

# *North American Martyrs Church*

March 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

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## **PASTOR**

Rev. Frederick D.  
Fraini, III

## **OFFICE STAFF**

Lisa Burkitt

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday-Friday

7 a.m.

Saturday

8 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

## **CONFESSIONS**

Mondays 6pm

during Lent

Saturday 3 - 3:45 p.m.

or by appointment

## **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



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, March 2nd, Saint Agnes of Bohemia

8:00am Peter Letourneau by Anne Trainor  
4:30pm Judy Albinson, 15th Anniversary by Family

#### Sunday, March 3rd, Third Sunday of Lent

8:30am Arthur & Rita Lindberg by the Lindberg Family  
10:30am Catherine Petty by the Hoey Family

#### Monday, March 4th, Saint Casimir

7:00am Eleanor Grendmaison

#### Tuesday, March 5th, Saint John Joseph of the Cross

7:00am Rev. Father Walter J. Riley, by the Fraini Family

#### Wednesday, March 6th, Saint Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes

7:00am Thomas Foley by his brother

#### Thursday, March 7th, Saints Perpetua and Felicity

7:00am Ed Brown

#### Friday, March 8th, Saint John of God

7:00am Barbara Morse

#### Saturday, March 9th, Saint Frances of Rome

8:00am Rev. George Winne  
4:30pm Betty Paulsen by Eleanor Binnall

#### Sunday, March 10th, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30am Anthony Sacovitch by his wife, LaDonna  
10:30am Marylou Delongchamp by Charlene Anton



Ava Blazis, Kayla Bowes, Eric Baumgarten, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Louie Costagna, Frank Cole, Shirley Connor, Jonathan Corey, Christine Cote, Gail Craig, Brianna Croteau, Patricia Darrah, Jacob DeCarolis, Derosas Family, Ellie Devereaux, Kevin Dobson, Elaine Doherty, Sadie Dutton, Paul Dyke, David & Pat Faucher, Connie Flynn, Joan Fouhy, Bob Fuller, Suzanne Gird, Lori Girouard, Therese Gosselin, Deacon Jim Graves, Jim Groves, Mary Hannon, Elijah Johnson, Kim Johnson, Maureen Jones, Edward LaConto, Jean LaConto, Roger & Rosalie LaCroix, Larry, Donna & Michael Langevin, Paige Lariviere, Michael Leung, 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 Slavinskis, Scott Staruk, David Tatro, Jake Thibeault, David Toomey, Bonnie Turner, Michael Young & Tracy Williams.  
For all the men and women serving in our country's military.

## KATERI'S KITCHEN



This weekend our food pantry is seeking donations of:  
**Pasta**

Donations can be left by Kateri's Kitchen

### STEWARDSHIP February 25, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$3187.35
Monthly Renovation	115.00
Funeral	400.00
Catholic Free Press	39.00
Coffee	17.00
Latin American	190.00
Donation	301.00
Online Giving	412.33
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,661.68</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### Around the Deanery

Sunday March 3, 2 PM	Monday March 4, 7PM
Anointing of the Sick Mass	Penance Service
St. James, South Grafton	St. Brigid, Millbury

### Religious Education News

#### Sunday, March 3rd

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

Grade 6-10

No Class this week

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.

## In Honor of St. Francis Xavier On to the next 100 years! Novena of Grace

**MARCH 4 TO MARCH 12, 2024**

### **Saint John's Church**

44 Temple Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01604

**We need the graces of this Novena to St. Francis Xavier now more than ever!**

### **MASS AND NOVENA PRAYERS**

**Weekdays** - 9:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 6:15 p.m.

**Saturday** - 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

**Sunday** - 8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m.

**On March 9th there will also be Benediction and Novena Prayers at 2:15 p.m.**



Fr. Clark, S.J.



Fr. Hayes, S.J.



Bishop McManus



Fr. Garavel, S.J.



