

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

September 5, 2010

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 4, 4:30 p.m.
Thomas, Rachael, and Robert Foley
Requested by their family

Sunday, September 5, 8:30 a.m.
Fred & Lucille Fortin
Requested by their family

Sunday, September 5, 10:30 a.m.
15th Anniv.: Raymond Flynn
Requested by his family

Wednesday, September 8, 7:00 a.m.
George Maroney
Requested by his family

Friday, September 10, 7:00 a.m.
Doris Cournoyer
Requested by Mary Finn

Saturday, September 11, 4:30 p.m.
Joseph & Leonara Lakowsky
Requested by their family

Sunday, September 12, 8:30 a.m.
Al & Helen Akasten
Requested by the Brigham family

Sunday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.
16th Anniv.: Christa Piscitelli
Requested by her husband, Felix

23rd 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.

9/5 - Team 8

9/12 - Team 1

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 Olsen 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, Maeghan McGuirk, Janie Bouges, Julie Beckwith, Ed Handlin, Eugene Gosselin, Alice Russell, Dale Sarkisian, Pat Lawlor

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

A Prayer for Those Who Are Ailing

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May all members of our North American Martyrs family and their loved ones find lasting health and deliverance, and so join together in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHECK OUR WEB PAGE

www.namartyrsauburn.org

A Mother Teresa thought

"God doesn't require us to succeed; he only requires that you try."

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 Prayer Shawl Ministry Group meets in the Kateri's Kitchen classroom on the first Monday of each month from 1-2:30 pm. However, due to the holiday, there will be no meeting on Monday, September 6. There will be a meeting on **Monday, September 13**, from 1-2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. If you or anyone you know is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact Angela Rothera at (508) 832-4390.



Dining at Applebees - Tuesday, September 7 to benefit the Team Freedom Relay for Life team

Dine at Applebees on Tuesday, September 7, and 15% of your bill will be donated to the Team Freedom Relay for Life team. You must present a flyer to your server in order for the team to get credit. Flyers are available on the bulletin board at the back entrance of the church (near Kateri's Kitchen). Thanks for your support.

North American Martyrs Relay For Life

The NAM Relay For Life team will have luminaria bags available at the back entrance of the church. For a donation of \$10 you can have a luminaria placed on the Relay track in memory of someone lost to cancer, in honor of someone still fighting or in special recognition of someone who has beaten the disease. Simply take a bag home, write your message of hope on the outside of the bag and return it to the basket in the rear of the church by September 9th and our team will make sure it is placed on the track during the Relay. Put your donation in the luminaria envelope, also at the rear of the church, and drop it in the collection.

Backpack Donations

Thank you to everyone who took a post-it note with items needed for our backpacks for our adopted Haiti students. The backpack and items have been shipped to Haiti. May God bless you for your continued support of our children's education!

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.



COLLECTIONS

The collection for last weekend was \$4,607. We are very grateful to you for your loyal support.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, September 12

- 10:30 a.m.** - Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
- 11:30-12:30** - Confirmation Luncheon
- 12:30-2:30** - Confirmation Sponsor Meeting
- 12:30-2:30** - Confirmation Candidate Gathering
- 6:00 p.m.** - Grade 7/8 Parent Meeting
- 6:30-8:00 p.m.** - Grade 7/8 Class

Thursday, September 16

- 7-8 p.m.** - Confirmation Parent Meeting

Sunday, September 19

- 8:30 & 10:30 Mass** - Catechetical Sunday
- Between Masses** - Breakfast for Catechists
- 4:00-6:00 p.m.** - Confirmation Gathering 2
- 6:00 p.m.** - Grade 9/10 Parent Meeting
- 6:30-8:00 p.m.** - Grade 9/10 Class

Tuesday, September 21

- 7:00 p.m.** - Religious Education Board

Sunday, September 26

- 10:30 a.m.** - "Come Follow Me" Early Childhood Program
- 4:00-6:00 p.m.** - Confirmation Gathering 3
- 6:30-8:00 p.m.** - Grade 7/8 Class

Thursday, September 30

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

Prayer for the New School Year

Father, we thank you for the opportunity to begin the 2010-2011 school year. We ask that you bless all faculty, staff, bus drivers, volunteers and students of our area schools. We ask that our schools may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth. We ask this through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

7/8 & 9/10 Religious Education

Religious Education classes for students in grades 7/8 will begin on September 12 and classes for students in grades 9/10 will begin on September 19. Informational letters have been mailed to all registered students. If you did not receive a letter or you need to register, please call the Religious Education Office at 508-798-0612.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

A Scripture Study using the "Six Weeks with the Bible" series will be held on Thursday evenings, September 30, October 7, October 14, October 21, October 28, and November 4 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the rectory. The series title we will be using is "Job, A Good Man Asks Why." Please call the Religious Education Office at 508-798-0612 if interested in attending.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Welcome him as you would me." (Philemon 17)

Anyone who has read Paul's Letter to Philemon could rightfully ask: "Why is this even in the Bible?" Perhaps a bit of historical background can help.

Philemon probably lived in Colossae, since eight of the people who mentioned in the Letter to Philemon are also mentioned in the Letter to the Colossians. Since Paul wrote to Philemon as a close friend, the two must have become acquainted during Paul's time there.

Onesimus was a slave who belonged to Philemon. It appears that Onesimus ran away from Philemon and somehow ended up seeking out Paul while he was in



*Who has traced out
what is in the heavens?*
WIS 9:16

prison in Ephesus. After spending some time with Onesimus, Paul became convinced that he needed to send him back to Philemon. Paul wrote this letter as an appeal to Philemon to accept Onesimus back not as a slave but as a brother in the Lord.

Paul's request that Philemon treat Onesimus as a brother not a slave was revolutionary. Historians tell us that nearly one-third of the people in the first-century Roman Empire were slaves. Slaves were considered to be property, not persons. To ask a master to relate to one as a brother would take nothing less than a full change of heart and mind! Knowing he could not in himself abolish the entire practice of slavery, Paul did what he could to encourage masters to treat their servants kindly and to encourage believing slaves to serve their masters as if serving the Lord himself (Colossians 3:22-24).

The Letter to Philemon tells us that whatever our social status, we all need to treat each other with dignity and respect, as children of the same heavenly Father. Are you a supervisor at work? Then ask yourself how you are treating those who work for you. Do you work for someone? Then take a moment to examine if you are treating him or her with the respect they deserve.

Adapted from The Word Among Us

Changes in the Mass

The way we worship now has a long and complicated history. The most recent changes that came from the Second Vatican Council are what most adults talk about when they refer to "the changes." While retaining the basic purpose of the ritual, Mass has its deepest origins in the Jewish "Sabbath Suppers." Down through the years it has included many cultural and ritual variations. We tend to think that the Mass is an action that never changes. This is far from the truth. Just as one example, the language of the Mass has changed from Hebrew to Greek to Latin to the vernacular. The way we worship is not a museum piece but the living, breathing, changing work of a people seeking to touch God through word and gesture, song and prayer, sign and symbol. You may have heard that there are more changes coming. This should reassure us that the church is still living and growing.

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