

North American Martyrs Church

June 5, 2023 | The Most Holy Trinity

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, 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

10:30 a.m. Peggy Phillips, Third Anniversary, by her family

MONDAY, JUNE 5TH - SAINT BONIFACE

7:00 a.m. Lea Wood, Anniversary Mass by her family

TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH - SAINT NORBET

7:00 a.m. Chet Jankowski, Anniversary Mass his family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH - BLESSED FRANZ

JÄGERSTÄTTER

7:00 a.m. Joyce Gallivan by friends

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH SAINT EPHREM, DEACON & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

7:00 a.m. Thomas McEvilly by a friend

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH - SAINT JOACHIMA

8:00 a.m. Veronica Tutunjian by Beteau Family

4:30 p.m. Deceased members of Byrne and Geary Families by their family

SUNDAY, JUNE 11th - CORPUS CHRISTI

8:30 a.m. Barbara Vaitkunas by Peter and Maureen Morse

10:30 a.m. Catherine Petty by the Hines 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 5/28/2023-

Sunday Collections	\$2,923.00
Monthly Reno	30.00
Mass Intentions, Coffee	28.00
Ascension, Catholic Communication	41.00
Fuel	135.00
Reimbursement Wells Fargo	111.72
Religious Ed	157.50
<u>Online Donations</u>	<u>314.00</u>
Total	\$3,740.22

-Religious Ed

Registration 2023-2024-

For information contact, Lisa at lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org

-Kateri's Kitchen-

If you are able to help, we need donations of assorted juices, coffee, crackers, cookies, cereal and mayonnaise. Monetary donations are always appreciated!



Tuesdays with the Saints!
Every Tuesday at
10 am in the Hall
Story time and crafts and more!

-Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity-

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." (JOHN 3:16) Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

How can you give yourself to God the Father? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or email: dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.

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



-Trip to the Holy Land-

Join Fr. Bob Grattaroti, St. Joseph's in Charlton, for a trip to the Holy Land from October 23rd-November 5th, 2023. Flight from Boston to Tel Aviv/Holy Land. Spend seven days in the Holy Land before heading off to Rome with a papal audience. Then visit Florence, Assisi and Venice. Price includes roundtrip airfare from Boston, two meals a day, 4/5 star accommodations, luxury buses and a lifetime of memories. Cost is \$5,599 per person. For more information please reach out to Proximo Travel, 855-842-8001.

-Partner's in Charity-

North American Martyrs has received \$30,910 of its \$52,300 goal from 104 donors. The total campaign received 8,263 gifts totaling \$3,731,915! That is 75% of the Diocesan \$5 million goal. Let's continue to do our part to help them reach their goal!

~The Most Holy Trinity~

Dear Parish Family,

The Judeo-Christian belief is that there is only one God. Since God is the only One who is existence itself, then all other beings owe their existence to Him. That would make Him God, for how can a being be God if they were created by someone else. Therefore, when God told Moses He is existence itself, ("I Am who Am",) He was claiming to be the One and only God.

In the Nicene Creed, we say, "I believe in one God..." This is central to our theology whose roots came from the Jewish Shema prayer found in sacred scripture: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one." This is echoed many times throughout the Old Testament and even in the New Testament.

Judaism and Islam are also monotheistic religions - that means they also believe there is only one God. However, what sets Christians apart is that we believe there are three Persons in one God, which we call the Most Blessed Trinity.

When Christ commanded His disciples to, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..." we understand this to mean that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have only one name - not three - thus indicating their unity.

A person is an identity. It is an answer to "who?" When we want to know the identity of someone, we ask, "Who are you?" A person, therefore, identifies someone.

A nature, on the other hand, answers, "what?" When we want to know what something is, we ask, "What is it?" A nature, therefore, describes what a thing is.

In the Blessed Trinity, there are three distinct individuals - The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. They are three separate identities; however, they share one single divine nature.

The Father has a divine nature, the Son has a divine nature, and the Holy Spirit has a divine nature. But, the Father does not just possess a nature like the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Son does not just possess a nature like the Father and the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit does not just possess a nature like the Father and the Son. Instead, they each possess the exact same single divine nature! In essence, The Father is God. The Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God. However, the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Father, and the Holy Spirit is neither the Father nor the Son.

In the Trinity, we refer to the first Person as the Father because Jesus Himself told us to do so when he taught us to pray the Our Father. He is the Father because the Son was begotten from Him, and the Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son. He did not create them, but they originate from Him. Therefore, He is the originator the Godhead.

Saint Augustine has a beautiful way of explaining how the Son is begotten of the Father. He explains that the Father has a perfect idea of Himself since He is knowledge itself. If it is a perfect idea, then it must be precisely what the Father is. Since the Father is existence itself, the idea is also existence itself. Therefore, it is not just an idea, but also a living, existing being. This "living idea" of the Father is God the Son. Saint Paul tells us that the Son, "is the refulgence of His glory, the very imprint go His being."

Saint John the apostle also expressed this concisely at the start of his Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God." John 1:1-2. We see here that John is explaining that Jesus is the logos - the Word - that was, since the "beginning" with God; there was never a time the Father and Son were not together.

This necessarily means that the Father did not create Jesus. That would make Him merely a creation. So, when, in the Creed, we say the Son is consubstantial with the Father, we mean they are of the same divine nature that has no beginning.

Since God's Love is perfect, the love of the Father for the Son is perfect; and the love of the Son for the Father is perfect too. Because both Father and Son are existence itself, then the love they have for one another is also a living substance, as Saint Augustine expresses it. The word spirit comes from the Latin word spiritus, which means breath. If we can personify the Father and the Son's love for each other, their love would be so perfect that no words are needed. Their hearts would be so bursting with love that the only thing needed to express it is with a sigh (or breath) of love. As the venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen liked to describe it:

"Love at such a stage does not speak; does not cry; does not express itself by words, nor by canticles; it expresses itself as we do in some ineffable moments, by that which indicates the very exhaustion of our giving - namely, a sigh, or a breath. And that is why the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity is called the Holy Spirit." - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, *The Divine Romance: The Blessed Trinity*.

From the logic of Saint Augustine, we know the Persons of the Trinity are different because they have different origins. The Father has no origin, the Son is begotten of the Father, and the Holy Spirit proceeds from both Father and Son. Although there are three different persons, they are all equal in majesty for there is only one divine nature.

The Blessed Trinity is a mystery and, therefore, we cannot fully understand it. This doesn't mean we believe in something irrational. Instead, it means we acknowledge that our minds are finite and cannot completely comprehend and eternal and infinite God. We simply admit that the concept of God is super-rational - above our reasoning for we are mere creatures. If we could fully comprehend God, then that would mean our minds are greater than God - and that would mean we are God.

Because of our inadequacy, we try to use human terms, such as "Father" and "Son", to explain the concept of God. We also use terms like "begotten" and "proceeds from" because we lack the language to express how the Son and the Holy Spirit have origins without being created. However, the best way to understand something is to live it. So, the best way to grasp the love that unites the Blessed Trinity is to live in God's love!

God Love You!

Father Fraini



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