

# 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 30, 2010**

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 29, 4:30 p.m.

**6th Anniv.: Irene Polanik**

*Requested by her family*

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

**Fred & Lucille Fortin**

*Requested by their family*

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

**14th Anniv.: Antoinette Przelomski**

*Requested by her family*

Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 a.m.

**Father Alfred Desautels, S.J.**

*Requested by the Brigham family*

Wednesday, June 2, 7:00 a.m.

**George Maroney**

*Requested by his family*

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*

## Feast of the Blessed Trinity

### 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.

**5/30 - Mat**

**6/6 - Team 5**

**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 Mary Boraccini, Florence Malloy, Wilfred Hinchcliffe, 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

## Trinity Sunday

At every Sunday liturgy we begin with the sign of the cross: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Often the gesture we make with those words becomes rote, even meaningless because we do it so automatically. Yet, this gesture is one of the most basic and profound signs of our faith. The gesture of crossing ourselves not only praises the Trinity but makes a powerful statement about who we are. How carefully do we make the sign? How aware are we of the implications of "signing" ourselves? This gesture could be so much more powerful if it were done with attention and reverence. On Trinity Sunday, we can make a special effort at signing ourselves with attention and devotion. Instead of trying to "explain" the Trinity, we might take more care at expressing our belief by the way we make the sign of the cross.

## Catholic Communications Campaign

On the **weekend of June 5/6**, a second collection will be taken up in all parishes to support the Annual Catholic Communications Campaign. This financial support is needed to assist the Church in having 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).

## 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, June 4, 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM was celebrated on May 22, 2010, for**

**Colton Philip Hall**

Son of John and Megan (Pike) Hall

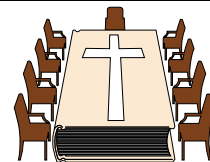
We congratulate the parents and welcome Colton Philip into the Church and our parish.



## The Men's Fellowship Group

will be meeting on Saturday, **June 5th at 7:30am**. We are changing the time to make it easier for men to come and meet, and still make it home for all the Saturday activities and chores. Please come and join us for a faith-filled hour of prayer and study, to help recharge you in your faith.

The Parish Council will meet on this **Tuesday, June 1**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.



## ALTAR SERVERS



Boys or girls currently in the 4th grade or above who would like to serve the parish as an altar server are invited to come to a preliminary meeting this

## Rosary



We invite you to join us after the 10:30 Mass **today**, Sunday, May 30, to pray the rosary at the Shrine of our Blessed Mother in the front of the church. Weather permitting!

Today's psalm reminds us that we have been crowned with glory and honor and given rule over the works of God's hands. But we must be good stewards, for the Lord will surely hold us accountable for the use of those gifts!



## COLLECTIONS

The collection for last weekend was \$3,882. We thank you for your loyal support.

### AIR CONDITIONERS NEEDED

The Religious Education Office is in need of two 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.

### 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, call or email Maureen Morse at 508-832-4351 or [simplifymaureen@aol.com](mailto:simplifymaureen@aol.com)

### Adopt a Grandparent Program

Hello, my name is Antoinette Pacifico. I am a Girl Scout in Auburn and I am working on my Gold Award. For my project, I am starting an Adopt a Grandparent Program at Emeritus Assisted Living, 667 Washington Street, Auburn. The program will be every Saturday in the summer from 10-11:30am, from June 26 to August 28. This is a wonderful community service opportunity. If you are in grades 6-12 and would like to volunteer at this program, please come to an informational session at The Woods at Emeritus Assisted Living (the upper building) on **Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 7pm**. We will meet in the main lobby. A parent or guardian must accompany the volunteer at this meeting. Please send me an e-mail if you are coming or if you have any questions ([pacifico@massmed.org](mailto:pacifico@massmed.org)). Thank you for your support!

### Host families are needed

for over 120 students from France, Italy and Spain. The students arrive July 7 and leave August 2. Our host home families include families with children, single adults, empty nesters, and vibrant seniors. Any individual or family that has a room to share and an open heart makes for a great host family. Some families prefer to host two students, as the students can often room together and provide each other with additional companionship. If you are interested in providing your family with an invaluable and "once in a lifetime" cultural experience that will last for years after your student has gone, we would love to talk to you. For more information, please contact Anita Burroughs, New England Area Manager, 603-986-6216 or the local site director, Diane Sullivan, 508-248-3225, or visit the Educational Homestay Programs website <http://www.efhomestay.org>.

### 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**.

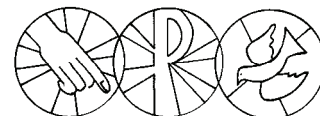
A Safe Environment Training will be held at North American Martyrs parish hall on **Tuesday, June 15**, from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call the Religious Education Office at 508-798-0612.

### The Holy Trinity

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we acknowledge the central mystery of the Christian faith: that our God is not one but three—three divine Persons in one God. It is the one statement that separates us from all of the other religions in the world, and it is the foundation for everything else that we profess and believe as Catholics.

But the teaching of the Trinity really explains much more than mere metaphysical propositions. It tells us about the inner life of God—the intimate love



and communion that is constantly flowing between the Father, Son, and Spirit. God is far from an isolated being or uninvolved deity. His very existence has to do with relationships.

If it is God's nature to share himself, and if we are created in his image and likeness, it follows that we too are meant to share our lives with each other. As Paul reminds us, we are the body of Christ, and a body "is not a single part, but many." (1 Corinthians 12:14). We were made to be in communion with one another, joining together to build the kingdom and to proclaim the gospel to all of creation. It's a tall order, and anyone who has tried to do it alone knows that it just doesn't work!

But the Trinity is more than just a model for togetherness: It also gives us the power to live it! We really can love one another as fully as Jesus loves us—if we draw from the love of God that has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Jesus promises that as we deepen our relationship with one another, our lives will start to reflect the very life of the Trinity—and that's how we can experience the joy we are meant to know as Christians!

### THANK YOU FROM VISITATION HOUSE

How grateful we are for your very generous collection of baby items at the baby shower that was held for Visitation House. Your thoughtfulness warms us and allows us to assist so many. Your faith in action is a wonderful witness to God's love for all of us. God bless you in your faith journey. Thank you for thinking of those who have less.

All good things,  
Susan Arraje, House Manager

### Early Childhood Program

*"Pentecost, Helping Others"*

**Sunday, May 30, 10:30 a.m., Rectory**

This program is open to children who are 4 & 5 years old through kindergarten.

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