



# *North American Martyrs Church*

**April 9, 2023 | Easter Sunday**

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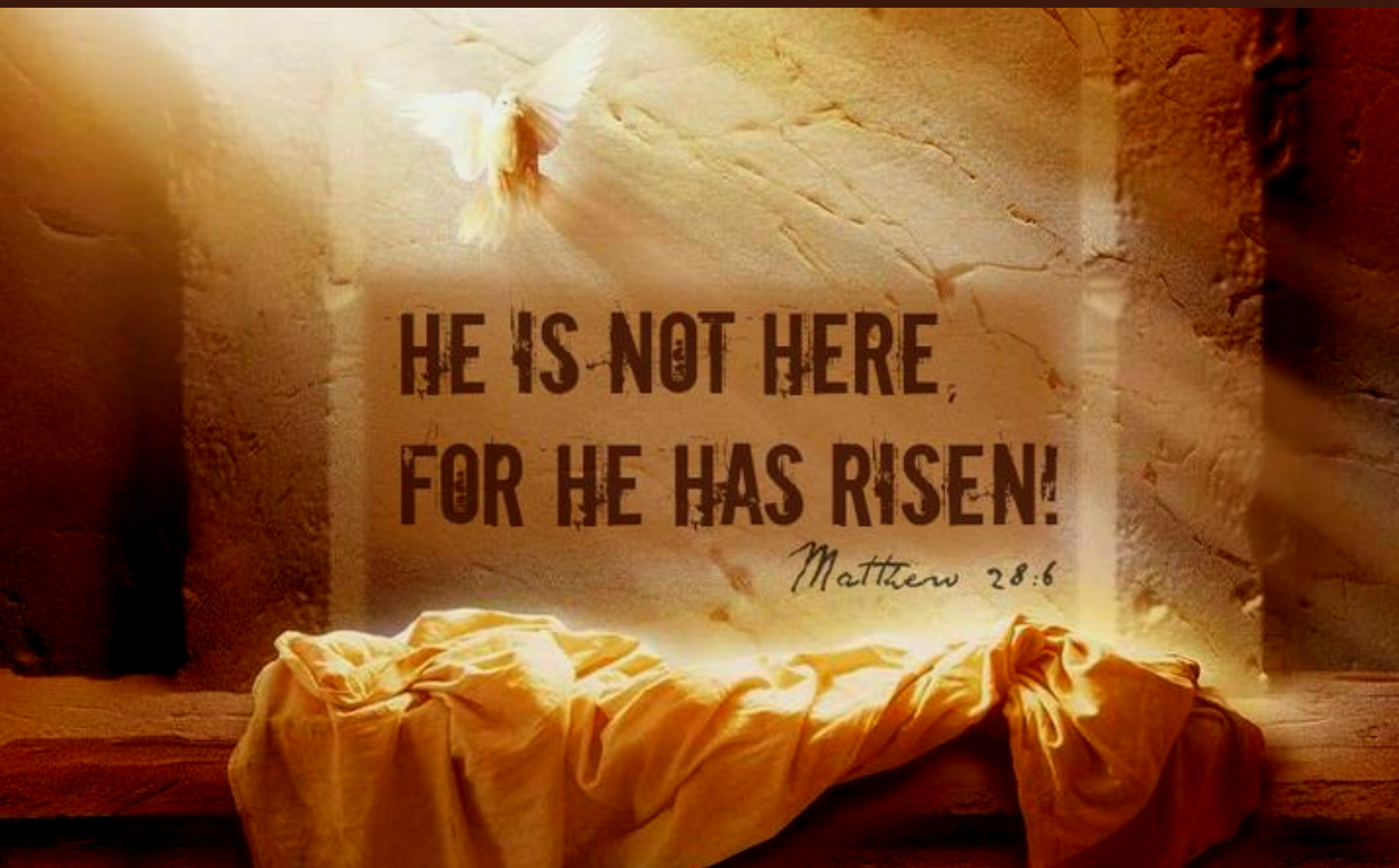
Rev. Frederick D. Fraini, III

