



North American Martyrs

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Lord's Day Masses	Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
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Weekday Masses	7:00 a.m. (except Thursday) 8:00 a.m. Saturdays
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Confessions Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Baptisms By appointment

Weddings Please make arrangements 1year in advance

January 29, 2012

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 28, 4:30 p.m.

Richard Creelman

Requested by his family

Sunday, January 29, 8:30 a.m.

Amy Niepokoyczycki

Requested by her family

Sunday, January 29, 10:30 a.m.

Paul McGuire - *Requested by a friend*

Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 a.m.

George Maroney - *Requested by his family*

Friday, February 3, 7:00 a.m.

Rick Belair - *Requested by his family*

Saturday, February 4, 8:00 a.m.

Special Intention

Saturday, February 4, 4:30 p.m.

2nd Anniv.: Ernest Nault

Requested by his family

Sunday, February 5, 8:30 a.m.

John Donahue

Requested by a friend

Sunday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.

1st Anniv.: Stephen Coyne

Requested by his family

4th 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.

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.

Coffee And ... - Every Sunday after the Masses, teams of men in the parish serve coffee and doughnuts in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome.

1/29 - Team 7

2/5 - Team 8

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@namparish.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 Joseph Toth, Betty Gallant, and for the souls of all the faithful departed,

for those who are ill:

Emery Lucier, Anthony Real, Janie Bouges, Mary DePasquale, Eugene Gosselin, James Stefanik, Fred Brown, Ray Perron, Jacob Roy, Christopher Lonergan, Debra Lynne Iles, Bob Bedker

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

was celebrated on
January 22, 2012, for



Emma Judith Mercier

Daughter of A.J. & Erin (Cox) Mercier

We congratulate the parents and welcome **Emma Judith** into the Church and our parish.



First Friday

Friday of this week is the **First Friday of the Month**. Adoration of the Real Presence of Jesus will begin after the 7 a.m. Mass and will conclude at the 7 p.m. Mass.

We are grateful to all who come for a half hour of adoration during the day.



The annual North American Martyrs Parish Mardi Gras Dinner will be held on **Tuesday February 21, 2012** at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets for the Turkey and Ham Dinner at \$10.00 each will be available in the front foyer of the church on the weekends of February 4/5 and February 11/12 after all Masses. Entertainment will be provided by Gary Landgren with his honky tonk piano.

Feast of St. Blais

In conjunction with the Feast of St. Blaise on this coming Friday, throats will be blessed after all the masses this weekend.

If there are any persons who have difficulty hearing the Mass, there are hearing aide headsets available for use during Mass. Please contact Father Gee for more information.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."
(1 Corinthians 7:32)*

How many anxieties do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about attaining ever more material possessions? Yet, God tells us that only the hand that is open to give can also be open to receive His peace and joy. A heart or a hand clenched in anxiety and greed can never truly receive anything.



COLLECTIONS

The collection for last weekend was \$4,418. We are very grateful for your continued generosity.



Fr. John Gavin of the Society of Jesus at Holy Cross College will celebrate one of our Masses each weekend.

Dawn Michaud will be walking in support of the MDA in the 2012 "Muscle Walk" on February 12. If anyone would like to show their support, please see Pete Michaud after the 8:30 mass or you can contact him at 508-755-5863.

Middle age Auburn woman who uses a wheelchair seeks dependable female personal care attendant 20 hrs. a week. Some light housekeeping also required. Please call 508-832-2738 or e-mail paulbeckwith@charter.net.

After school care needed for 16 year old girl in wheelchair. M-F, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Must be reliable and have own transportation. \$150/week. Call Chris Matthews for details, 508-832-3934.

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:

**Ketchup
Mustard
Oatmeal
Pasta Sauce
Cookies**

**Mayonnaise
Canned Meat
Juice
Baked Beans
Crackers**

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
JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, January 29

8:30 a.m. - First Eucharist Enrollment Mass

9:30-11:30 a.m. - First Eucharist Class

10:30 a.m. - "Come Follow Me" Early
Childhood Program (**cancelled**)

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Grade 7/8 Class

**"Come Follow Me" Early Childhood Program
Sunday, January 29, 10:30 a.m., Rectory**

It has become necessary to cancel the "Come Follow Me" program for this Sunday. Sorry for any inconvenience but we look forward to seeing the children next month on February 26.

Men's Fellowship Group

Please join the Men's Fellowship Group on **Saturday, February 11 at 7:30 a.m.** as we continue our lively, faith-filled discussions. For more information, please contact Tj at 508-721-2557.



Next Sunday, 140 million people all over the world will tune into the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same

time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter, and a warm meal. Last year, 260,000 youth collected \$9.5 million for hunger-relief. This year, the need is even greater. The U.S. Census Bureau reports the number of Americans living in poverty is the highest it has been in 52 years. One in seven households in our nation is food insecure, affecting more than 16 million children. Studies show that hungry children do poorly in school and have lower academic achievement because they cannot concentrate.

Our youth from grades 7 & 8 will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 4/5. They will join young people in churches all across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. **Drop \$1 in the soup pot as you leave mass next weekend.** Those who need help may not know that you cared, but God will. And our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. All of the money collected is donated directly to local food pantries/soup kitchens.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Quiet!" (Mark 1:25)

Today's Gospel warns us to be on guard because evil spirits are constantly at work tempting us and harassing us. This warning is even more urgent today, as the world has practically dismissed the reality of evil spirits.



Evil spirits are always on the prowl. They whisper lies and half-truths to us and try to confuse us. They try to influence us to do things we know are wrong—even things we don't want to do. We have all felt their influence at different times. We know how they have tried to sow division, to make us fearful, to get us down on ourselves, to lie, to manipulate people, or to doubt God's love.

Yes, we have a free will. Yes, we make the final choices for our lives. But these choices are never made in isolation. They are always influenced by the people around us, by the media, by the Holy Spirit, and by Satan.

All this may sound intimidating, but we shouldn't be afraid. Jesus overcame one evil spirit in today's Gospel, and he overcame them all on the cross. We just have to be more alert to what is coming into our minds, especially more alert to the devil's tactics.

Another thing we can do is begin every day by praying for protection against evil spirits. All we have to do is say the words that Jesus taught us: "Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Finally, we should believe in the power of the name of Jesus. Scripture tells us how St. Paul, in dealing with an evil spirit that was harassing a woman, commanded: "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And the spirit left immediately (Acts 16:18). Likewise, we need to call on the name of Jesus throughout the day, especially when we are feeling tempted or harassed.

Adapted from The Word Among Us

TEEN DANCE for Middle School Students

Saturday, February 18, 2012
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Location: North American Martyrs Parish Hall
Admission: \$5 at the door
DJ Mike Fournier
Refreshments Available

Proceeds will benefit "Keeping Auburn Warm" which offers fuel assistance to low income people or those with an emergency financial situation.



Annual Diocesan Men's Conference

Saturday, March 24, 2012
www.firstmensconf.org

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