

North American Martyrs Church

January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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 27th, Saint Angela Merici

8:00am James Morris

4:30pm Julie Beckwith by Louise Downie

Sunday, January 28th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Rev. John Gee by his morning coffee gang

10:30am William & Susan Bjork

Monday, January 29th, Servant of God Brother Juniper

7:00am James Ward

Tuesday, January 30th, Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska

7:00am Patricia Sabatello

Wednesday January 31st, Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

7:00am Betty Paulsen by Bill Sipos

Friday, February, 2, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

7:00am Emile Montville by Bill Sipos

Saturday, February 3rd, Saint Blaise

8:00am Katherine Korkus

4:30pm Robert Hoey by the Hoey Family

Sunday, February 4th, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Arthur & Rita Lindberg by the Lindberg Family

10:30am Rev. Edmund F. Falvey

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.



**NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS
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LENT 2024**
Prayer · Fasting · Almsgiving
February 14, Ash Wednesday:
Mass will be celebrated at 7am, Noon and 6pm
Confessions: Mondays 6pm until the last penitent &
Saturdays 3-3:45
Stations of the Cross: Fridays 6pm
Bible Study: Mondays 6pm
Parish Mission: 6pm on Tuesdays
February 19th & 26th, & March 12
Guest Speaker Rev. Father Paul Shaughnessy, SJ

KATERI'S KITCHEN



This weekend our food pantry is seeking donations of:
Tuna

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.



Feast of St. Blaise

The Blessing of the Throats will take place the weekend of February 3rd and 4th after all Masses.

Religious Education News

Sunday, January 21th

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

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.

Charitable Donation Letters

We thank you for your continued support of our parish each week. Charitable donation letters for tax purposes are available for anyone who wishes to receive one. Please contact the Parish Office via:

Email: lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org

or

Telephone: (508-798-0612)
to receive a copy for your records.

FREE HOME PICK-UP!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Worcester County is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books, and household items. The funds received go to help our neighbors in need with (but not limited to) food, clothing, rent, and utilities. To schedule a free home pick-up go to:

<https://svdpworchester.org>

Dear Friends,

In this weeks Gospel account from Saint Mark, we hear the story of our Lord exorcising a man possessed by a demon. When I was headmaster of a Catholic elementary school, it always seemed to be Gospel accounts like these, that fascinated curious, young, adolescent pupil minds. "Can demons really possess people, Father Fred?" Yes, and not only people, but places and things as well! In this era of ghost hunters, paranormal activity shows, and an overall asinine desire to encounter the demonic, I always cautioned my students to stay clear of such things. It's perplexing is it not, why do people oftentimes pay more attention to the diabolical, than they do the divine? Would it not be more prudent for people to be more consumed with fostering and sustaining a relationship with Christ through the Sacramental life of His Church?

I digress... In any event, we as Catholics must always be keenly aware that while on this earth, we are constantly engaged in spiritual warfare. That is to say, that there are and will be, continuous attempts to divert us off the path of Heaven for eternity. One such tactic the evil one will often use is instilling doubt. Imagine if the world could be convinced there was no hope? Imagine if souls could be foolishly convinced that God in some way, had set the bar too high, that they could never possibly live up to His standard of love? That because of their past transgressions and sinfulness, they could never be forgiven! What would be left then? Namely, doubt and despair. What would people do? Give up. This is precisely what he wants.



Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. Our faith teaches us that there is always cause for hope! Though the fight may be far from over, the battle has already been won! God's standard of love is not set too high, for He calls the ordinary to the extraordinary, through the gift of Sanctifying Grace! His Mercy and Love endure forever, therefore the sinner can and should always repent and be forgiven! Doubt is indeed a dangerous thing, it leads people to despair, to hopelessness. As we are called to continuously build up the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth, let us be mindful of the times we have perhaps instilled doubt into others. The times when we have not encouraged and supported, but instead, torn down. Through our words and actions, how many times have we crushed the Spirit of God within someone else?

We may not be possessed as the man in this weekend's Gospel was, but with what we all say and do at times, it might certainly seem like we're all working on the wrong side of Salvation. This week and forevermore, let us pray for the Grace to be beacons of Hope and to dispel eternally, the demon of doubt!

God Love You,
Father Fraini

<u>STEWARDSHIP</u> <u>January 21, 2024</u>	
Sunday Collection	\$3470.00
Monthly Renovation	122.00
Mass Intentions	50.00
Solemnity of Mary & Christmas	55.00
Donation	125.00
Funeral	300.00
Catholic Universities of America	5.00
Coffee shop	14.00
Catholic Free Press	39.00
Kateri's Kitchen	530.00
Candles	518.00
Online Giving	254.00
Total:	\$5,482.00

Thank you for your generosity!

 <i>Let Us Pray</i> 
Ava Blazis, Kayla Bowes, Eric Baumgarten, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Steve Cenedella, 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, Thomas Foley, 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, Michael Leung, 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, Dan Slavinskias, Scott Staruk, David Tatro, Jake Thibeault, David Toomey, Bonnie Turner, Michael Young, Tracy Williams and Lucille Zammarelli.
For all the men and women serving in our country's military.



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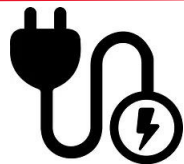


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