



North American Martyrs Church

February 26, 2023 | First Sunday of Lent

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.***

PASTOR

Rev. Frederick D. Fraini, III

OFFICE STAFF

Susan Zammarelli, Secretary
Lisa Burkitt, Religious Ed. Director, Safe
Environment Coordinator



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, FEBRUARY 25TH - OUR LADY OF VICTORY

8:00a.m. Gerald Fleming by Claire Fleming

4:30p.m. Peggy and Dave Phillips by Their Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30a.m. Ian Wellz by Kennedy Dexter

10:30a.m. Nancy Johnson by Parishioners of North American Martyrs

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH - SAINT GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

7:00 a.m. Angela Pizzuti by her niece

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH - BLESSED DANIEL BROTTIER

7:00 a.m. Joseph, Jr. Marion, Joseph, III and Anthony Fusco

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST - SAINT DAVID OF WALES

7:00 a.m. Americo and Veronica Piccolomini by their niece

THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND - SAINT AGNES OF BOHEMIA

7:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD - SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

7:00 a.m. Thomas and Nora Gardiner by their son

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH - SAINT CASIMIR

8:00 a.m. Gloria Di Geronimo

4:30 p.m. Marion Connors BY Susan Zammarelli

SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. Ginny Alex By Peter and Maureen Morse

10:30 a.m. Father Gee By the Krus Family

~Weekend Collections 2/19/2023~

Sunday Collections	\$ 4,149.00
Monthly Renovations, Kateri's, Mass Intentions	\$ 346.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Valentine's Day Raffle	\$ 205.00
Easter, Coffee, Candles, Home Mission	\$ 89.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 283.00
Earthquake Relief Collection	\$ 1,471.00
Online Donations	\$ 334.00
Total	\$ 7,177.00

~Let Us Pray For~



Kayla Bowes, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Louie Costagna, Frank Cole Dean Michael Collins, Shirley Connor, Ted Cook, Christine Cote, Gail Craig, Patricia Darrah, Jacob DeCarolus, Kevin Dobson, Elaine Doherty, Sadie Dutton, Paul Dyke, David and Pat Faucher, David Aaron, Connie Flynn

Joan Fouhy, Bob Fuller, Suzanne Gird, Lori Girouard, Therese Gosland, Deacon Jim Graves, Jim Groves, 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., Audrey-Lynn Marron, Bill Martin, Michael McGrail, Fr. Anthony Mullaney, Max Mullen, Gary Nickerson, 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.

~Bereavement Committee~

North American Martyrs Bereavement Committee will offer services following funeral masses in the church hall. If you are able to volunteer to help with set-up, clean-up and/or baking, please contact Ann Marie Wisialko at (508) 832-3083

For those who wish to utilize the committee's service, please note they provide *coffee and pastries only*. Those who prefer something more formal and a meal are responsible for coordinating and paying for a caterer. Thank you in advance for any help you can offer. If you have any questions please feel free to call Ann Marie Wisialko.

~Religious Ed Class Schedule~

February 26th

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

Grades 6-8: 5pm-6:30pm | Grades 9-10: 6:30pm-8pm

March 5th

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

Grades 6-10: No Class

March 12th

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

Grades 6-8: 5pm-6:30pm | Grades 9-10: 6:30pm-8pm

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FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

~Coffee and Donuts~



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

~Kateri's Kitchen~

We are very fortunate to be receiving a sizable food donation from the Congregational Church in Auburn who will be closing its food pantry.

After we see what was received, we will provide an updated list to ask for your help with! Thank you for your continued support!

WHY PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

Dear Parish Family,

One of my favorite parts of Lent is praying the Stations of the Cross. Many years ago, I can remember praying them diligently with my Mom during this sacred season. I vividly recall praying them with her on Good Friday one year. When we had finished and exited Our Lady of the Angels Church in Worcester, there was a fresh blanket of snow on the ground! Pray that doesn't happen this year! Snow removal isn't cheap!

Although the Stations of the Cross is a popular devotion, and while we pray it in our parish every Lent, it's helpful to understand how praying the Stations of the Cross can affect not just your own faith, but your daily life. Here are five reasons that I believe we can all benefit from this wonderful devotion during Lent!

First, they offer us strength in times of suffering. Praying the Stations of the Cross reminds us that we are not alone in our suffering: Jesus suffers with us. He chose to embrace every aspect of human life, including suffering and death.

Second, they instill in us a compassion for those who suffer. We see in the Stations of the Cross how people mocked Jesus, revealing the worst reactions to the suffering of others. Yet we also have the example of our Blessed Mother Mary, who stayed close to her Son throughout the entirety of His Passion. In the Stations of the Cross, we are afforded the ability to see Jesus in those who suffer and therefore to treat the suffering with compassion.

Third, they remind us of the vast love of God. Seeing the horror of Jesus' suffering reminds us of something wonderful: how much He loves us! Jesus endured His Passion because of the love He had for each individual person who would ever live, and so the Stations of the Cross remind us of how much we are loved!

Fourth, they provide us with tremendous hope. We know why Jesus suffered and we know what happened afterwards. His suffering and death was not the end of the story. He conquered death and through His Glorious Resurrection triumphed! This, in a powerful way, reminds us that our own individual sufferings are never in vain, but are redemptive!

Finally, they enable us to enter into and feel Jesus' suffering. For our faith to grow, we need to be able to empathize with Jesus' suffering on the Cross and feel His pain as though it were happening to ourselves or someone we care deeply about. The Stations of the Cross help us do this by giving us fourteen focal points to meditate on.

In closing, I invite you all to make use of this beautiful, sacred devotion during Lent. When we pray and meditate on the sublime humility, generosity, and awesome Love that our God has for all of us, it changes us! Now is the time to be changed, transfigured into something more beautiful than before. Please don't deprive yourself or God of that opportunity. Every Friday during Lent at 6:30p.m., I will pray the Stations of the Cross. It doesn't take long maybe a half hour of your valuable time. A half hour on the Mountain of Calvary, where we gaze in inexplicable awe at just how much God loves us. We then in turn, fall deeper in love with Him!

God Love You!

Father Fraini

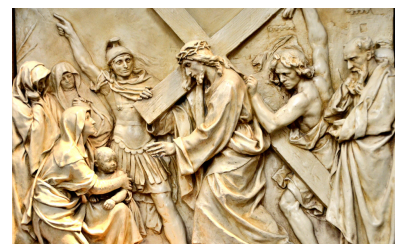


~Confession Times during Lent~

In addition to Saturdays from 3pm -3:45pm, Fr. Fraini will offer confessions on Monday evenings beginning at 6:30pm until the last penitent during Lent. Confessions will not be held on Monday, March 6th

~Stations of the Cross ~

The stations of the cross will be said Fridays at **6:30.p.m** in the Church with the exception of Good Friday when they will be said at 3pm. We hope you will join us.





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