

North American Martyrs Church

Sunday, May 4 2025, Third Sunday of Easter

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PASTOR

Rev. Frederick D. Fraini, III

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Mass Schedule

Monday-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

Baptisms are held on the first & third Sunday of the month following the 10:30 Mass. 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

Mass Intentions

Saturday May 3rd, Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

8:00am No Mass

10:00am First Holy Communion

4:30pm Arthur & Rita Lindberg by the Lindberg Family

Sunday May 4th, Third Sunday of Easter

8:30am Estelle O'Brien by the Lindberg Family

10:30am Anthony Festa by Father Fraini

Monday, May 5th, Saint Hilary of Arles

7:00am Aristide & Corrine Nadeau by Claire Fleming

Tuesday, May 6th, Saints Marian and James

7:00am Mike & Ann Simpson by Mary Wood

Wednesday, May 7th, Saint Rose Venerini

7:00am Hernando Tudela Arbulú by Peschiera Roy family

Friday, May 9th, Saint John of Avila

7:00am James Toby Brigham, 11-year anniversary by his wife

Saturday, May 10th, Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i

8:00am Normand L. Boucher by Father Fraini

4:30pm Fr. André Gariepy by Louise Downie

Sunday, May 11th, Good Shepherd Sunday

8:30am Rita Sullivan by Maureen & Peter Morse

10:30 Gay Thomas by John & Heidi Worster

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Want to play some volleyball this summer?? We are once again putting together a team to play in the Diocese of Worcester league! Any parish youth currently in 7-12 grade are eligible to play. The season runs from mid-June - early August. The deadline to sign up is May 15th.



Please contact Lisa at lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org if you are interested in playing.

Kateri's Kitchen

This week help us fill the shelves!

Cereal & Pasta



Religious Ed Registration for 2025-2026 Registration

Registration is now open for all children in grades 1-11 for 2025-2026! Please note if your child is in grade 2 or 11 at a Catholic School they must attend classes at their parish to receive their Sacraments.

Your registration form and payment must be received in order to secure your child's/children's spot. Please visit our website to register:

<https://namartyrsauburn.org/annual-religious-education-registration>

STEWARDSHIP

April 27, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$2,377.00
Monthly Renovation	180.00
Easter	85.00
Mass Intentions & Coffee	11.00
Holy Land	8.00
Catholic Relief Services	25.00
Religious Education	393.00
Online Giving	244.00
Total:	3323.00

Thank you for your generosity!



May Crowning

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. On Sunday, May 11th join us immediately following the 8:30 Mass as we adorn our statue of Mary outside the Rectory with a crown of flowers!

First Holy Communion

On Saturday, May 3rd we celebrate

First Holy Communion at 10am.

Congratulations to Michael Barbale, Joseph Benoit,

Emma Boudreau, Brayden Bradly, Lucas Brown,

Gabriella Burkitt, Julianna Campbell,

Camden Carter, Lilianna Connelly, Jovanni Delgado,

Owen Dunbar, Mackenzie Escarpeta, Julia Fairbanks,

Christina Fusaro, Matthew Hanscom, Connor Hope,

Arianna Johnson, Raegan Keefe, Liam Martinsen,

Gavin McLaughlin, Sean Mercier, Colton Mulryan,

Brynn Putelis, Andrew Quaglieri & Colton Tapley.



for Problem Pregnancy



Needs: Diaper sizes 3, 4 & 5

Drop off at North American Martyrs Mother's Day Weekend!

Your donation makes a real difference

All Diapers will go directly to Problem Pregnancy to support families.

Thank you for your generosity!

Let Us Pray

Ava Blazis, Kayla Bowes, Eric Baumgarten, Susan Bradley, Haddie Boucher, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Louie Costagna, Frank Cole, Shirley Connor, Jonathan Corey, Christine Cote, Gail Craig, Brianna Croteau, Jacob DeCarolus, Derosas Family, Elaine Doherty, Richard Dowd, Sadie Dutton, Paul Dyke, Connie Flynn, Ruthann & Charles Flynn, Joan Fouhy, Bob Fuller, Suzanne Gird, Lori Girouard, Deacon Jim Graves, Jim Groves, Mary Hannon, Elijah Johnson, Kim Johnson, Maureen Jones, Edward LaConto, Jean LaConto, Michael LeFlecer, Larry, Donna & Michael Langevin, Paige Lariviere, Benjamin & Jane Larsen, Michael LeFlecer, Michael Leung, Richard Levansavich, Sr., Audrey-Lynn Marron, Bill Martin, Mary McCafferty, Michael McGrail, Max Mullen, Gary Nickerson, Bill & Denise Norberg, Matteo Padilla, Mary Lou Paulli, Peggy Patenaude, John Power, Theresa Power, Anthony Real, Paula Ruoppo, Edward J. Rutkowski, Joseph Sbrogna, Raymond Scanlon, Dan Slavinskas, Scott Staruk, Sophie Stodolski, David Tatro, Jake Thibeault, Bonnie Turner, Evelyn Urban, Walter Wheeler & Tracy Williams.
For all the men and women serving in our country's military.

