

# 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



**January 8, 2012**

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

**James Cahill**

*Requested by his family*

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

**6th Anniv.: Judith Ann Cox**

*Requested by her family*

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

**6th Anniv.: Priscilla Groves**

*Requested by friends*

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

**George Maroney** - *Requested by his family*

Friday, January 13, 7:00 a.m.

**Rick Belair** - *Requested by his family*

Saturday, January 14, 8:00 a.m.

**Special Intention**

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

**Paul Bourbeau**

*Requested by his family*

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

**Paul Kelly** - *Requested by a friend*

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

**50th Anniv.: Iva Doherty**

*Requested by her family*

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### 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.

**1/8 - Team 4**

**1/15 - Team 5**

**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 M. Jane O'Connell and for the souls of all the faithful departed,

for those who are ill:

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

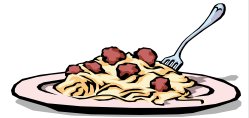
and for all the men and women serving in our country's military

Fr. Gee would like to thank all our parishioners for their warm words and wonderful generosity to him at Christmas!

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.

### Spaghetti Supper

North American Martyrs' own Cub Scout Pack 121 will be holding a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. This annual event helps to raise funds for the Pack's numerous activities. Tickets are \$6.00 per person, with children 3 years old and under free and will be available at the door.



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

### Men's Fellowship Group

Please join the Men's Fellowship Group on **Saturday, January 14 at 7:30 a.m.** as we continue our lively, faith-filled discussions. Let's start the new year on a high note. For more information, please contact Tj at 508-721-2557.

There will be a **special collection for The Catholic University of America** to be taken in all the parishes throughout the Diocese of Worcester this weekend. The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the U.S., belongs to all of us in the Church, regardless of where we live. All of the funds received through this collection underwrite the financial aid program at the university. Simply put, your contributions directly benefit students at CUA from all over the country, including the Diocese of Worcester, by funding scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to attend.

### SCRIPTURE STUDY

A Scripture Study using the "Six Weeks with the Bible" series will be held on **Thursday evenings, January 12, January 19, January 26, February 2, February 9, and February 16** from 7-8:30 p.m. in the rectory. The series title we will be using is "*Jonah/Ruth: Love Crosses Boundaries.*" Please call the Religious Education Office at 508-798-0612 if interested in attending.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11 Notice the distinct order of events in the Magi's visit. First they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we presume to present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what gifts God might be asking us to share. But when we kneel before Him in prayer we will find the answer.*

### COLLECTIONS

The collections for the past couple of weeks are as follows:

- December 24-25 weekend - \$6,371
- Christmas collection - \$4,409
- Dec. 31-Jan. 1 weekend - \$4,996
- Solemnity of Mary collection - \$625
- January monthly collection - \$1,000



We are grateful to you for your wonderful generosity.

### 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 8  
**8:30-11:30 a.m.** - Mass followed by  
First Eucharist Class  
**1-4 p.m.** - Grade 7/8 Retreat  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.** - Grade 9/10 Class
- Thursday, January 12  
**7-8:30 p.m.** - Scripture Study
- Monday, January 16  
**2:30-5:30 p.m.** - Jeremiah's Inn (EYF)
- Tuesday, January 17  
**7:00 p.m.** - Religious Education Board
- Thursday, January 19  
**7-8:30 p.m.** - Scripture Study
- Saturday-Sunday, January 21 & 22**  
**Gathering Day**
- Sunday, January 22  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.** - Grade 9/10 Class
- Thursday, January 26  
**7-8:30 p.m.** - Scripture Study
- 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  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.** - Grade 7/8 Class

**GATHERING DAY SIGN-UP  
(GRADES 1-6)**

A Gathering Day will be held on

**Saturday, January 21 from 1 - 3:15 p.m.**  
**and**  
**Sunday, January 22 from 2-4:15 p.m.**

Your child can attend either Saturday or Sunday.  
At sign-up, your child will receive service project  
information and a home lesson to be completed and  
brought to the Gathering Day.

Sign-ups for this Gathering Day will be held during  
the following times:

**Sunday, January 8 - after the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses**  
**- 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, January 10 - 11 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, January 11 - 11 a.m. -5:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, January 12 - 11 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**GOD SPEAKS! Family Scripture Puzzles**

Look for the activity in the folders attached to the  
bulletin boards at both church entrances.

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

*You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace.*  
*(Ephesians 3:2)*

**H**ave you ever been entrusted with an important message to deliver to someone? If so, you probably worked hard to make sure it was delivered properly. That's how Paul must have felt about the gospel he preached. It was a universal, revolutionary message: Salvation is available to Gentiles and Jews alike! No one is outside of God's power to save, heal, and transform!

Two thousand years later, God is still looking for people willing to become stewards of his grace. He is calling you to proclaim the surprising news of salvation.



Why talk about our call to evangelize on the Feast of the Epiphany? Because today we celebrate the way Jesus' glory was revealed to the Magi. Today we celebrate the way the Magi saw something special in this boy from Nazareth—something special enough to make them want to offer him valuable gifts.

In a similar way, when we share with people the message of Jesus—the universal, revolutionary message of salvation—we are showing them something glorious. We are proclaiming the greatest, most awe-inspiring news in history: Heaven is open! Salvation has come!

This is a high calling indeed! Every time we share the message of God's grace, we offer people a chance to have their own epiphany. We can go so far as to say that just by living out the gospel, our lives can become an epiphany—a glorious manifestation of the power of God to transform human hearts!

So as it turns out, St. Paul is not the only one privileged to be called a steward of God's grace. That title belongs to each of us. So let's treasure our role in God's plan—and, above all else, let's treasure the salvation that we have received!

**Adapted from The Word Among Us**

**EXERCISE YOUR FAITH**

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

**by participating in "Rosary Praying" on December 8:**

Thomas Anderson  
Abigail Fahey  
Benjamin Jette  
Sarah Lempicki  
Emma Lyons  
Nathan Pickett  
Zachary Randall  
Stephen Saucier

Jacob Dileo  
Ryan Fahey  
Sophia Laperle  
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