## **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.***



**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, APRIL 8TH - HOLY SATURDAY**

7:00a.m. Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

7:20p.m. Patricia Sweeney by Her Family

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

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

10:30a.m. Raymond Fluet by His Family

### **MONDAY, APRIL 10TH - SAINT MAGDALENE OF CANOSSA**

7:00a.m. Barbara Vaitkunas by Peter and Maureen Morse

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH - SAINT STANISLAUS**

7:00a.m. Special Intention: Ryan Giles

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH - SAINT TERESA OF LOS ANDES**

7:00a.m. Maurice Brown Seventh Anniversary by a Friend

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 14TH - BLESSED PETER GONZALEZ**

7:00a.m. Aristide Nateau by Claire Flemming

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH - SAINT CAESAR DE BUS**

8:00a.m. Stephen Buteau by the Buteau Family

4:30p.m. Toni O'Leary Second Anniversary by daughters: Charlene, Kathleen, Maureen and Eileen

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

8:30a.m. Edward J. Hanam by Lindberg Family

10:30a.m. Wallace and Eileen Atchue by Their Family

## ~Coffes and Donuts~

We will not have coffee and donuts after Masses on Easter Sunday.

## ~Let Us Pray For~

Kayla Bowes, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Louie Costagna, Frank Cole, Dean Michael Collins, John Conney, Shirley Connor, Ted Cook, Christine Cote, Gail Craig, Patricia Darrah, Jacob DeCarolis, David DiGeronimo, Ellie Devereaux, Kevin Dobson, Elaine Doherty, Sadie Dutton, Paul Dyke, David and Pat Faucher, 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, Scott Staruk, David Tatro, David Toomey, Bonnie Turner, Michael Young and Lucille Zammarelli. For all the men and women serving in our country's military.

## ~Partners in Charity 2023~

North American Martyrs goal is \$52,300 for this year. We've received \$11,890 in donations to date from over 50 donors! Please consider making a donation at <https://partners-charity.net/donate> or scan the QR Code. Remember to specify North American Martyrs Parish to credit your gift to.



## ~Religious Ed Registration~

Religious Ed Registration for 2023-2024 is open! Please contact Lisa at [lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org](mailto:lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org) for details.

## ~Collections 4/2/2023~

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sunday Collections                    | \$ 5,511          |
| Monthly Reno, Bulletin Ad             | \$ 250            |
| Religious Education                   | \$757.5           |
| Good Friday, Easter                   | \$ 169            |
| Catholic Relief Services, Coffee Shop | \$ 67             |
| Mass Intentions, Kateri's Kitchen     | \$ 190            |
| Vow Renewal, Tuesdays with Fr. Fred   | \$ 123            |
| <u>Online Donations</u>               | <u>\$ 409</u>     |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>\$ 7,476.5</b> |



**Holy Rosary Church, 135 Nichols St., Gardner**

Celebrate Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 16th. Adoration and Confessions begin at 2p.m. followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3p.m. Confessions will be heard in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

**St. Joseph Church, 10 H Putnam Road Ext., Charlton**

Sunday, April 16th from 10a.m.- 5p.m. come celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday! Devotions include: Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Meditations from St. Faustina's Diary, Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Visit [www.stjosephscharlton.com](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com) for times.

**St. Aloysius-Saint Jude Parish, 489 Pleasant St., Leicester**

All are welcome on Sunday, April 16th from 2p.m.- 3p.m. for Divine Mercy Sunday. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Homily; Chaplet of the Divine Mercy; Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Benediction.

## ~Become A Deacon~

The Office of the Diaconate is accepting applications through May 1st from married and single men between the ages of 31 and 60 for this fall's formation process. Classes begin in September. Inquiry sessions will be held if you are interested in learning more. Email [diaconate@worcesterdioecese.org](mailto:diaconate@worcesterdioecese.org) to schedule an session. Information is also available at [worcesterdioecese.org/diaconate-information](http://worcesterdioecese.org/diaconate-information).



