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Lord's Day Masses	Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Masses	7:00 a.m. (except Thursday) 8:00 a.m. Saturdays

Confessions Saturday, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Baptisms By appointment
Weddings Please make arrangements 1year in advance

April 25, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 26, 7:00 a.m.

20th Anniv.: Theodore Arsenault

Requested by his family

Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 a.m.

George Maroney - *Requested by his family*

Saturday, May 1, 11:00 a.m.

First Communion Mass

Saturday, May 1, 4:30 p.m.

John Karbowski - *Requested by John Polanik*

Sunday, May 2, 8:30 a.m.

9th Anniv.: Amy Niepokoyczycki

Requested by her family

Sunday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.

16th Anniv.: John Karbowski

Requested by his family

Sunday, May 2, 1:00 p.m.

First Communion Mass

4th 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.

4/25 - Team 1

5/2 - Team 2

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 Michael Richards, Germaine Savoie, and all the faithful departed,



for those who are ill:

*Susan Cole, Rick Belair, Emery Lucier,
Anthony Real, Mary DePasquale,
Betty Gallant, Alta Samson,
Jan T. Karbowski, Maeghan McGuirk*

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

Men's Fellowship Group

Has your life been transformed by Christ this week? Is your prayer life, family life or work life in need of a spiritual boost? Christ promises us that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) Please join the Men's Fellowship Group on **Saturday, May 1st at 8:45 am** for an hour of prayer and reflection.

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. The presenting actress is Linda Gray Kelley, who interprets multiple characters from history in an entertaining manner. Themed baskets raffle. Refreshments served.

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.

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.

CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE

For this week, April 26-30, there is a slight change in the daily mass schedule. There will not be a mass on Tuesday, April 27; there will be a mass on Thursday, April 29, 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.

The **2010 MWTS Summer Camp** (with Sean Forrest) will be held over the weekend of **June 25-27, 2010** at Holy Apostles College and Seminary - 33 Prospect Hill Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416. Registration will remain the same at \$125.00 for the weekend, which includes all meals. **Spots fill up quickly so don't wait, register now!** Visit the Movin' With the Spirit website for more information. http://mwts.org/mwts/Summer_Camp.html

WALK for the Homeless In Worcester

The 25th Annual WALK for the Homeless will be held on May 16 stepping off at 2 pm from Elm Park in Worcester. The beneficiaries of this year's 3.0 mile WALK are the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, the Donations Clearinghouse, the Interfaith Hospitality Network/Friendly House, and Hope for Housing. Massachusetts adopted the housing first approach to assist families in need this year. While this model saves money for the commonwealth and increases the chances for families and individuals to successfully move from shelter to self-sufficiency it does not eliminate the need for us to help our neighbors when they hit hard times. You can register to WALK, download a pledge form, and e-mail friends and family to sponsor you for the WALK at the CMHA website, www.cmhaonline.org. Call Amy Walsh at 508-791-7265 x31 with questions.

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.



COLLECTIONS

The collection for last weekend was \$4,259. We are very grateful for your loyal support.

**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
- Tuesday, May 4
3:30-5:30 pm - Rosary Making & Praying (EYF)
- Wednesday, May 5
7-9 p.m. - Intro to Scripture, Basic Certification
- Thursday, May 6
7-8:30 p.m. - Scripture Study
- Saturday, May 8
 Baby Shower for Visitation House
- Sunday, May 9
8:30 a.m. - First Eucharist Presentation Mass

EXERCISE YOUR FAITH

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

by adopting 10 area families from Kateri’s Kitchen by shopping and delivering Easter Food Baskets on Good Friday, April 2:

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| Gabby Bonofiglio | Dillon Bruso | Michaela Davis |
| Zachary Ernenwein | Elizabeth Fazio | Thomas Gannon |
| Lyndsey Gabrielian | Catherine Hoey | Morgan Laplante |
| Sara Beth Lyons | Stephen Racine | Olivia Shearns |
| Ian Wykes | Tara Wykes | |

by helping at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd.

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| Matthew Bissaillon | Gabby Bonofiglio | Hannah Croteau |
| Zachary Ernenwein | Casey Gurlitz | Stephen Racine |
| Olivia Shearns | Michael Tortora | |

Thank you to the drivers/chaperones who helped with the delivery of the Easter Food Baskets: Mary Scully, Sue Racine, T Jablanski, and Rita Ernenwein.

4th Sunday of Easter

*God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
(Revelation 7:17)*

In terms of eternity, how important is what you are doing now? Maintaining this perspective can help show you what’s important on your journey toward heaven. Focusing on the splendid plans God has for us can help us not get caught up in distractions or side roads that go nowhere. Consider, for example, what is in heaven and what is available here to speed us on our journey.

There, in the company of the saints and angels, God shelters us with his presence. Here, we know his presence at times when he shelters us through a near miss in a car accident or allows things to happen that prevent a questionable relationship from becoming more serious.

There, hunger and thirst are no more. Here, we can share what we have by contributing to our local food cupboard or give as little as a drink of water to someone in Jesus’ name.

There, the sun will not cause us to wither. Here, sitting a long time in an uncomfortably warm waiting room can teach us patience and hope.

There, the Lamb seated upon the throne will be our shepherd. Here, the Lamb guides us in the Eucharist and through the church.

There, God will wipe away every tear. Here, as we sit with a loved one in the last stages of cancer, we can wipe away tears ourselves as we minister Jesus’ love.

Thanks to the redemption Jesus won for us, heaven is our inheritance, and every day brings us one step closer to our true home. What’s more, every day that we live in the hope and expectation of that home, God gives us countless opportunities to manifest the glory of heaven to the world. So enjoy the trip today, knowing that the destination is amazing!

Adapted from The Word Among Us



Early Childhood Program
“You Are My Sheep”

Sunday, April 25, 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.

We are grateful to these parishioners, whose ads pay for the equipment and materials to produce this bulletin.



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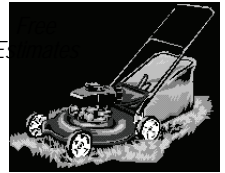
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