

North American Martyrs Church

January 7, 2024 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

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.

Epiphany of the Lord



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

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

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, January 6th, Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00am John MacLeod by Corey Roy

4:30pm Rose Greenwood by Melanie & Brian Binnall

Sunday January 7th, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Leo LeBlanc by his family

10:30 am Deceased Members of the Thomas & Marcelonis Family
by Heidi and John Worster

Monday, January 8th, The Baptism of the Lord

7:00am Rev. Msgr. Raymond A. Barton

Tuesday, January 9th, Saint Adrian of Canterbury

7:00am John Bowler by Bill Sipos

Wednesday, January 10th, Saint Gregory of Nyssa

7:00am Rev. James Daley

Friday, January 12th, Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

7:00am Ed Handlin by Bill Sipos

Saturday, January 13th, Saint Hilary of Poitiers

8:00am James Brennan by the Brennan Family

4:30pm Robert Gauvin by his wife

Sunday, January 14th, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Judith Ann Cox 18th Anniversary by her family

10:30am Jean A. Saxe by Deacon Jim & Dorothy Graves

Religious Education News

Sunday, January 7th

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

Grade 6-8

5-6pm

Grade 9-10

6-7pm

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

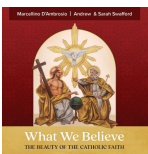
Tuesdays with the Saints Meets every Tuesday at 10a.m.
in the Hall.

What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. It is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation. Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

We will begin on Monday, January 29th from 6pm to 7pm and continuing every Monday for 10 weeks.

For more information or to register for the study, contact Lisa at 508-798-0612 or by email at lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org.



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.)

STEWARDSHIP

Christmas 2023

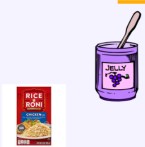
Sunday Collection	\$265.00
Christmas	7003.00
Raffle	70.00
Online Giving	280.00
Total:	\$7618.00

December 31st, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$3,394.00
Monthly Renovation	75.00
Coffee Shop	9.00
Immaculate Conception & Solemnity of Mary	401.00
Donation	410.00
Share in the Care	25.00
Wreath & Candles	30.00
Online Giving	404.00
Total:	\$4748.00

Thank you for your generosity!

KATERI'S KITCHEN



This weekend our food pantry is seeking donations of:
Jelly and Rice-a-Roni

**Donations can be left by Kateri's Kitchen
or in the basket at the front of the church.**

Children are invited during the Offertory procession at Masses place their donations in the food basket.

January Pro-Life Mass

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Please join us to pray for and with our pilgrims who will be traveling to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on Jan. 19, and to pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation.



Let Us Pray

Ava Blazis, Kayla Bowes, Eric Baumgarten, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Louie Costagna, Frank Cole, Shirley Connor, Jonathan Corey, Christine Cote, Isabelle Couture, Gail Craig, Brianna Croteau, Patricia Darrah, Jacob DeCarolis, 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, Kaise Pinard, John Power, Theresa Power, Anthony Real, Edward J. Rutkowski, Joseph Sbrogna, Raymond Scanlon, Dan Slavinskas, 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.



Dear Parish Family,

Merry Christmas and happy Feast of Epiphany! How wonderful it is to be a Catholic! On December 26th, when countless individuals began preparations to remove their streams of Christmas lights, take down the trees, and get ready to put all the decorations away for another year...here in the Catholic Church, we continue to celebrate throughout the duration of the Christmas season! As a matter of fact, our celebration of Christmas will not conclude until Monday, January 8th, which is when we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord.

It only makes sense, after all, the meaning, magnitude and impact of what we celebrate during Christmas is too overwhelming to be confined to one single day of the year. It is also true to say that Christmas is celebrated time and time again throughout the entire year, every moment a wayward soul is both introduced to and experiences the awesome mystery of God's infinite love for them.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, and in so doing, we commemorate the visit of the Wise Men to the crèche of Bethlehem to greet our infant Savior. We recall their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold representing His Kingship, frankincense His Divinity, and myrrh the representation of the death He would incur for us. The King who came not to be served, but to serve and offer His life as a ransom for all!

Speaking of gifts, I certainly did get spoiled this Christmas by all of you wonderful parishioners. I cannot thank you enough for the many thoughtful cards I received, the precious ornaments, hunting supplies, great books, the multitude of gift certificates to wonderful restaurants, the extremely generous monetary gifts you afforded me, as well as the delicious baked goods! From apple pie, to pumpkin bread, to Oreo candy cane truffles, and even rum cake! You all did everything in your power to make this fortunate pastor feel loved, so from the bottom of my heart, thank you for that!

Once more, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank some remarkable parishioners of ours who helped make our beautiful church look magnificent for Christmas. Kathy Brady, Lisa Villa, the Bar bale family, the Dyson family, the Peschiera family, the McCarraher family, the Sherbourne family, the Beauregard family and last but not least, Lisa Burkitt... you all deserve to be commended for the tremendous hard work you accomplished! So many visitors and parishioners alike commented about how stunning our church looks! Thank you so very much!

The word Epiphany means revelation. This Christmas through your own many kind actions, you have certainly both revealed and manifested God's love to me. For that I am forever indebted!

God Love You!

Father Fred



Join the National Novena for Life!

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual 9 Days for Life novena, January 16 –January 24. Sign up to receive daily emails and reflections by text or email at www.9daysforlife.com!



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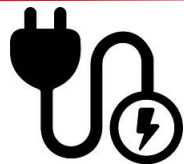


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