

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

August 8, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 7, 4:30 p.m.

Rod Barry

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Houle

Sunday, August 8, 8:30 a.m.

Wilfred Bleau

Requested by his family

Sunday, August 8, 10:30 a.m.

2nd Anniv.: Stella Elkinson

Requested by her family

Wednesday, August 11, 7:00 a.m.

George Maroney

Requested by his family

Saturday, August 14, 4:30 p.m.

5th Anniv.: Veronica Coogan

Requested by her family

Sunday, August 15, 8:30 a.m.

11th Anniv.: Ryan Aukstikalnis

Requested by his family

Sunday, August 15, 10:30 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Beauregard Family

Requested by their family

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

8/8 - Team 4

8/15 - Team 5

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.

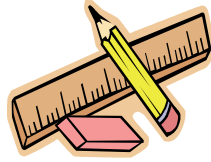
It's a joy to welcome new parishioners and visitors. Please let us know who you are.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Patrick Hoey from Troop 101 Auburn is running a bedding drive to benefit Jeremiah's Inn from August 1st-16th. Donations of new or lightly used **twin** bed sheets, pillow casings, towels, facecloths, and blankets would be appreciated. Donations should be put in the box in the front foyer of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Hoey at 508-832-0474. Thank you for your support.

11th Annual First Day Program

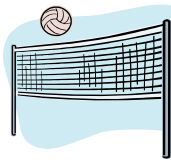
The First Day Program provides the neediest children in our community with a new outfit and a new backpack filled with school supplies. Donations of supplies, backpacks and gift cards to buy clothing are needed. If you would like to help prepare a child for a successful school year, please call Liz and Bill Gribbons at (508) 832-9879.



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Gr. 7-12 Co-Ed Volleyball League (Fun League) Sponsored by Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry

Our next **practice** will be held this **Monday, August 9, from 6:30-7:30** at North American Martyrs. Our next **game** is this **Tuesday, August 10, at 6 p.m. against Sacred Heart Church, Worcester.** Please come cheer on our team!



Our team for the first time has qualified to play on Tournament Sunday (top 2 teams from each site qualify). Please plan to join us at St. Christopher Church, 950 West Boylston Street, Worcester, on **Sunday August 15, 2010**, to cheer for our team. Team members must be there by **11:45 AM** for instructions.

If you have any questions, please call Pam Ashmankas at 508-798-0612 or 508-798-2828.

The White Family would like to invite parishioners to send messages of support to Tom serving with the Air Force in Iraq.

MSgt. Tom White
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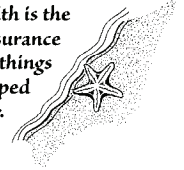
Thank you! Gwen, Lily & Bridget

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)

What a wonderful promise! God delights in giving us his kingdom—in taking us to be with him forever. But before we see this promise realized, there is a lot of waiting. The Israelites knew God would defeat their enemies, but they had to wait out many plagues before Pharaoh finally let them go. God promised Abraham a son, but look how long his childlessness stretched on before Isaac was born. Similarly, we know that Jesus will knock at our door one day to take us to his side, but until then, we have to hold on to our faith.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for.



It's good to know that we are not waiting in the dark with no idea of what it will be like when the kingdom comes. Because of Jesus' cross and resurrection, the kingdom has already begun to unfold in our world and in our hearts. We get a glimpse of it every time we gather to worship the Lord. We see it in the least of his people, whose needs tug at our hearts. We feel it when we forgive someone who has wronged us, and when we receive forgiveness from someone we have hurt.

So don't hesitate to invest in God's kingdom. Choose every day to live as you want to live when it comes in all its fullness. As you do, something wonderful and surprising happens: Jesus Christ, your King, sits you down and waits on you! He honors you for helping someone when you could just as easily have turned away. He congratulates you for turning the other cheek and not seeking revenge. He rewards you for caring for his beloved poor.

God is never outdone in generosity. He has promised you the kingdom, and he delivers on that promise every day!

Adapted from The Word Among Us

Saint Clare

August 11th is the feast of St. Clare of Assisi. Clare followed the example of St. Francis and founded what is called the Second Order of the Franciscan family, the Poor Clares. Her religious community was founded for those seeking a life of strict poverty. She gathered a group of women and they lived a common life in a convent close to the chapel of San Damiano where Francis had received his commission from the Lord to "Rebuild God's house." St. Clare is the patron saint of television. Why? Once when she was unable to join her sisters for midnight Mass at Christmas due to sickness, she saw the Mass in a vision even though she was in a different building. The friendship between St. Clare and St. Francis is a wonderful reminder to us that our friendships have the potential to show the face of Christ more clearly.

St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Bin

Just a reminder that there is a collection bin against the back wall of our church where you can donate used clothing and shoes.

THANK YOU

The Summer Loreto Program for our children entering Grades 1-6 on *Scripture: The Story of God and Our People* was held in June-July. Children and staff shared wonderful weeks of learning together as a faith community. This year's cycle dealt with sacred Scripture as the foundation and source of our faith. The children explored the stories of the great people and events of the Hebrew Scriptures as well as the meaning of the covenants with Noah, Abraham, and Moses. These covenants show God's love for all people and God's promise to send someone who would restore peace and harmony to the world. They also studied the life and teachings of Jesus who is the fulfillment of God's promise. Jesus' message of the kingdom was introduced through the writings, parables, and miracles revealed in the New Testament. The children talked about our responsibility to bring about God's kingdom in our world today through caring, sharing, helping, praying for and forgiving others. We visited Congregation B'Nai Shalom, a synagogue in Westboro, where we were treated to a tour of the synagogue and a wonderful presentation and explanation of some of the customs and rituals of our Jewish ancestors in faith. Due to the generosity of our children and their families during both sessions, we have collected \$640, which will allow us to continue our educational support of our 5 friends in Haiti. This money supplies them with an education, uniform, and a hot meal each day. On Friday, we began the day with a celebration of the Eucharist, at which time the children donated many food items to Kateri's Kitchen. We had a pizza lunch and ended the day with a songfest, which featured some very lively songs sung by the children. We thank God for giving us the Word that challenges us and shows us the way to live a holy life, a life full of hope.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful people who volunteered their time to help with the Loreto program during both weeks. We are truly blessed here at North American Martyrs.

