 discount. More than 100 Assumption students and area children and adults will perform. Three cast members are over 80. For tickets or more information, please call the Hanover Theatre box office at (877) 571-7469 or visit www.thehanovertheatre.org.

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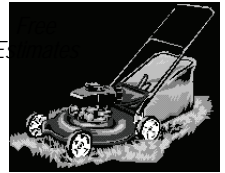
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