**Tuesdays with the Saints!**

**April 11th**

**10 am in the Hall**

**Story time and crafts and more!**





Dear Parish Family,

Happy Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord! Jesus Christ has risen from the dead! This announcement resounds in the Church throughout the world together with the singing of 'Alleluia. He is alive forever in our midst.' This Good News has been lit like a new flame in the Holy night of the Easter Vigil; in the night of a world that faces crucial challenges, due to war and all the trials that hinder the life of humanity.

On this Easter Sunday morning, we must be grateful because we are able to gather as a parish family to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection, and that is the reason for our joy; a joy that has to become contagious, because it is meant to enable us to dispel fear from our lives. It is a "contagion which is transmitted from heart to heart, because every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "My love and my hope have truly risen!" It is not a magic formula that makes problems disappear. We must understand that the Resurrection of Christ is the victory of Love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "pass over" suffering and death, but goes beyond them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil in good, a distinctive sign of the power of God." (Pope Francis, Easter Message 2020).

As a parish, in the midst of Easter joy, I want to invite you to new possibilities, to new horizons, so that this Easter celebration is reflected in our faith commitment, and in the increase of our love for the worldwide Church and our local parish family. We have so many reasons to be joy filled and grateful to Almighty God. You may have noticed, as I have, how rapidly our parish family is growing! So many new faces in the pews, so many precious, beautiful children at Mass! Last weekend on Palm Sunday, over a hundred children stormed the parish lawn in search of Easter eggs! I heard there was even a lunatic priest on the roof of the rectory tossing Easter eggs to the children.

As we grow, we must thank God, yet be mindful and remain vigilant. In our town of Auburn, many souls do not attend Mass. Jesus Christ has conquered final suffering, sickness, and death, it is time for them to hear the Easter Proclamation and return home to the Catholic faith! It's time for them to overcome their fears, it is time for them to rise from their sinfulness and begin to live life anew in the promise of Easter! How will this be possible for them? How will they hear this message, especially if they don't come to Mass? More good news...they are our family and our friends. We know them! In the Church we refer to Saint Mary Magdalene as the "Apostle to the Apostles", do you know why? Because she was the first to bring Easter tidings to the ones closest to Jesus. Will you and I do the same? Will we invite people to experience the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic Celebration? Will we let our loved ones know that we don't just celebrate Easter Sunday one day a year, but at every single Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Will we tell them there's no longer anything to be afraid of, that we have met, fallen in love with, and know the One who has subjected everything to Himself? I certainly hope so! Spread the message of Easter today and always, invite people you love home to Mass, invite them to North American Martyrs parish! If you have to, bribe them into breakfast afterwards, if you get them here, I promise God will do the rest, He's already proven that, hasn't He?

For those of us who are present, and in the pews, there's still more that we are called to do! On this Easter Sunday morning, our faith commitment must be reflected in full, active, participation in parish ministries. We need more lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, more ushers, and please God, more altar servers! We need to rise from our pews with the Lord and begin to strengthen our parish more and make our ministries flourish again! If you're interested in any of the above ministries, please let me know. Otherwise, I will be forced to resort to Catholic guilt, and start personally requesting who I think would be the best for the jobs! There's nothing worse than when a priest guilts you into something, however, there's nothing more rewarding and fulfilling either!

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers of our parish: ushers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, sacristan, and musicians, who in communion with the parish staff, have made a tremendous effort to ensure that the liturgies throughout Lent and all of Holy Week, the Sacred Triduum, and today, were celebrated beautifully and with the utmost respect. A special thank you too, to our fourteen young adults who went above and beyond to portray a reverent depiction of our Lord's Passion and Death on Good Friday. We are so very blessed to have such wonderful young people among us! For their efforts, I have promised that this summer, alongside our altar servers, I will arrange a day of fun at a nearby amusement park as a thank you!

Happy Easter, my dear parish family! Please know that you are all very important to me and have a very cherished spot in my heart. Be assured of my continued prayers for you and yours during the entirety of this Easter season and beyond!

*God Love You! Rev. Father Frederick D. Fraini, III*





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