Catechists

Paige Bailey
Jim DeBartolomeis
Kathy DeBartolomeis
Michelle Durocher
Colleen Fahey
Michelle Fuller
Sean Hoey
Ann Marie Jackson
Joanna Jette
Beth Laperle
Maryann Lavallee
Cheryl Letson
Kathleen Lutz
Lee Maleno
Heidi Paluk
Mike Prosser
Alyssa Ramos
TJ Randall
Mary Scully
Eileen Silva

Teen Helpers

Jaime Bailey
Nicole Berthiaume
Samantha Brabbs

Teen Helpers (cont'd)

Jessica Clifford
Haley Cooper
Hannah Croteau
Michaela Davis
Amanda DeBartolomeis
Nikki DeBartolomeis
Jacob DiLeo
Zachary Ernenwein
Ryan Fahey
Stephen Froio
Tom Gannon
Kellie Guittarr
Danielle Harris
Hanna Harris
Danielle Hastings
Catherine Hoey
Sean Hoey
Ben Jette
Mary Grace Judge
Kelsey Letson
Justin Letson
Sara Beth Lyons
Hannah Murphy
Ashley Peck
Lauren Ramos

Teen Helpers (cont'd)

Nathan Ramos
Zachary Randall
Conor Scully
Evan Sutherland
Lexy Tessman
Kendra Tessman
Lily White
Tara Wykes
Ian Wykes
Francesca Zona

Preparation

Beth Anish
Alex & Isabelle Chan
Leonore & Alex Delatorre
Pamela DiLeo
Brian Gilmartin
Michelle Henderson
Amy Messina
Michelle Reidy
Christine Robertson
Derek Robertson
Ed & Kelly Saucier
Karen Swank

Snack/Lunch/Clean-up

Carrie Amero
Jennifer Anger
Fran Babin
Kelly Bailey
Donna Brusio
Melanie Chunis
Diane Clivio
Lisa Cooper
Jeff Cowden
Wendy Day
Denise Fanion
Laurie Fazio
Vera Fleming
Ellen Friend
Erin Froio
Michelle Gallant
Bruce Gaudreau
Dawn Gaudreau
Kim Giorgio

Snack/Lunch/Clean-up

Angela Grici
Colleen Hunter
Pamela Judge
Deanna Keaney
Jennifer Keller
Karen LePoer
Lena Loughlin
Erin McGill
Anne Noel
Mary & Cassidy Peters
Becky Petrie
Kathleen Prunier
Lizbeth Roberts
Mary & Conor Scully
Martha Toth
Sheila Veideman
Michelle Wetzel
Kelly Willard

Photos from our Loreto program held this summer are posted on our website, www.namartyrsauburn.org.

Praying

It is the most powerful thing we can do.



Please pray for Francis Burke 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, Alta Samson, Maeghan McGuirk, Janie Bouges, Julie Beckwith, Ed Handlin, Eugene Gosselin

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

CHECK OUR WEB PAGE

www.namartyrsauburn.org

Kateri Tekakwitha Senior Housing - Picture and information. Also available at back entrance of church.

Sacred Calendar for the Summer of 2010 - Week at a glance. Gospel and Question of the Week. All the feasts of summer. Spiritual goals for each week. Suggestions for summertime rest. Links and connections. Powerful resolutions for deeper faith and greater intimacy with Christ.

Bulletin and Faith Connection (bulletin insert)

Pictures from both sessions of Loreto program.

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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.

We welcome Father Gerald Flater, O.M.I. He will speak to us about the work of the Christian Foundation for Children and the Aging. There will be no extra collection for this work.

Partners in Charity

We thank you for your great generosity to this year's Partners in Charity. Our goal was \$42,000. You have given over \$44,000. As usual, you were very generous.

North American Martyrs Relay For Life

During the month of August, the NAM Relay For Life team will have luminaria bags available at the back entrance of the church. For a donation of \$10 you can have a luminaria placed on the Relay track in memory of someone lost to cancer, in honor of someone still fighting or in special recognition of someone who has beaten the disease. Simply take a bag home, write your message of hope on the outside of the bag and return it to the basket in the rear of the church by September 9th and our team will make sure it is placed on the track during the Relay. Put your donation in the luminaria envelope, also at the rear of the church, and drop it in the collection.

Marriage Preparation Seminar

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 will be held on **Saturday, September 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at St. Mary Parish Hall, North Grafton. 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 call the Office of Marriage & Family at (508) 929-4311. Additional fall dates are also listed on the downloadable brochure. Attendance at a God's Plan seminar is one of the requirements of the marriage preparation process for couples planning to be wed in the Worcester Diocese.

Am I waiting for the "right" time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents "later?" Today's Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared — "at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

See Luke 12:34

COLLECTIONS



The collection for last weekend was \$4,211. The monthly renovation collection was \$707. We are very grateful to you for your loyal support.

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



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