



# *North American Martyrs Church*

November 6, 2022 | Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **PASTOR**

Rev. Frederick D. Fraini, III

## **OFFICE STAFF**

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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, NOVEMBER 4TH ~ ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS**

8:00a.m. Daniel A. Keesler

4:30p.m. Gerald Downie by Louise Downie

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH ~ ST. NICHOLAS TAVELIC AND COMPANIONS**

8:30a.m. Audrey Zammarelli by Her Family

10:30a.m. Annette Bleau by Her Family

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH ~ ST. DIDACUS**

7:00a.m. Dorothy VanKeuren

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH ~ BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS**

7:00a.m. Rick Belair by His Family

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH ~ DEDICATION OF SAINT JOHN LATERAN BASILICA**

7:00a.m. Sid and Doris Haigh by the Haigh Family

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH ~ ST. MARTIN OF TOURS**

7:00a.m. Daniel A. Keesler

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH ~ ST. JOSAPHAT**

8:00a.m. Herbert Jurgensen, III

4:30p.m. Special Intention

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH ~ ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI**

8:30a.m. Rev. Father Richard Jakubauskas by Barbara Vaitkunas

10:30a.m. William Rynders by His Wife

## ~Let Us Pray For~

David Anthony, Kayla Bowes, Susan Bradley, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Doris Carver, Louie Costagna, Dean Michael Collins, Shirley Connor, Ted Cook, Christine Cote, Gail Craig, Patricia Darrah, Jacob DeCarolus, David DiGeronimo, Roger Desautels, Kevin Dobson, Richard Dobkowski, Elaine Doherty, Sadie Dutton, Paul Dyke, Raymond Fluett, Joan Fouhy, Bob Fuller, Suzanne Gird, Lori Girouard, Therese Gosland, Deacon Jim Graves, Ed Handlin, Mary Hannon, 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.

## ~Collections 10/30/22

Sunday Collections	\$ 5,710.00
Monthly Reno, Bulletin Ads, Coffee Shop	\$ 379.00
Mass Intentions, Support Schools, Propagation	\$ 112.00
All Saints Day	\$ 268.00
CCD, Religious Ed	\$ 100.00
Craft Fair	\$ 85.00
Online Donations	\$ 429.00
Total:	\$ 7,083.00

## ~ Coffee and Donuts ~

Join us following the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses for Coffee and Donuts! All are welcome!



## ~Newly Baptized~

On Saturday, October 29th, Father Fraini baptized and welcomed Zoey Claire Fornari to the Catholic faith here at North American Martyrs Parish!

Zoey will now make preparations for the reception of her First Holy Communion! Zoey is the daughter of Andrew Fornari and Deirdre Burke. Her Godparent's are Eric Lovejoy and Patricia Howk. Our parish is so proud of you Zoey and we cannot wait to watch you grow in faith, hope, and love!

## ~Kateri's Kitchen Donations Needed~

If you are able to help either with a monetary or food donation, our pantry is in need of: Cookies, Crackers, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Canned Corn. Thank you!

## ~Religious Ed News~

**NOVEMBER 6th** (*Remember Daylight Savings Time!*)

**Grades 1-5:** 9:30am-10:15am and 11:30am-12:15pm

**Grades 6-11:** No Class

### **NOVEMBER 13TH**

Grades 1-5: 9:30am-10:15am and 11:30am-12:15pm

Grades 6-8: 5pm-6:30pm.

Grades 9-10: 6:30pm-8pm

## ~Parish Christmas Pageant ~

Rehearsals for our Christmas Pageant begin on Saturday, Nov. 5th (read through, speaking parts only) from 10am - 11:30am. Children who like to act, sing or even those who prefer to be part of the choir are asked to sign up! We have speaking and non-speaking parts.

We need parent volunteers to help with costumes, scene changes, and directing the kids when it is their time to come on to the stage/altar.

