



North American Martyrs Church

August 27, 2023 Twentieth-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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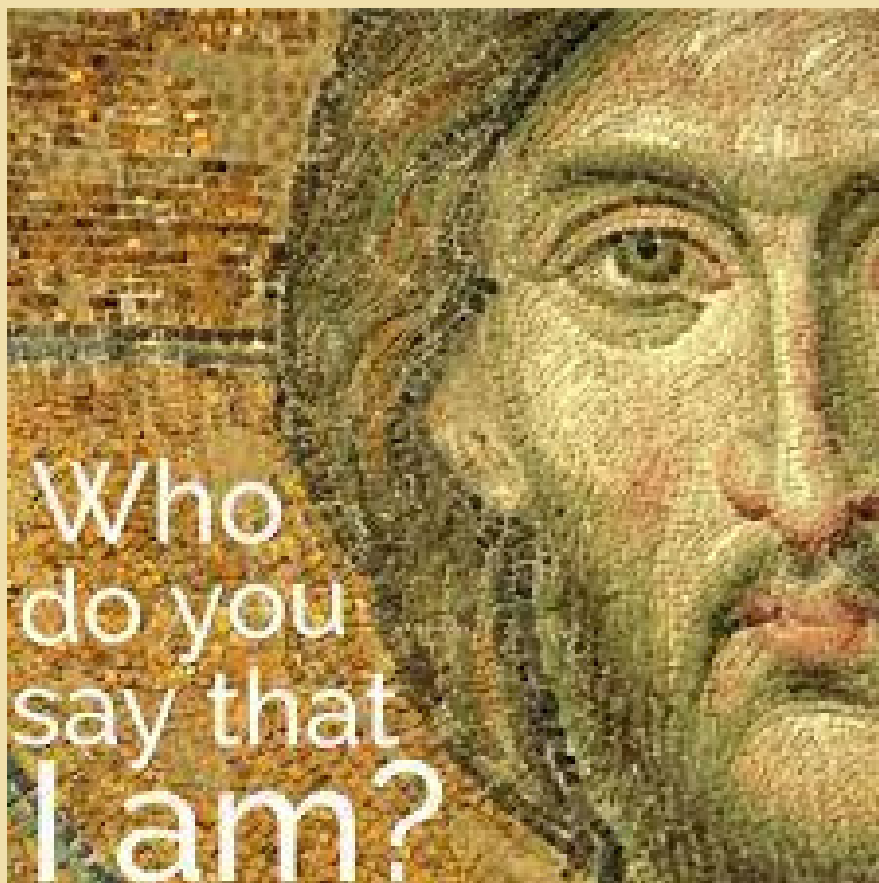
Rev. Frederick D. Fraini, III

OFFICE STAFF

Lisa Burkitt, Religious Ed. Director,
Safe Environment Coordinator

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday August 26th Saint Joseph Calasanz

8:00 a.m. Frederick and Betty Fraini

4:30 p.m. Charles O'Leary, 11th Anniversary by Charleen, Kathleen, Maureen & Eileen

Sunday, August 27th Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Jody Niepokoyczycki by the Dawson Family

10:30 a.m. Viola Burke 34th Anniversary by David Sweeney

Monday, August 28th Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. Edmund Dowd by the Brigham Family

Tuesday, August 29th Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:00 a.m. Bonnie Lemoine By Bill Sipios

Wednesday, August 30th Saint Jeanne Jugan

7:00 a.m. John Cooney

Friday, September 1st Saint Giles

7:00 a.m. All the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 2nd Blessed John Francis Burté and Companions

8:00 a.m. Maureen (Sinnery) Stake by the Brigham Family

4:30 p.m. Kevin Rice and John Toomey by Mary Toomey

Sunday, September 3rd Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Ed Hanlon by his family

10:30 a.m. John Letourneau by the Smith Family



Mark Ashton, Ava Blazis, Kayla Bowes, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Louie Costagna, Frank Cole, Dean Michael Collins, Shirley Connor, 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.

~Religious Education~

Classes begin:

September 10th for grades 1-5

September 17 for grades 6-11

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



St. Monica and St. Augustine Mother and Son

"Son, for my own part I have no further delight in any thing in this life. What I do here any longer, and why I am here, I know not, now that my hopes in this world are accomplished. There was one thing for which I desired to linger for a while in this life, that I might see you as a Catholic Christian before I died. My God has done this for me more abundantly, that I should now see you, despising earthly happiness, become His servant."

~Words of Saint Monica, from Saint Augustine's Confessions



STEWARDSHIP

August 20, 2023

Sunday Collection	3710.00
Monthly Renovation	219.00
Coffee Shop	13.00
Assumption of Mary	552.00
Central & Eastern Europe	21.00
Religious Education	255.00
Online Giving	219.00
Total:	\$4,989

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Mass on Sundays!

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We have received \$35,555 of the \$52,300 goal from 135 donors. The total campaign has received 11,506 gifts totaling \$4,427,406, which is 89% of the Diocesan \$5 million goal. The campaign concludes in August.



Dear Parish Family,

Our Lord's first question to His apostles this week: "Who do people say that I am?". What a strikingly brave thing to ask, especially when you consider the many possible answers, based on varying individual opinion and perspective. Admittedly, it's not a question I would personally care to know the answer from certain people.

However, notice precisely how our Lord responded to the initial incorrect answers of John the Baptist, Moses, Elijah, and still one of the prophets. Jesus did not become infuriated, He didn't chastise the idiocy or lunacy of such claims. Rather, He merely took the information for what it was worth to Him. I admire that immensely, because it has taught me a great deal this past week.

Inevitably at times in our lives, we will hear people incorrectly describe us. Some may even spew malice, envy, hatred, prejudice and pride on their lips, in testimony against us. In short, they may simply want to say what they feel in order to elicit a response from us. They desperately attempt to "push our buttons", so that they succeed in having us reduce ourselves to their own pathetic level. We must never allow ourselves to fall into this foolish trap. Instead, take what they say as information, which will better serve us in future dealings. When attacked with hatred, respond with love, because love always wins!

In the end, we'll simply take it as information and follow our Lord's perfect example. In the words of John Wooden: "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are."

Have a wonderful week, everyone!
God Love You!!!

Father Fred



REACH OUT TO THE POOR IN PERU

Each year in parishes throughout the United States,

parishioners have the opportunity to hear about the world missions. On the weekend of August 26-27, 2023, Sister Danielle Bonetti, CSJ will speak at the masses on behalf of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet that work among the people living in poverty in Peru.

Sister Danielle has traveled to Peru and is aware of the needs of the sisters and the people to whom they minister in Peru. Many families struggle to put food on the table due to the high prices of food, unemployment and the Covid deaths of the breadwinners in families. Currently, most donations to Peru are used to provide food for those that come to the convents to ask for food and groceries to women that cook meals for those that don't have anything to eat. Your prayers are requested for the sisters and the people to whom they minister in Peru. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet would be most appreciative of your generosity during the collection for our brothers and sisters in Peru during the mass on the August 26th and 27th .

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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