

North American Martyrs Church

May 28, 2023 | Pentecost Sunday



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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.

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.

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~Mass Intentions~

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH - SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

8:00 a.m.. Mike Simpson, Anniversary Mass, by his family

4:30 p.m. Paul T. Farrell By: His Family

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH - VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT

8:30 a.m. Barbara Vaitkunas by Jane VanWinkle

10:30 a.m. Patricia Sweeney, Fifth Anniversary, by her family

MONDAY, MAY 29TH - SAINT MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT

7:00 a.m. Joseph and Dorothy Zammarelli by Susan

TUESDAY, MAY 30TH - SAINT JOAN OF ARC

7:00 a.m. Thomas and Ruth McMahon by their grandchildren

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST - VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND - SAINTS MARCELLINUS AND PETER

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Early by the Flynn and Brigham Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD - SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS

8:00 a.m. Stevie Chic by a friend

4:30 p.m. George Yahwak by Louise Downie

SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH - BLESSED ANGELINA OF MARSCIANO

8:30 a.m. Sonia Dobson, Fifth Anniversary, by her family

L0:30 a.m. Peggy Phillips, Third Anniversary, by her family



~Let Us Pray For~

David Anthony, Kayla Bowes, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Louie Costagna, Frank Cole, Dean Michael Collins, Shirley Connor, Ted Cook, John Cooney, Christine Cote, Gail Craig, Brianna Croteau, Patricia Darrah, Jacob DeCarolis 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 Gosselin, Deacon Jim Graves, Jim Groves, Ed Handlin, Mary Hannon, Melissa Hathaway, Robert Hehir, 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, Jake Thibeault, David Toomey, Bonnie Turner, Michael Young and Lucille Zammarelli. For all the men and women serving in our country's military.

~Collections 5/21/2023~

Sunday Collections	\$3,651.00
Monthly Reno	92.00
Funeral	400
Mass Intentions, Kateri, Coffee	117.00
Ascension	692.00
Donation, Fuel	70.00
Online Donations	234.00
Total	\$5,193.00

~From Bishop McManus~

May 25, 2023

Dear friends in Christ,

Next weekend our diocese will participate in the national Catholic Communications Campaign. How appropriate that we should be addressing the role of communications in the Church on this Pentecost Sunday.

This weekend's reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us how the Spirit enabled the apostles to proclaim the "mighty acts of God" to the myriad peoples gathered in Jerusalem, regardless of their native language.

Communication breaks down the barriers that stand between us. Communication builds community which, in our case, is the Church which is carrying on the mission of Christ as did those first apostles.

The Catholic Communications Campaign raises funds to be shared between the national communications office of the U.S. Bishops' Conference and our local diocesan Communications Ministry. Its principal mission is to provide Catholic media with national and international news and to inform secular media, whether in print, online or broadcast TV, with a reliable viewpoint.

Our local Communications Ministry interacts with secular media and publishes The Catholic Free Press which is needed now more than ever in a world filled with noise and misinformation. Our TV Ministry continues to offer the Sunday Mass and Daily Mass on local public access channels, the internet and onto our parish websites for those parishes who chose to provide it. It collaborates with diocesan ministries in producing various informational programs available on the internet. Our eCatholic websites and Flocknote messages keep us aware of who we are and how we are responding to the needs of those around us. Many parishioners have told us how important these media are in helping them to stay in touch with their parish communities, even when ill or away.

To fund our local communications, this collection is a small yet critical part of a more complex funding program that also includes Partners in Charity, parish contributions, corporate sponsorships and advertising, home delivery of our newspaper and individual contributions.

The most important reason we need your support is that effective communication is key to our evangelizing mission. We are the voice of Jesus Christ extending an invitation to know him through his Church. The first apostles witnessed in the public square in Jerusalem. Today, the public square is online, on TV, in texts, emails and in print and social media. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can help us "Share the Good News" in the Catholic Communications Campaign collection on the weekend of June 4th.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus





~The Holy Spirit~

Dear Parish Family,

On the evening of Mother's Day, I celebrated Mass for my dear friend Father Jonathan Slavinkas at his parish, Our Lady of Providence on Lincoln Street in Worcester. Father Slavinkas had departed to Barbados for a much needed vacation with friends. A few hours after having celebrated Mass he called me. Admittedly, our relationship is akin to the relationship the four friends on the television show *Impractical Jokers* possess!

Aside from that, when he called he told me this outrageous story about a mutual friend of ours. He explained that our friend Darlene Perro was out to dinner with family and friends, suffered a medical emergency, and was being rushed to Saint Vincent's hospital and would most likely not survive. In short, I didn't believe him. That is, until his voice began to crack. With that, I immediately rushed to the hospital.

When I entered the emergency room, Darlene was surrounded by family and friends and passed into the merciful arms of our Heavenly Father. Her family and I prayed together,

we laughed, and we cried a lot! She was a most magnificent individual!

After some time had passed, one of her family members suggested that we call Father Jonathan and invite him to pray with us. Darlene and Father Jonathan were extremely close, the two could often be found at La Scala restaurant on Shrewsbury Street for dinner. When I called him, the first thing he did was begin to humorously chastise Darlene for leaving this world without affording him the opportunity to say goodbye. Next, he comically thanked her for ruining his vacation! Finally, he offered one of the most beautiful, heartfelt prayers to our Father in Heaven, thanking Him for the gift of his beloved friend.

Having just begun vacation and now suffered both the unexpected, tragic, loss of one of his best friends, needless to say, I was extremely worried about him. When he returned home, he would be greeted with the heart wrenching task of burying a loved one. I immediately began to solicit prayers for him from all our brother priests.

On Monday morning, he celebrated Darlene's funeral Mass at Our Lady of Providence Parish. I had the privilege of concelebrating beside him. To be honest, I was worried he may become an emotional wreck and breakdown. However, my friends, what transpired was nothing short of miraculous! He had the overflowing Church captivated and hanging on his every word. In moments we laughed hysterically, and in others, we cried. When he spoke of the significance of her life and what we were celebrating during the confines of that Mass, you could have heard a pin drop. I watched him in awe... and then it dawned on me. The Holy Spirit is here and working through him!

That's the reality of what we celebrate this Pentecost Sunday! Christ did not leave us orphans, but instead has infused our hearts with the Love that He shares with His Father, that is the Holy Spirit! When we are weak, He is strong! When we are afraid, He is courageous! When we doubt, he is the assurance of all things hoped for! In short, we are never alone, He is with us always, until the end of time! If you care to see the Holy Spirit in action, Darlene's funeral Mass is available on the Our Lady of Providence Facebook page.

Happy Pentecost! God Love You!

Fr. Fraini

~Partner's in Charity Update

North American Martyrs has received \$24,545 of its \$52,300 goal from 95 donors. The total campaign received 8,263 gifts totaling \$3,621,357! That is 72% of the Diocesan \$5 million goal. Let's continue do our part to help!

Vacation Bible School

North American Martyrs and St. Joseph's will host Vacation Bible School from July 17th - 21st. Children in grades 1-4 will be welcome to participate in the program. This is a wonderful addition to bring together both parishes children to learn about God and have fun! For information and to register, please visit: <https://namartyrsauburn.org/vacation-bible-school-registration>. Questions? Contact Lisa at lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org



~Religious Ed Registration 2023-2024~

For information please contact, Lisa at lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org

~Coffee and Donuts~

Join us for coffee and donuts after the 8:30am Mass.



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