



# *North American Martyrs Church*

**September 11, 2022 | Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **PASTOR**

Rev. Frederick D. Fraini, III

## **OFFICE STAFF**

Susan Zammarelli, Secretary  
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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

*Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7 a.m. | Saturday 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Vigil) | Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*



## **Rectory Office Hours**

Tuesday & Wednesday 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## **Religious Ed Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
508-798-0612

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the parish office for assistance or visit <https://namartyrsauburn.org/baptism> for detailed information and to obtain the Godparent Baptismal Testimony Form.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact the parish office at least 1 year in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** If you have family members who are ill, anticipating surgery or weakened because of prolonged illness or advanced age, contact the parish office for assistance.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 3 - 3:45p.m. or by appointment in the church.

**COMMUNION CALLS:** Parishioners who are sick or disabled may call the parish office to arrange for the Holy Eucharist to be brought to them at home.

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## ~Mass Intentions~

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH SAINT THOMAS OF VILLANOVA**

8:00a.m. Mark Beckwith by Louise Downie

4:30p.m. Sullivan and Lusignan Family by Their Family D

6:00p.m. For the courageous men and women who selflessly dedicate their lives in service to us each day.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH SAINT CYPRIAN**

8:30a.m. Christa Piscitelli by Felix Piscitelli

10:30p.m. Jean and David Johnson, Jason Russell, and Alli Messier by Family

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**

7:30a.m. George Montville Jr. by Bill Sipos

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH ~ SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

7:30a.m. Sherry Lyn Falvey

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH ~ EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

7:30a.m. Reverend Father Kenneth Bain

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH ~ SAINT CORNELIUS**

7:30a.m. Reverend Father Mark Pilon

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH ~ SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE**

8:00a.m. Phillip Anderson by Coolican Family

4:30p.m. Lusignan and Sullivan Families by Their Family

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH ~ SAINT JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO**

8:30a.m. Ed Vaitkunas by Barbara Thomson

10:30a.m. Kathleen Moylan Third Anniversary by Her Children

## ~Let Us Pray For~

David Anthony, Kayla Bowes, Susan Bradley, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Louie Costagna, Dean Michael Collins, Shirley Connor, Ted Cook, Christine Cote, Gail Craig, Patricia Darrah, Jacob DeCarolus, David DiGeronimo, Roger Desautels, Kevin Dobson, Elaine Doherty, Sadie Dutton, Paul Dyke, Raymond Fluet, Joan Fouhy, Bob Fuller, Suzanne Gird, Lori Girouard, Deacon Jim Graves, Ed Handlin, Mary Hannon, Laurie Hehir, Robert Hehir, Ronald Jablanski, Elijah Johnson, Kim Johnson, Maureen Jones, Edward LaConto, Jean LaConto, Larry, Donna and Michael Langevin, Roger and Rosalie LaCroix, Alice Leduc, Peter Letourneau, Richard Levansavich, Sr., Michael McGrail, Max Mullen, Gary Nickerson, Michael O'Connell, Mary Lou Paulli, Peggy Patenaude, Kaisse Pinard, John Power, Theresa Power, Anthony Real, Edward J. Rutkowski, Joseph Sbrogna, Raymond Scanlon, Kathy Stasiatis, Scott Staruk, David Tatro, and Bonnie Turner. For all the men and women serving in our country's military.

## ~Calling All Crafters~

The *Countdown to Christmas Craft Fair* is on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The rental fee for one table space is \$35 *plus* one item for raffle (retail value of at least \$25). For two adjacent table spaces, the fee is \$50 *plus* one item for raffle (retail value of at least \$35). Applications are at the entrances of the church or <https://namartyrsauburn.org/vendor-application>. Contact Liz Rossi at [erossi@namartyrsauburn.org](mailto:erossi@namartyrsauburn.org).

## ~Collections 9/14/22~

Sunday Collections	\$4,496.00
Craft Fair	\$ 35.00
Monthly Renovations	\$ 30.00
<u>Online Donations</u>	\$ 839.00
Total:	\$ 5,400.00

## ~Religious Ed Classes Begin~

We are very excited for Religious Education to begin this weekend! Grades 1-5 start this Sunday, September 11th. Grades 6-11 begin next Sunday, September 18th. Classes will be held on Sundays from 9:30am-10:15am and 11:30am-12:15pm. Please be careful as you are entering and exiting the parking lot. Please keep all of the children and Catechists in your prayers as we embark on a new year! We will still accept new registrations! Please contact Lisa at [lburrkitt@namartyrsauburn.org](mailto:lburrkitt@namartyrsauburn.org) if your child isn't registered yet.

