

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

May 2, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 1, 4:30 p.m.

John Karbowski

Requested by John Polanik

Sunday, May 2, 8:30 a.m.

9th Anniv.: Amy Niepokoczycki

Requested by her family

Sunday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.

16th Anniv.: John Karbowski

Requested by his family

Sunday, May 2, 1:00 p.m.

First Communion Mass

Wednesday, May 5, 7:00 a.m.

George Maroney

Requested by his family

Friday, May 7, 7:00 a.m.

Evelyn Charette - *Requested by her family*

Saturday, May 8, 4:30 p.m.

Michael Houle

Requested by his family

Sunday, May 9, 8:30 a.m.

3rd Anniv.: Rita Sullivan

Requested by her family

Sunday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.

Wilfred & Loretta Bleau

Requested by their family

5th Sunday of Easter

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.

5/2 - Team 2

5/9 - No Coffee And (Mother's 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*

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION Scripture Study

A Scripture study will be held for six weeks using the series "Six Weeks with the Bible" beginning on **Thursday, May 6, from 7-8:30 p.m.** The theme for the six weeks will be "Exodus: God to the Rescue" If interested in attending, please contact the Religious Education Office at 508-798-0612 or by e-mail at namparish@charterinternet.com.

Weekend Retreat for Men at Oakhurst

A Men's Retreat entitled "Various Forms of Prayer / A deeper relationship with God" will be held on **Friday, May 14 beginning at 5:00 pm to Sunday, May 16 at Noon.** It will be facilitated by Deacon Anthony Surozenski, Director of the Diaconate for the Diocese of Worcester and held at the Oakhurst Retreat and Conference Center, 120 Hill Street, Whitinsville. Cost \$ 159.00 per person including 2 nights overnight accommodations and 5 delicious meals along with a spiritually enriching program. This retreat was initiated by the men of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Ann Parish in Worcester and is open to men from throughout the diocese and beyond. Call the retreat center (508) 234-0346 by May 7th for more information and to reserve your place for the retreat.

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.

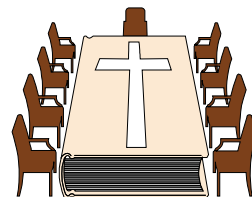
First Friday



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

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

The Parish Council will meet on this Tuesday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.



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, May 3.** Everyone is welcome. If you or anyone you know is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact Angela Rothera at (508) 832-4390.

The **2010 MWTS Summer Camp** (with Sean Forrest) will be held over the weekend of **June 25-27, 2010** at Holy Apostles College and Seminary - 33 Prospect Hill Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416. Registration will remain the same at \$125.00 for the weekend, which includes all meals. **Spots fill up quickly so don't wait, register now!** Visit the Movin' With the Spirit website for more information. http://mwts.org/mwts/Summer_Camp.html

The Bulletin and the Faith Connection (bulletin insert) is available on our webpage. Please go to namartyrsauburn.org and select Bulletin/Faith Connection, and then select the correct date. This publication is for personal use only.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples — and us — a new commandment: "Love one another." Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.
See John 13:34.



COLLECTIONS

The collection for last weekend was 3,178. We are very grateful for your continued support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 2

1:00 p.m. - First Eucharist Celebration
(Scully & Lavalley/Lutz)

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Grade 9/10 Class

Tuesday, May 4

3:30-5:30 pm - Rosary Making & Praying (EYF)

Wednesday, May 5

7-9 p.m. - Intro to Scripture, Basic Certification

Thursday, May 6

7-8:30 p.m. - Scripture Study

Saturday, May 8

Baby Shower for Visitation House

Sunday, May 9

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

Wednesday, May 12

7-9 p.m. - Intro to Scripture, Basic Cert.- Week 2

Thursday, May 13

7-8:30 p.m. - Scripture Study

Sunday, May 16

6:30-8:00 p.m. - Grade 9/10 Class

Tuesday, May 18

7 p.m. - Religious Education Board meeting

Wednesday, May 19

7-9 p.m. - Intro to Scripture, Basic Cert.- Week 3

Thursday, May 20

7-8:30 p.m. - Scripture Study

Saturday, May 22

8:30-12 - Community Harvest Project (EYF)

Sunday, May 23

10:30-11:15 a.m.—Early Childhood Program

Wednesday, May 26

7-9 p.m. - Intro to Scripture, Basic Cert.- Week 4

Thursday, May 27

7-8:30 p.m. - Scripture Study

Postal Carriers Annual Food Drive

On **Saturday May 8**, letter carriers throughout central Massachusetts will be taking part in their annual food drive. All food that is collected goes directly to local food pantries, including Kateri's Kitchen. All that has to be done to participate in this drive is to leave non-perishable food items wherever you receive your mail before your letter carrier arrives. It will then be picked up and delivered to local food pantries to be distributed to people in need. There are many people in our communities that are having a tough time and this food will go a long way in providing relief. Thank you for helping to make this food drive a success.

5th Sunday of Easter

*The word of God continued to spread and grow.
(Acts 12:24)*

It is truly amazing how the word of God has spread from twelve apostles to encompass the whole wide world! It all started with Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit fell upon those gathered in the upper room, enabling them to proclaim the wonders of God in many languages and tongues. Three thousand people heard the gospel that day and became believers.

Shortly after that, Peter and John healed a beggar who could not walk, providing an opportunity to add another two thousand



to their number. After this, the apostles began to meet regularly in the Temple area, where many miracles were performed, and many more heard the word of God preached to them for the first time.

With the martyrdom of St. Stephen, a persecution broke out against the believers, and many believers were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. They continued to preach the gospel wherever they went. Because of this dispersion, the word of God spread to Tarsus, Caesarea, and Antioch. Finally, with the missionary journeys of Paul and Barnabas, the word of God reached as far as Ephesus, Corinth, Rome, and even Spain.

Two thousand years later, the word of God continues to grow and spread as Christians across the globe bear witness to the power and love of God in their lives.

God wants to use you as he spreads his word and his love across the world—he really does! He promises us that his word will never return to him empty, but will accomplish the purposes for which he sends it out (Isaiah 55:10-11). You can be sure that every opportunity you take to share your faith will be blessed in some way or other. You may see a person come to instant conversion. You may simply be watering a seed that someone else has planted. Or you may be planting a brand new seed yourself. Whatever the result, know that God sees every good thing you do, and he rewards it. Remember: He is even more eager than you to see people embrace the gospel. Of course he will bless your efforts!

Adapted from The Word Among Us

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.

St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Bin

Just a reminder that there is a collection bin behind the church where you can donate used clothing and shoes.

We are grateful to these parishioners, whose ads pay for the equipment and materials to produce this bulletin.



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