

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 9, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, May 9, 7:00 a.m.

Amelia Grigaravich

Requested by her family

Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 a.m.

George Maroney

Requested by his family

Saturday, May 15, 4:30 p.m.

David & Edna Doherty

Requested by their family

Sunday, May 16, 8:30 a.m.

Joseph Shenette

Requested by the Durocher family

Sunday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.

2nd Anniv.: Frank & Rose Piscitelli

Requested by Felix Piscitelli

6th 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.

5/9 - No Coffee And (Mother's Day)
5/16 - 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 Herbert Trofatter 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

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

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.

WALK for the Homeless In Worcester

The 25th Annual WALK for the Homeless will be held on May 16 stepping off at 2 pm from Elm Park in Worcester. The beneficiaries of this year's 3.0 mile WALK are the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, the Donations Clearinghouse, the Interfaith Hospitality Network/Friendly House, and Hope for Housing. Massachusetts adopted the housing first approach to assist families in need this year. While this model saves money for the commonwealth and increases the chances for families and individuals to successfully move from shelter to self-sufficiency it does not eliminate the need for us to help our neighbors when they hit hard times. You can register to WALK, download a pledge form, and e-mail friends and family to sponsor you for the WALK at the CMHA website, www.cmhaonline.org. Call Amy Walsh with any questions at 508-791-7265 x31.

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 2, 2010, for

Natalena Grace Feeney,
daughter of Christian and
Amy (Marchetti) Feeney.

We congratulate the parents
and welcome Natalena Grace
into the Church and our parish.



Thursday of this week, May 13, is the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus. It is a holy day of obligation and we should attend mass. For your convenience, mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. and on Thursday at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.



Mother's Day

We wish all the
mothers of our parish
God's blessing on this day
dedicated to you.

CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE

For the week of May 16, there is a slight change in the daily mass schedule. There will not be a mass on Wednesday, May 19th; there will be a mass on Thursday, May 20th, 7 a.m.

Auburn Recreation and Culture sponsors

Jules' Run

Auburn Walk/Run for Cancer/Kids' Rascal Run

When: **May 22, 2010**
Where: Auburn High School
Time: 9 a.m. - Kids' Run (ages 4-12)
10 a.m. - Adult 3 miles walk/run
10:10 a.m. - Adult 5 miles run

For more information, see the posters and registration forms at the back entrance of the church or in the hall, or contact Kathleen Lutz at 508-770-1557 or tomkatclan@verizon.net. 100% of the proceeds go to cancer research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."



COLLECTIONS

The collection for last weekend was \$4,983. We are very grateful for your loyal support.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 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

First Eucharist



Last weekend, 41 of our children received Jesus for the first time in our celebration of the Eucharist. It was a glorious weekend of worship and memories for all involved. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers that they will come to Jesus in this sacrament often and be strengthened by its grace throughout their lives.

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| <i>Maura Anish</i> | <i>Jessica Barrell</i> | <i>Grace Beauregard</i> |
| <i>Nigel Belgrave</i> | <i>Jacob Berger</i> | <i>Samantha Blais</i> |
| <i>Cameron Bolduc</i> | <i>Joseph Chunis</i> | <i>Jessica Clivio</i> |
| <i>Esteban Delatorre</i> | <i>Sydney Fanion</i> | <i>Ashley Fazio</i> |
| <i>Colin Fitzgerald</i> | <i>Jack Gallant</i> | <i>Sarah Garabedian</i> |
| <i>Nicholas Giorgio</i> | <i>Aidan Gowaski</i> | <i>Kobe Greenidge</i> |
| <i>Griffin Handfield</i> | <i>Bryce Kennedy</i> | <i>Isabelle Lavallee</i> |
| <i>Katelyn Leopard</i> | <i>Colin Lutz</i> | <i>Olivia Mathews</i> |
| <i>Brendan McDuffie</i> | <i>Thomas Messina</i> | <i>Benjamin Mousseau</i> |
| <i>Ryan Murphy</i> | <i>Dylan Nguyen</i> | <i>Jocelyn Nguyen</i> |
| <i>Morgan Noel</i> | <i>Anna Pyche</i> | <i>Kelsey Reno</i> |
| <i>Shannon Reno</i> | <i>Hannah Roberts</i> | <i>Julia Rosum</i> |
| <i>Jared Shulten</i> | <i>Brett Sullivan</i> | <i>Mackenzie Tessman</i> |
| <i>Julia Zona</i> | <i>Nicola Zona</i> | |

5th Sunday of Easter

Unless you are circumcised... (Acts 15:1)

The apostles were careful not to burden the people who were accepting the gospel. They knew how the Law of Moses could become a stumbling block as Jews and Gentiles began to embrace their message and live together in community. True, the Law is holy, righteous, and good. But it couldn't accomplish all that Jesus' death and resurrection did. So why add requirements like circumcision to Gentiles when this practice was not at the heart of the gospel?



Jesus said it, too: "My yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matthew 11:30). Christianity was never meant to be a burden. In fact, the people from Judea who were preaching circumcision had misinterpreted the scope and purpose of the Law, just as they had misunderstood the power of Jesus' salvation.

Commenting on this whole episode, St. Paul urged his readers: "For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1). Let these words challenge you today. Don't take on any unnecessary burdens. Instead, ask yourself: "What expectations do I hold that are leading me to feel guilty and unworthy of God's love?" "Am I holding myself to an impossibly high standard?" "Am I placing faith in what I can do over what Jesus has already done for me?"

If your Christian walk seems too hard or too bound up in legalisms, step back and talk to Jesus. If you are carrying any needless burdens, ask him to show you his yoke, which is meant to be easy. Ask him to show you his burden, which is meant to be light. And if you are carrying unavoidable burdens, ask him to lighten your load a bit so that you can keep moving forward. Jesus wants you to enjoy his life, in good times and bad.

Adapted from The Word Among Us

First Eucharist Presentation Mass

A Presentation Mass for the First Eucharist Class and their families will be held today, Sunday, May 9, at 8:30. The children will be acknowledged as full participants in the Mass and will be presented with a special certificate and a rosary made by Mrs. Eileen Quinn. Mass will be followed by a cake reception in the hall.

* We are most grateful to our First Eucharist *
 * catechists who gave so much of themselves in *
 * preparing our children for this sacrament: *
 * **Beth Anish, Sheila Gowaski, Nancy Kennedy,** *
 * **Mariann Lavallee, Kathleen Lutz, Mary Scully,** *
 * **and Maria Zona** *
 * We would like to thank the members of **Eagles** *
 * **Wings** and **Kathy Riley and Judy Frelander** for *
 * the beautiful music so important for the celebration, *
 * as well as the parents who helped out in so many *
 * ways during the preparation time. *

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



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