



North American Martyrs Church

August 13, 2023 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PASTOR

Rev. Frederick D. Fraini, III

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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.



Parish Office

The parish office is located in the Church Hall and open Monday -Friday 9 am-2:30 pm

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 one year in advance of the wedding date to make arrangements

ANOLTING 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 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment

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, August 12th-Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00 a.m. M. Therese Durocher by the Durocher Family

4:30 p.m. Celeste Nickerson by the Nickerson Family

Sunday, August 13th-Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary time

8:30 a.m. Barbara L Shenette

10:30 a.m. Frank & Jane Petrella 3rd Anniversary by their daughter, Teresa Wheeler

Monday, August 14th-Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe

7:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 15th-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Andrea by Jane Lachance

Noon-Rev. Edmund F. Falvey

6:00 pm Edmund and Nelly Falvey

Wednesday, August 16th-Saint Stephen of Hungary

7:00 a.m. Normand Nadeau by Claire Flemming

Friday, August 18th-Saint Louis of Toulouse

7:00 a.m. Gerald Flemming by Claire Flemming

Saturday, August 19th- Saint John Eudes

8:00 a.m. John Letourneau by Bill Sipos

4:30 p.m. Lois Sheeran & Marion White by the family

Sunday, August 20th- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Maureen Young by her Mother, Jane VanWinkle

10:30 a.m. Robert Kenevan by his parents, Matt & Mary Toth



Mark Ashton, Ava Blazis, 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, 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.

Partners in Charity

We have received \$34,960 of the \$52,300 goal from 128 donors. The total campaign has received 11,026 gifts totaling \$4,317,672, which is 86% of the Diocesan \$5 million goal.

The campaign concludes in August.



New Office Hours and Location!

The parish office is now located in the Church Hall and will be open Monday-Friday 9am-2:30pm



~Coffee after Mass!~

Join us for coffee after 8:30

Mass on Sundays!

~Religious Education~

If you have not yet registered for Religious Education for 2023-2024, please contact Lisa: lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org

*Congratulations to
Laura Huggard & Zachary Atkinson,
who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony here on
Saturday, August 12!*



STEWARDSHIP

August 6, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$4172.00
Monthly Renovation	55.00
Coffee Shop	6.00
Hall Rental	280.00
Assumption of Mary	5.00
Central & Eastern Europe	10.00
Donation	250.00
Kateri Kitchen	15.00
Religious Education	85.00
Online Giving	1739.00
Total:	\$6,617.00

Thank you for your generosity!

There will be no Tuesdays with the Saints on August 15.



Solemnity of the Assumption

Not long ago, I celebrated a funeral service for a young man who was both tragically and violently murdered. During that time, although I felt immense sympathy and compassion for his entire family, I was particularly drawn to his mother, who sat alone, drowning in her overwhelming grief.

Towards the end of the service, I mentioned to his mother, that there was another woman who once lost a son violently and tragically. I explained that her name was Mary and that she was the mother of Jesus. I encouraged her to pray to Mary for courage and strength during this excruciating time and to pray for the peace that accompanies the promise Mary believed in so deeply.

After the service, I was amazed and saddened by the number of poor souls who approached me requesting that I repeat the name of the "Woman", who was Jesus' mother. My friends, we perhaps too often take our faith and our beliefs for granted. We naively assume that everyone knows what we already believe to be true, but nothing could be further from the truth.

I vividly remember a past homily during Easter Sunday. I remember expressing how when I often visit cemeteries, I like to imagine the resurrection of the dead on the last day, bodies and souls joining together again in magnificent unison being assumed into heaven. I also remember the looks of so many lapsed Catholics, staring intently at me as if I had completely lost my mind!

Yet, that is what our faith professes. That is precisely what we are called by our Lord to believe. This Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which we celebrate today, magnifies this truth so beautifully.

Elizabeth says to Mary: "Blessed are you among women" - Why is she Blessed? Because she believed what the Lord said would be fulfilled. In short, Mary trusted in God's promise with perfect faith.

It makes perfect sense that the one who was conceived without the stain of original sin, the same one who acquiesced to God's plan of salvation without hesitation and gave to the world its Redeemer, would not suffer the penalty of sin. The greatest penalty of sin is death. Therefore, at the end of her life on earth, God spares Mary from the corruption of the grave and takes her body and soul into His loving embrace forever.

This day is not only God's victory and His Immaculate Mother's, it is also ours! In the same way Mary was assumed into heaven, we too, through following her example here on earth, can be rewarded with the same favor. Although we will all face death one day, although we will all face the corruption of the grave, those conditions do not have the final say.

This is the promise "Whoever lives and believes in me, even if he dies will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

This Tuesday on the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we like Mary cling in perfect faith to God's promise to us. It is that faith which dispels the darkness from our hearts in all moments of grief. It is that faith which compels our hearts to skip a beat and to become inflamed with the fire of God's Divine Love. May we ignite the hearts of those around us as children of faith, until we are all united with our Mother and Father in Heaven forever.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis! Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

God Love You!
Father Fraini

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be celebrated at 7am, Noon and 6pm



Safe Environment Notice: Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops & Diocese of Worcester policies. If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. Contact Judith Audette, L.I.C.S.W., Victim Services Coordinator. A report can be made by phone to 508-929-4363 (a 24 hour confidential voicemail is available.)



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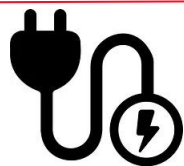


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