## ~Coffee is Back~

We are excited to bring back coffee after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses beginning this weekend. Families of children in grades 1-5 and our middle and high school students will be volunteering to make this happen! Coffee will be served on Sundays when Religious Ed classes are held. If you would like to volunteer, contact Lisa at [lburrkitt@namartyrsauburn.org](mailto:lburrkitt@namartyrsauburn.org). We look forward to seeing everyone after Mass!

## ~Cub Scouts~

Inviting all sons in grades K - 5 to become Cub Scouts! If they are interested, please join us at your school parking lot (Bryn Mawr, Pakachoag, or SWIS) between 6:30-8pm on Sep 15th for more information and to sign up.

New scouts who sign up and pay that night receive a free fishing rod and reel. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month beginning October 6th at North American Martyrs church hall. Contact Cubmaster: Nate Sanford, at 617-217-1225 or [purduegrad2004@gmail.com](mailto:purduegrad2004@gmail.com),

## ~St. John's Open House~

St. John's High School will host two open houses on Saturday, September 24th at 9:30am and Tuesday, October 18th 6:00pm. For information, visit [stjohnshigh.org/admissions/open-house](http://stjohnshigh.org/admissions/open-house). Admissions tests for Grades 7 & 9 will be held on Sat., November 19th at 8:30 am and Sat., December 10th at 8:30am. Visit [stjohnshigh.org/admissions/admissions-tests](http://stjohnshigh.org/admissions/admissions-tests).

Pre-registration is required. Contact the Admissions Office at (508) 842-8934 ext. 266 or [admissions@stjohnshigh.org](mailto:admissions@stjohnshigh.org).

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we recall the vicious attacks our country faced twenty one years ago on September 11th, 2001. No doubt we all remember where we were and what we were doing when those devastating events transpired. This weekend, we remember all the fallen heroes of that day, alongside all the brave men and women both past and present, who continuously serve us night and day to secure our freedom both at home and abroad! In a most special way, we will remember all of our heroes during our Mass for Heroes which will be celebrated this Saturday evening at 6:00p.m. May Almighty God continue to bless our brave military men and women and all police, fire, and first responders who selflessly sacrifice so much for us!

On Thursday, we celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we remember her birthday this week, I invite you to think of Mary in three ways. First, as the ideal image. It is true to say that oftentimes before we fall in love with any person, we first have an image or an imprint in our minds, as to what we desire to love! So too with God! As a matter of fact, the first Immaculate Conception took place inside the mind of our Heavenly Father. God the Father, conceived from the foundation of the world and preexisted in His mind, the most precious woman He could. She was to become the new Eve! Mary would also become the new Eden, a garden in which God could once again dwell, after the first had become corrupted by the stain of original sin. This garden would be the most beautiful, most pristine garden ever created in the history of the world! From this new Eden would come the choicest fruit imaginable, namely, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ Himself. You see my friends, Mary is what all men with a pure hearts desire, she is also who all women with a pure hearts aspire to be! Use her ideal image to grow in virtue, holiness, and sanctity! Use her model to surround yourself with people who exemplify her attributes and characteristics and allow yourself the opportunity to fall in love.

Second, I invite you to think of Mary as our Mother. At the Annunciation, when the Archangel Gabriel heralded her with tidings of great joy, the invitation was extended for Mary to allow God to use her human nature to bring forth the Savior of the world. In the same way, at our own baptisms, God invited us to share our human natures with Him, in order to become members of the body of Christ on earth. As members of that body, we strive to continuously build up the Kingdom of God here on earth. Our Blessed Lord gave Mary to the Church, as her Mother, from the Cross of Calvary. When Jesus looked at Mary and said "Woman, behold your son." Then turning to his beloved disciple John said, "Son, behold your Mother."

The final way I invite you to think of Mary is as a Spouse. There is something oftentimes hidden from our understanding of Calvary hill. What really transpired was a nuptial exchange, on the Cross there exists a sublime wedding. A marriage not consummated in pleasure as we're accustomed, but instead pain and suffering. You see my friends, the New Adam is on the Cross, the bridegroom, suspended between heaven and earth. He's offering all He has and all He is for the redemption of who He loves. At the foot of the Cross is the New Eve, Mary most holy, who represents the bride of Christ, that is the Church. In parables, our Lord always described the Word of God, as the seed. From the Cross of Calvary, the God made man implants the seed into His bride, the Church. That seed takes root in her, it germinates new life, it is nurtured and sustained. It comes forth in birth and is fed, educated, and ultimately grows into a disciple of Love Himself. This happens at every moment and every day in the Sacramental life of the Church.

In our daily trials, let us look to Mary who is the ideal image, our Mother, the perfect spouse. The more we fall in love with her, the more we'll fall in love with the bride of Christ on earth, namely, His Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church.

*Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis!*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!*

God Love You!

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