

# 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

## July 18, 2010

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

**6th Anniv.: Roger Walton**

*Requested by his family*

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

**K. Marie Lucey**

*Requested by Ed & Barbara Vaitkunas*

Sunday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.

**Anthony & Mary Akstin**

*Requested by Eleanore*

Monday, July 19, 7:00 a.m.

**5th Anniv.: Albert Gallacher**

*Requested by his family*

Wednesday, July 21, 7:00 a.m.

**George Maroney**

*Requested by his family*

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

**Dot Rushford**

*Requested by her family*

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

**The Deceased Members of the  
Brigham & Flynn Families**

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

**1st Anniv.: Ray Petreccia**

*Requested by his family*

## 16th 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.

**7/18 - Team 1**

**7/25 - 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 Paul & Therese Murray  
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, Jan T. Karbowski,  
Maeghan McGuirk, Janie Bouges,  
Julie Beckwith, Ed Handlin*

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

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**Kateri Tekakwitha Senior Housing** - Picture  
and information.

**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)**

### 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.

### 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 Fr. Donat Lamothe, an  
Assumptionist, who will speak to us on  
behalf of his mission work.

### North American Martyrs Yard Sale

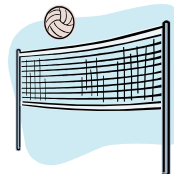
North American Martyrs will hold a yard sale on  
Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 3. If you have any  
"attic treasures" you would like to donate to this  
yard sale, please bring them **to the back of the  
rectory near the porch**. All items must be received  
no later than Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from  
the yard sale will benefit the North American  
Martyrs Relay For Life team. Please call Maureen  
Morse at 508-832-4351 with any questions.

### Novena to St. Anne in Fiskdale

St. Anne Shrine, Fiskdale (Sturbridge) invites pilgrims  
of all faiths, generations and cultures to celebrate our  
123rd Novena to St. Anne from **July 18 to 26**. This  
year's theme is "To Whom Shall We Go?" A diverse  
group of speakers and musicians will help us during  
these nine days of prayer to reflect on this question and  
find way to peace in our life. For more information visit  
their website: [www.stannestpat.org](http://www.stannestpat.org) or call  
508-347-7338.

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

Our next **practice** will be held this  
**Monday, July 19, from 6:30-7:30**  
at North American Martyrs.



**Our next game will be held this  
Tuesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. against  
Sacred Heart Church, Worcester.** Please come  
cheer on our team!

If you have any questions, please call Pam  
Ashmankas at 508-798-0612, 508-798-2828, or by  
e-mail at [namparish@charterinternet.com](mailto:namparish@charterinternet.com).

Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who  
cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required,  
was rewarded with his heart's desire — a son. Martha also  
busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly  
and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?



### COLLECTIONS

The collection for last weekend was  
\$3,398. The monthly renovation  
collection was \$885. We are very  
grateful to you for your loyal support.

## Grade 9 & 10 Ministry Experience

The ministry experience for our 9th and 10th grade religious education students is designed to encourage a year-long commitment to a chosen ministry thereby experiencing the connection between knowledge of faith and faith in action.

We would like to acknowledge our students who faithfully volunteered their time in the following ministries throughout the past year.

### Altar Server

Emily Andrade  
Matthew Festa  
Sean Hoey

### Auburn Youth & Family Services

Ashley Backunas  
Sean Garand  
Danielle Harris  
Sarah Lynch  
Nick Martinelli  
Mike Mello  
Emily Mills  
Emily Revane  
Mike Revane

### Lector at Prince of Peace Parish

Michaella Caporello

### Second Chance Animal Shelter

Amanda DeBartolomeis

### Assist younger children

Lisa Balesano - basketball  
Bridget Friend - cheer coach  
Danielle Hastings - dance  
Patrick Miller - basketball

### Meals on Wheels

Nicole Sarkisian

### Life Care Center

Aymee Beaudoin  
Alyssa Boyle  
Ben Brabbs  
Zachary Clifford  
Michael Fazio  
Patrick Germain  
Brendan Kish  
Adam Murphy  
Patrick Ranauro  
Samantha Vielmas

### Kateri's Kitchen

Aimee Daigneault  
Mary Gannon  
Nicole Johnson  
Robby Lucas  
Christina Mills

### "Come Follow Me"

Audra Racine  
Lauren Ramos  
Kylie Rogan

### Invisible Children

Jaime Bailey  
Nicole Berthiaume  
Lizzie Carlson  
Kayla Shearns

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Martha, Martha ..." (Luke 10:41)

What a classic example of how closeness with God trumps religious activity! We all can see how Martha was focused on doing things for Jesus: cooking, cleaning, and making Jesus comfortable. Obviously, she couldn't see that Jesus cared more about sharing a conversation than sharing a perfect meal.

But didn't James tell us that anyone who listens to the word of God and doesn't do what it says is like someone who gazes into a mirror and then immediately forgets what he looks like (James 1:22-24)? Perhaps Martha was onto something after all. Yes, she was a bit too preoccupied with the demands of hospitality, but maybe she was just trying her best to be a doer of the word and not just a hearer. Maybe she understood that you can't have real communion with God without service.



This message certainly applies to our relationship with God, but it also applies to our relationships with one another. Scripture tells us to "serve one another through love" (Galatians 5:13), to "strive for peace with everyone" (Hebrews 12:14), and to use our God-given gifts to take care of each other (1 Peter 4:10). We don't grow in love for each other simply by talking, after all. We grow by doing things for each other!

Jesus didn't rebuke Martha for being a servant. That would contradict so much of his teaching—and so much of his own example. No, he wanted her to see that she had allowed anxiety and stress to control her more than simplicity and love. He wanted her to see that she lost her temper because she had lost her perspective.

Jesus wants to speak to us just as he spoke to Martha. He wants to invite us to sit with him and receive his abundant love. At the same time, he wants to give us energy for the work he's called us to. May we all eat the Bread of Life and then go out and give away what God has given us!

**Adapted from The Word Among Us**

## Sung Prayer

Song is not an interruption to prayer, song is the best kind of prayer. St Augustine said: "The one who sings once, prays twice." Worship has always included song. The psalms are songs and most of what we sing now has the Book of Psalms as its source. Our external response in song is only one dimension of our participation. Perhaps even more important is uniting oneself to what is being sung so we can together raise our thoughts to God. Even if we cannot sing (for whatever reason) we should be following the words of our song prayer so we are united as one family in our praise of God.

## LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT

Please bring in any small unopened toiletry items and leave them in the **collection box in the foyer of the parish hall**. Suggested items include: toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, shaving cream, comb/brush, band-aids, lotion. All items are donated to **Hope Lodge** in Worcester. Thanks.

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