

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

June 27, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 26, 4:30 p.m.

10th Anniv.: Robert Letourneau

Requested by his family

Sunday, June 27, 8:30 a.m.

Alphonse Laporte

Requested by his family

Sunday, June 27, 10:30 a.m.

Irene Polanik

Requested by Sally Karbowski

Wednesday, June 30, 7:00 a.m.

George Maroney - Requested by his family

Friday, July 2, 8:40 a.m.

Mass with Religious Education Students

All are invited

Saturday, July 3, 4:30 p.m.

Armand & Eva Letourneau

Requested by their family

Sunday, July 4, 8:30 a.m.

Arthur, Albina & Elaine Warren

Requested by their family

Sunday, July 4, 10:30 a.m.

3rd Anniv.: Annette Desplaines

Requested by her family

13th 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.

6/27 - Team 7

7/4 - No Coffee And (Independence Day)

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 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

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

was celebrated on
June 20, 2010, for

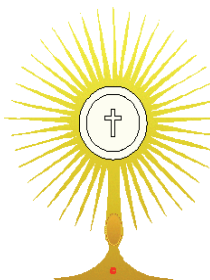
Dylan Mikaela Barretti

Daughter of Michael and
Aileen (Prosser) Barretti

We congratulate the parents
and welcome Dylan Mikaela
into the Church and our parish.



First Friday



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

We are very grateful to all who
come for a half hour of adoration
every First Friday.

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR WEB PAGE

www.namartyrsauburn.org

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.

North American Martyrs Yard Sale

North American Martyrs will hold a yard sale on
Saturday, August 14th 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 7th. 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.

Patriotic Rosary

For the Consecration of Our Nation



A Patriotic Rosary for the
consecration of our country will be
prayed **Friday, July 2, 6 p.m.** at St.
Brigid Church, 59 Main St.,
Millbury. In this critical time, we
come together in faith to lift up these prayers to Our
Heavenly Father through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary. We invite all the faithful to
come and pray for our country. We will remember
all our servicemen and women, living and
deceased. A book, Prayers for our Servicemen and
Women, will be present at the church for the names
of soldiers to be especially remembered in the
rosary.

Early Childhood Program “Pentecost, Helping Others”

Sunday, June 27, 10:30 a.m., Rectory

This program (postponed from May) will be the last
session for the school year and will resume in
September. It is open to children who are 4 & 5
years old through kindergarten. Please call Michelle
Gallant at 508-757-8065 for more information.

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.

In today's second reading, St. Paul provides a wonderful one-
sentence summary of Christian stewardship: Out of love, place
yourselves at one another's service.



COLLECTIONS

The collection for last weekend was
\$3,903. We are very grateful for your
loyal support.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
JUNE-JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Monday, June 28-Friday, July 2
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Loreto Week 1

Monday, July 12-Friday, July 16
8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. – Loreto Week 2

**Session 1 of our Summer Loreto Program
begins this Monday, June 28.**

Please keep us in your prayers as we spend a faith-filled week together studying Scripture: The Story of God and God's People with our children in grades 1-6.

Note to Parents: Please remember to have your child bring the following items on the first day of class:

Field Trip Permission Slip

(one per family—to be returned at sign-in table)

Snack donation

(one box/bag of cookies, goldfish, pretzels, etc.)

Lunch in insulated bag or cooler (each day)

Service Project donation

(Family donation of \$5.00 to continue to educate and feed Rwodmine, Wiker, Clebertina, Jean-Darly, and Malachy, our sponsored students from Haiti)

Your child should be at North American Martyrs by 8:30 a.m. each day and picked up by 3:00 p.m. each day in the parish hall.

CAN & BOTTLE DRIVE

North American Martyrs' own Boy Scout Troop 121 will be holding a Bottle and Can Drive on **Saturday, July 10th**, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Drury Square Fire Station. This annual event helps to raise funds for the Troop's numerous activities. Save those returnables from your July 4th cookouts and bring them down to us.

Saints Peter and Paul

On June 29 we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. This feast is so important that we observe it even when it falls on a Sunday and so some years it replaces a regular Sunday in Ordinary Time. Both Peter and Paul were martyred in the city of Rome under the persecution of Emperor Nero. Peter was executed on the Vatican hill, and Paul outside the city walls. Together these two apostles represent the gospel mission to the Jews and the Gentiles. Tradition says that they embraced before marching off to their deaths. In many countries this feast is one of the holy days of obligation. We might call this day "Founding Fathers' Day."

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For freedom Christ set us free. (Galatians 5:1)

What have we been set free from? And what are we free for? And even more important, how can we experience this freedom?

Jesus has set us free from selfishness. Especially with those we know best, it's easy to get stuck in self-centered patterns that inhibit the flow of his love. This can only lead to sniping and resentment because we feel that we are underappreciated. But Jesus can teach us to go out of our way for each other and not stand on what we think we deserve.

Jesus has set us free to love and serve each other—and to do it in new and creative ways. Think of how creative God has been in setting his people free. Who would have imagined city walls falling down with a trumpet blast or God coming to earth as a baby? Who can imagine as well the unexpected ways he can inspire us to reach out to each other?



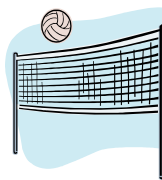
Now look at the creativity of his servants over the years. Think of Elijah pouring water on the sacrifice to heighten the drama when God set it on fire (1 Kings 18:30-38). Imagine the man whose friends let him down through the roof or the Philippian jailer treating his prisoners to a meal (Acts 16:23-34).

Christians are still exercising creative freedom today. A group of young people have moved into a rundown neighborhood and won the trust of their neighbors by offering to do projects to help them improve their homes. Two families tore down the fence between their houses so that they could share life more easily. A family decided to help deliver Christmas food baskets rather than just donating canned goods.

These are just a few examples of the creative freedom Jesus can pour out when we move away from selfishness and seek instead to "serve one another through love" (Galatians 5:13). How free do you want to be?

Adapted from The Word Among Us

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



This Fun League is open to students entering grades 7 through summer after graduation, parishioners of St. Joseph and North American Martyrs. Practices and games will be held on Tuesday nights. Once the season begins (July 6), practices will be held on

Monday nights. **Practice will be held on Tuesday, June 29, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at North American Martyrs.** If you are interested in participating, please come to a practice to complete paperwork (parental signature required). Cost will be \$10 if you require a t-shirt, \$5 if you are a previous player and no t-shirt is needed. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Ashmankas at pashmankas@charter.net or 508/798-2828.

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