Happy Easter, everyone!

Unquestionably, the greatest triumph the world has ever witnessed could never be confined to a single day! This is why in Her infinite wisdom; Holy Mother Church celebrates the entire season of Easter for fifty days! In fairness, not even fifty days is enough time to celebrate the victory of light over darkness, and life over death. You see my friends; Easter is an eternal reality. We have the potential to experience the transformative power of Easter each and every single day of our lives, well into eternity!

What a remarkable celebration of Easter we experienced here at North American Martyrs parish. So many countless individuals approached me to express their profound gratitude for the emotionally charged experiences of the Sacred Triduum, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Masses. Undeniably, one of the most emotionally moving tributes was our Living Stations of the Cross! Our magnificent young people did a phenomenal job both portraying and capturing not only the spiritual reality of the Passion, but the heart wrenching experience of witnessing Love Himself die for the sins of us all. If you happen to see these award winning actors and actresses at Mass this weekend, be sure to thank: Catherine & Peter Barbale, Braedyn Beauregard, Gabriella Burkitt, Camryn, Addyson & Lauryn Connor, Isabelle Couture, Emily Hunter, Heath Mulcahy, Jacqueline Murphy, Elias & Mateo Peschiera, Zachary Sylvester and Eli Vincent.

Our Easter Vigil was extraordinary! Congratulations once again to Logan, Phil and Shayne who are now our newest Confirmed Catholics! It was a late night for all of us, the vigil ended around 9:30p.m., but our hall celebration almost into the early morning hours! Thank you again to our professional musicians Amanda Elinoff, Andrew Noone, Charles Nwachukwu, Caleigh Ducharme and Sarah Callinan.

To everyone who helped decorate: Kathy Brady, Bethany & Joe Chunis, Debbie Gordan, Andy Fornari, Elias & Marco Peschiera, David Sweeney, Cassi, Phil & Payton Baumgarten, Izzy Couture, Olivia & Ariana Johnson, Gabby Burkitt, Heath Mulcahy, Steve Robichaud, Paul & Doreen Beauregard & John Coughlin, thank you all so very much for making our church look breathtaking. We also have to thank Pete Michaud who watered our beautiful flowers!

Easter was indeed a special treat for me this year. Although many priests are often left mentally and physically exhausted after Holy Week, I felt tired, but fully alive! When I got home to my parents house, I noticed the Easter Bunny had arranged an Easter egg hunt which led to my basket. I've told the Bunny, on more than one occasion, that at almost forty four years of age... this is getting ridiculous. But I guess you just can't reason with a determined rabbit!

Speaking of age, after Easter Morning Mass, a visitor from out of state commented and said to me: "Father, it's so nice to see young priests! We have one just like you in my parish back home!" I love it when people make me feel younger than I am and can't believe I've been ordained almost seventeen years! I also love it when people cherish the gift of priesthood... that made my Easter!

You see my friends, one of the gifts we celebrated at the beginning of the Triduum of was priesthood, a gift that renders us the greatest gift of all in the Eucharist! The Eucharist is the Risen Christ among us! Holy Thursday reminded us that God calls the very ordinary to the extraordinary! Of course, no priest is perfect. However instead of perceiving faults and failings in the instrument, let us instead look to the Love behind the instrument that is waiting to transform each of us! Herein lies the reality of Easter! As we continue to pray for priests, let us also pray the Holy Spirit will guide the upcoming Conclave this week as we eagerly await a new Vicar of Christ on earth!

Happy Easter, God Love You All!

Rev. Father Frederick D. Fraini, III

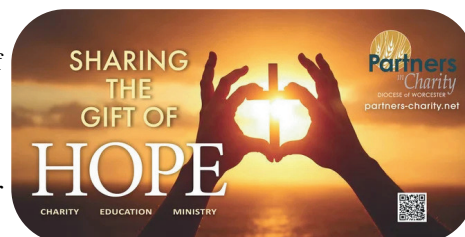
Prayer for the Intentions of the Church

(pray daily until the election of a new pope)

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unflinching care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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We have received \$14,570 of the \$52,300 goal from 53 donors. Please consider giving, envelopes are available at the doors or you may give online!





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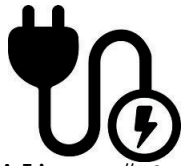
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