

North American Martyrs Church

December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

PASTOR

Rev. Frederick D. Fraini, III

OFFICE STAFF

Lisa Burkitt

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

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

CONFESSIONS

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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday December 2nd, Blessed Rafal Chylinski

8:00am Joseph Gould

4:30pm Normand & Gloria Maris by their family

Sunday, December 3rd, First Sunday of Advent

8:30am Rev. Father John Gee, 2nd Anniversary by Noel Family

10:30am Leroy Thomas by Heidi & John Worster

Monday, December 4th, Saint John Damascene

7:00am John MacLeod by Corey Roy

Tuesday, December 5th, Saint Sabas

7:00am Rev. Father John Gee, 2nd Anniversary by Eleanor Binnall

Wednesday, December 6th, Saint Nicholas

7:00am Edward Hanam by Janice & Stephen Lindberg

Friday December 8th, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

7:00am Joseph Gould by Bill Sipos

Noon Ed Rita Chip and Dave Hanlon Requested by their family

6:30pm Sister Mary Virginia by Peter and Maureen Morse

Saturday, December 9th, Saint Juan Diego

8:00am Janice Beauregard by Joann & Rich Foley

4:30pm Isabella Rose Capaldi, 22nd Birthday by Mom, Dad,
Ralph & Dante

Sunday, December 10th, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am Judy Michalowski by Peter & Maureen Morse

10:30am Jean Rutkowski by Debbie & Paul Bordage



Let Us Pray

Ava Blazis, Kayla Bowes, Eric Baumgarten, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Louie Costagna, Frank Cole, Shirley Connor, Christine Cote, Gail Craig, Brianna Croteau, Patricia Darrah, Jacob DeCarolus, Derosas Family, 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, Mary Hannon, Robert Hehir, Elijah Johnson, Kim Johnson, Maureen Jones, Edward LaConto, Jean LaConto, Roger and Rosalie LaCroix, Larry, Donna and Michael Langevin, Paige Lariviere, Alice Leduc, Peter Letourneau, Richard Levansavich, Sr., Audrey-Lynn Marron, Bill Martin, Michael McGrail, Sue Morizzo, 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.

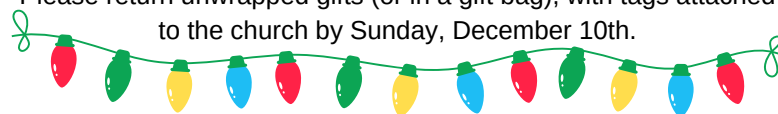


Parish Giving Tree

There are still some tags left on our Giving Tree!

Tags are provided by Pernet Family Health Services and the Diocese of Worcester Office of Vocations.

Please return unwrapped gifts (or in a gift bag), with tags attached to the church by Sunday, December 10th.



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.)

You're Invited

Dear Parish Family,

As the season of Advent is upon us, I would like to cordially invite all of you to a Christmas open house at the rectory. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of this season, I invite you to take some time to relax and enjoy each others company with some light refreshments and beverages.

The Christmas open house will be on Sunday, December 10th, from 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. If you plan on attending, kindly RSVP by December 3rd with Lisa Burkitt by either calling the rectory office or emailing her at lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org. This way we will be able to plan accordingly to ensure there are plenty of refreshments for everyone!

~Father Fraini

STEWARDSHIP

November 26, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$3,166.00
Monthly Renovation	55.00
Coffee Shop	14.00
Mass Intentions	40.00
Kateri's Kitchen	100.00
Donation	125.00
Funeral	300.00
Breaking the Cycle	40.00
Wreaths	130.00
Online Giving	427.33
Total:	\$4397.33

Thank you for your generosity!

The First Week of Advent: December 3, 2023

light the **first purple candle*

Scripture Reflection: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." Isaiah 9:2

**pause for reflection*

Advent Wreath Prayer: Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

**Taken from www.dynamiccatholic.com*



Religious Education News

Sunday, December 3rd

Grades 1-5: 9:30-10:15 a.m.

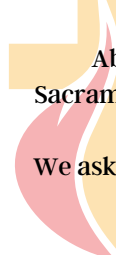
Grade 6-10 No Classes

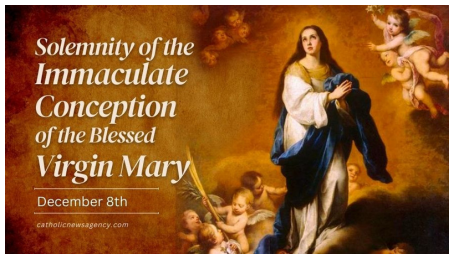
For the complete schedule please visit our website:
<https://namartyrsauburn.org/religious-education>

Tuesdays with the Saints Meets every Tuesday at 10a.m.
in the Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS Confirmation Candidates

Congratulations to Adriana Peschiera & Abigayle Simpson who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul. We ask for our entire parish to pray for God's gracious blessings on them, their sponsors, families and loved ones!





Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8th, Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7am, Noon and 6:30pm

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.



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November 30, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of December 10 our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. According to the National Religious Retirement Office, last year, only 31 out of 505 religious communities were adequately funded to care for nearly 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Religious communities of women and men were devoted to establishing Catholic schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. Often this progress came at great sacrifice, and many older sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little to no pay.

Earlier this year, Pope Francis wrote, "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel." While this annual collection assists those who have retired from their careers, they never retire from their vows and keep the needs of the people they served for a lifetime in their daily prayers. Currently, 71% of the religious communities have a median age of 70 or older, the highest it has been since this national collection began.

Just as our annual *Celebrate Priesthood* event helps our diocese to care for its retired diocesan priests, this national collection assists many religious communities to provide for aging members. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the struggle to provide adequate care.

Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance; I ask simply that you consider giving to those who have given a lifetime. If you are unable to donate at Mass, please mail your gift to your parish, donate through your parish's online giving platform, if available, or donate at the diocesan website, worcesterdiocese.org. In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's blessing on our nation's elderly and infirm religious women and men.

With prayerful best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



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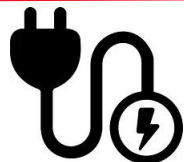


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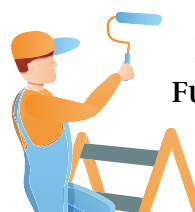
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