Msgr. Scollen



Fr. Slavinskis



Fr. Brice



Deacon Mellus

### **The Novena Schedule & Speakers:**

March 4, Monday	9:15 a.m. - Msgr. Frank Scollen 12:15 p.m. - Bishop Robert McManus 6:15 p.m. - Msgr. Frank Scollen
March 5, Tuesday	9:15 a.m. • 12:15 p.m. • 6:15 p.m. - Fr. Fred Fraini
March 6, Wednesday	9:15 a.m. • 12:15 p.m. • 6:15 p.m. - Fr. William Clark, S.J.
March 7, Thursday	9:15 a.m. • 12:15 p.m. • 6:15 p.m. - Deacon Ed Mellus
March 8, Friday	9:15 a.m. • 12:15 p.m. • 6:15 p.m. - Fr. Jonathan Slavinskis
March 9, Saturday	2:15 p.m. Benediction • 4:15 p.m. • 7:15 p.m. - Fr. Jean Robert Brice
March 10, Sunday	8:00 a.m. • 10:15 a.m. - Fr. Timothy O'Brien, S.J. 12:15 p.m. • 7:15 p.m. - Fr. Andrew Garavel, S.J.
March 11, Monday	9:15 a.m. • 12:15 p.m. • 6:15 p.m. - Fr. James Hayes, S.J.
March 12, Tuesday	9:15 a.m. • 12:15 p.m. • 6:15 p.m. - Fr. John Madden



Fr. O'Brien, S.J.



Fr. Fraini



Fr. Madden

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## Why pray the Stations of the Cross?



Dear Parish Family,

One of my favorite parts of Lent is praying the Stations of the Cross. Many years ago, I can remember praying them diligently with my Mom during this sacred season. I vividly recall praying them with her on Good Friday one year. When we had finished and exited Our Lady of the Angels Church in Worcester, there was a fresh blanket of snow on the ground! Pray that doesn't happen this year! Snow removal isn't cheap!

Although the Stations of the Cross is a popular devotion, and while we pray it in our parish every Lent, it's helpful to understand how praying the Stations of the Cross can affect not just your own faith, but your daily life. Here are five reasons that I believe we can all benefit from this wonderful devotion during Lent!

First, they offer us strength in times of suffering. Praying the Stations of the Cross reminds us that we are not alone in our suffering: Jesus suffers with us. He chose to embrace every aspect of human life, including suffering and death.

Second, they instill in us a compassion for those who suffer. We see in the Stations of the Cross how come people mocked Jesus, revealing the worst reactions to the suffering of others. Yet we also have the example of our Blessed Mother Mary, who stayed close to her Son throughout the entirety of His Passion. In the Stations of the Cross, we are afforded the ability to see Jesus in those who suffer and therefore to treat the suffering with compassion.

Third, they remind us of the vast love of God. Seeing the horror of Jesus' suffering reminds us of something wonderful: how much He loves us! Jesus endured His Passion because of the love He had for each individual person that would ever live, and so the Stations of the Cross remind us of how much we are loved!

Fourth, they provide us with tremendous hope. We know why Jesus suffered and we know what happened afterwards. His suffering and death was not the end of the story. He conquered death and through His Glorious Resurrection triumphed! This, in a powerful way, reminds us that our own individual sufferings are never in vain, but are redemptive!

Finally, they enable us to enter into and feel Jesus' suffering. For our faith to grow, we need to be able to empathize with Jesus' suffering on the Cross and feel His pain as though it were happening to ourselves or someone we care deeply about. The Stations of the Cross help us do this by giving us fourteen focal points to meditate on.

In closing, I invite you all to make use of this beautiful, sacred devotion during Lent. When we pray and meditate on the sublime humility, generosity, and awesome Love that our God has for all of us, it changes us! Now is the time to be changed, transfigured into something more beautiful than before. Please don't deprive yourself or God of that opportunity. Every Friday during Lent at 6:00p.m., I will pray the Stations of the Cross. It doesn't take long maybe a half hour of your valuable time. A half hour on the Mountain of Calvary, where we gaze in inexplicable awe at just how much God loves us. We then in turn, fall deeper in love with Him!

God Love You!

Father Fraini







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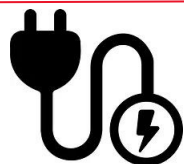


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