Rehearsals are Saturdays from 10am-11:30am on 11/12, 11/19, 12/03, 12/10, and 12/17 (if needed). The performances are Saturday, Dec. 17th after the 4:30pm Mass and Sunday, Dec. 18th after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Please note, this will count for Religious Education Class on Dec. 18th. Sign up at <https://namartyrsauburn.org/christmas-pageant-sign-up>

# HEAVEN BOUND

Dear Parish Family,

On Tuesday, we celebrated the Church Triumphant in Heaven with the Feast of All Saints. On the Feast of all Saints, we celebrated the reality that our brothers and sisters who have gone before us in faith, those who valiantly strove to imitate Christ to the fullest extent in this life, now share eternal splendor with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven forever! There is tremendous cause for rejoicing when we consider that they continuously, prayerfully intercede on our behalf to ensure we are afforded the graces necessary, to one day make it safely home with them! We remember that where they have gone before, we are called to follow after!

Many humble people would never consider themselves to be Saints. Incidentally, I cannot imagine a single Saint whoever existed, that would have thought themselves worthy of the title. However, we cannot be naive or remiss, if we want to get to Heaven, we must allow ourselves to become Saints! In short, we must do as we were instructed last weekend. Namely, strive to love the Lord God with all of our heart, mind, soul, strength, and our neighbor as ourself. This of course is easier said than done, which leads us to recall what we celebrated on Wednesday, in the Commemoration of the Souls of All the Faithful Departed. Those souls who are also referred to as, the Church Suffering.

For many in today's world it is automatically assumed that when someone dies, they go directly to Heaven. I wish it were that easy. However, that is not what our Catholic faith teaches us. Heaven is where God dwells. God is perfect. Therefore, nothing imperfect, or stained by the imperfection of sin, can dwell in the presence of God. There are and will continue to be, countless souls which will inevitably die before they are prepared to. That is to say, before they are perfected. Consider accidents, tragedies, unexpected illnesses and the like. This is why our Blessed Lord referred to death as a “thief in the night”. He went on to implore us to be vigilant, “if the Master of the house had known the hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

So, what happens to a soul that does not necessarily die in a state of mortal sin, but instead, in a less than perfect way, still attached to worldly pursuits and desires? Well, this is where our Catholic notion of Purgatory comes into play. We believe that these souls must undergo a time of purgation and thus be purified, released and relinquished from whatever is preventing them from drawing into full perfection with God.

Many years ago, I remember my grandmother teaching me that the only person you could no longer pray for after death, was yourself. She taught me this to stress the importance and significance of praying for our loved ones who have died. They need our prayers! Especially if they haven't yet reached the fullness of glory in the Kingdom of Heaven! They are the Church Suffering, until they Triumphantly make it home to Heaven! We therefore are the Church Militant, who have a duty and obligation to pray for our brothers and sisters, which is precisely what we did on Tuesday! On Monday, we celebrated the souls who have made it safely home and prayed we will follow. On Tuesday, we prayed for the ones who are well on their way, but have not yet made it.

You see my friends, it's imperative to pray for our deceased relatives and friends. I implore you to remember that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most powerful form of prayer we possess. I beg you to have Masses offered for all of your deceased relatives and friends. At the Mass, Calvary is made present and Christ is sacrificed for the Salvation of us all! I know we prefer to schedule Masses for the weekend, when we can attend with family and friends. However, regardless of who attends, the Mass can still be offered for your loved one during the week! It breaks my heart as a priest when I see so many open intentions during the week, knowing full well there are countless souls that could benefit from this divine gift! We have the power to pray them home to Heaven!

Finally, I'll leave you with one last plea. Whenever you discover yourself in the unfortunate situation of preparing to say farewell to a dying family member or friend, please call for a priest. One of the greatest privileges we're afforded as priests, is to be able to offer the Sacraments to individuals near death. In the Sacrament of the Sick, a soul is given the necessary strength, courage, and conviction to embrace their final cross, which will carry them home to Heaven. When a priest visits a dying person, he has the authority from Christ to absolve them of their sins and impart on them the Apostolic Pardon. This gift relinquishes them from any temporal punishment due to sin and grants them access with God for eternity.

Each day of my life, I pray that I'm visited by a priest before I die. We should all do the same! But remember, we have the power to answer this prayer for our family and friends!

God Love You!!!

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