

# 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 6, 2010

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 5, 4:30 p.m.

**Helen Rossik**

*Requested by her family*

Sunday, June 6, 8:30 a.m.

**Mary Boraccini**

*Requested by Bill & Jane Van Winkle*

Sunday, June 6, 10:30 a.m.

**2nd Anniv.: Chester Elkinson**

*Requested by his family*

Friday, June 11, 7:00 a.m.

**George Maroney**

*Requested by his family*

Saturday, June 12, 4:30 p.m.

**Theresa LeHane**

*Requested by her family*

Sunday, June 13, 8:30 a.m.

**31st Anniv.: Jeffrey Graves**

*Requested by his family*

Sunday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.

**Ernest Nault**

*Requested by Mat & Pam Ashmankas*

## Feast of the Body & Blood of Jesus

### 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. Schedules are available in the kitchen.

**6/6 - Team 5**

**6/13 - Team 6**

**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 James Kennedy, 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*

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

## Corpus Christi

This feast, now called the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, developed during the Middle Ages (in the year 1264) at the request of St. Thomas Aquinas who wrote the hymns and prayers for the feast. Its purpose was to emphasize the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. A procession with the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance was a public display of faith. Processions, incense, flowers, canopy, monstrance! For 800 years people looked at and adored our Lord in the Eucharist, singing about the awesome presence of Christ among us, remembering Holy Thursday, spiritually communing but rarely daring to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord in Holy Communion. Today we understand once more that the Eucharist is for eating and drinking. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ calls us to ponder the love of our savior who came to be with us and to serve us in a most ordinary way, and to ask how we might follow more closely in his footsteps.

## Catholic Communications Campaign

Today's second envelope supports the Annual Catholic Communications Campaign. This financial support makes it possible for the Church to have a voice in all media with national and local programming on cable, radio, satellite, the internet, and more. Learn more by reading the letter from Bishop McManus at [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org). Thank you for your generous support to help us evangelize in the public square!

## 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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
was celebrated on  
May 30, 2010, for**

**Genevieve Riley Camire**

Daughter of Ryan and  
Margaret (Lush) Camire

We congratulate the parents  
and welcome Genevieve Riley  
into the Church and our parish.



## Relay for Life

Father Gee and the North American Martyrs Relay For Life team will take to the track again this coming September to help fight cancer in our community. The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will be held on September 10 & 11 at Lemansky Park in Auburn. Join with others from our parish and our community and make a difference in the fight against cancer. To find out more about Relay For Life and how you can join the NAM team, contact Maureen Morse at 508-832-4351 or [simplymaureen@aol.com](mailto:simplymaureen@aol.com)

## ATTENTION ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

If you are involved with any ministry of the church where children are present at any time, i.e., Kateri's Kitchen, Coffee And, Religious Education, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, you are required to attend a one-time **Safe Environment Training**.

A Safe Environment Training will be held at North American Martyrs parish hall on **Tuesday, June 15**, from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call the Religious Education Office at 508-798-0612.

## SCOUTING AWARDS

Congratulations to Antoinette Pacifico who was presented the Girl Scout "Spirit Alive" Award at the annual Scout Award Sunday on May 2 at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Congratulations to Vincent Pacifico who was presented the Boy Scout "Pope Pius XII" Award on May 2 at the annual Scout Award Sunday at St. Paul's Cathedral.

In addition, both Antoinette and Vincent received the "Diocesan Pillars of Faith" Award for completing and receiving all scouting religious awards.

In today's Gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might individually seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus' powerful reminder that when we share our gifts in His name there is always more than enough!



## COLLECTIONS

The collection for last weekend was \$4,519. We thank you for your continued support.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Tuesday, June 8  
**7-9 p.m.** - Catechist Training, Workshop 1  
 Formational (Scripture)

Thursday, June 10  
**7-8:30 p.m.** - Scripture Study

Sunday, June 13  
**6-7:15 p.m.** - New Parent meeting, Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 15  
**7-8:30 p.m.** - Safe Environment Training

Tuesday, June 22  
**7-8:30 p.m.** - Catechist Training, Workshop 2  
 Informational

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

**AIR CONDITIONER NEEDED**

The Religious Education Office is in need of one window air conditioners for use during our summer program (from June 28-July 16). If you have one available and would like to loan or donate it to the religious education office, please call 508-798-0612. Thank you.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Group meets in the Kateri's Kitchen classroom on the first Monday of each month from **1-2:30 pm**. The next meeting will be **Monday, June 7**. Everyone is welcome. If you or anyone you know is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact Angela Rothera at (508) 832-4390.



**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

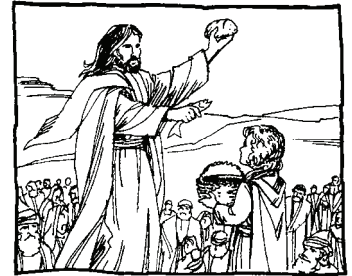
be held on Monday nights. **Our first practice will be held on Tuesday, June 15, from 6-7 pm at North American Martyrs.** If you are interested in participating, please come to our first practice. Paperwork will be completed at that time (parental signature required). In case of rain, a meeting only will be held in Kateri's Kitchen classroom. 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 call Pam Ashmankas at 508/798-2828 or e-mail at pashmankas@charter.net.

**The Body and Blood of Christ**

*Do this in remembrance of me.  
 (1 Corinthians 11:24)*

The Brule River borders the states of Michigan and Wisconsin in the Upper Midwest of the United States. The Brule has clear sparkling water and it is full of all kinds of fish. At one point, the Brule River merges with the Iron River. Unlike the Brule, the Iron River is murky and polluted.

When these two rivers merge, do you think that the Brule River cleanses the Iron River? Or does the Iron muddy the Brule? As they mix into one stream, the muddy Iron River pollutes the sparkling water of the Brule.



Every time we receive the body and blood of Christ, something similar happens. Jesus' pure, divine life mixes with our impure, human lives. But unlike these two rivers, the impurities in our lives are not strong enough to pollute the divine perfection in Jesus' life. Far from it. In fact, Jesus' life is so pure that he has the power to overcome every impurity in our lives and make us as clean as a sparkling river.

The good news of the gospel is that we don't have to stay polluted by our past sins. And neither does mixing with the world have to result in our becoming more impure. No, God can protect us and make us fruitful, just as a pure river supports all kinds of life. We really can support the people around us with the witness of our lives!

So when you receive the body and blood of Christ today, imagine these two rivers coming together: the clear and pure merging with muddy and polluted. Imagine this confluence bringing you God's grace and blessing. Jesus loves nothing more than taking what is weak and imperfect in us and making it stronger and more holy. He is all good, and he has nothing but good plans for you!

**Adapted from The Word Among Us**

**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. This program is open to children who are 4 & 5 years old through kindergarten. For more information, please call Michelle Gallant at 508-757-8065. This Early Childhood program will resume in September.

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