

North American Martyrs Church

Sunday, May 11, 2025, Good Shepherd Sunday

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PASTOR

Rev. Frederick D. Fraini, III

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Lisa Burkitt

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 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

Monday, May 12th, Saint Leopold Mandic

7:00am Gerald Fleming by Claire Fleming

Tuesday, May 13th, Our Lady of Fatima

7:00am Mark Robinson by his wife

Wednesday, May 14th, Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

7:00am Normand L. Boucher, by Father Fraini

Friday, May 16th, Saint Margaret of Cortona

7:00am Elaine Tateronis by Bill Sipos

Saturday, May 17th, Saint Paschal Baylon

8:00am James Simpson, Birthday Remembrance by Mary Wood

4:30pm Peter, John & Robert Letourneau by Barbara Letourneau

Sunday, May 18th, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Leo LeBlanc by Family

10:30am Stanley & Sharlyn Kerbel by Family

Kateri's Kitchen

This week help us
FILL THE SHELVES!

Kateri's Kitchen has seen an increase in need & our shelves are empty! Anything you can donate this week is appreciated!

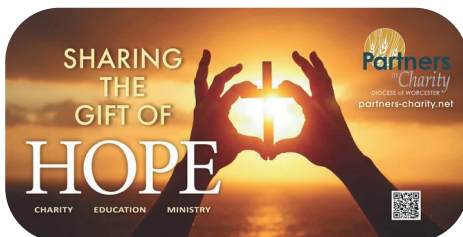


May Crowning

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!

Partners in Charity

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!



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

May 11, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$3990.92
Monthly Renovation	115.00
Easter & Ascension	377.00
Mass Intentions	80.00
Holy Land, Peter's Pence & Catholic Campaign	22.00
Kateri's Kitchen	20.00
Bulletin Ad	75.00
Fuel & Heat	308.00
Religious Education	515.00
Online Giving	394.00
Total:	\$5896.92

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Thank you!

On this Good Shepherd Sunday a very special thank you to our shepherd! Thank you Father Fraini for all you do for our parish!



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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 LeFleecer, Larry, Donna & Michael Langevin, Paige Lariviere, Benjamin & Jane Larsen, Michael LeFleecer, 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 Slavinskis, 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 Mother's Day

Dear Parish Family,

May is a month traditionally dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary. In our churches and homes, we celebrate May as a “Marian month,” with May processions, May crownings, and other popular devotions in honor of the Mother of God. This Marian month falls during the liturgical season of Easter. We thus particularly emphasize Our Blessed Mother’s participation in the Paschal Mystery and her presence with the Church in preparation for Pentecost, as she prayed with the disciples in the upper room while they awaited the descent of the Holy Spirit.

There are many devotions that the Church recommends for honoring Our Lady during her month. During the Easter season, we address the Regina Coeli antiphon to her as we celebrate the Resurrection of her Son. Of course, the rosary is one of the most excellent Marian prayers and especially recommended in the month of May. Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary (e.g. the Litany of Loreto) are also special invocations for Our Lady’s intercession under her various beautiful titles.

In the month of May, the Church calls us to open our hearts in a special way to Mary. Her presence in our lives is a motherly presence. We call her Our Blessed Mother. Indeed, from the Cross, Jesus gave her to us as our Mother and entrusted us to her as her children. Jesus’ words to St. John, the beloved disciple, were also addressed to all of us: Behold your mother! From the cross, Jesus gave us the beautiful gift of his mother to be our mother too. He made his mother the mother of all the members of his Mystical Body, the Church. Jesus invites us to accept Mary as our mother and to respond to her motherly love as true children.

Catholic devotion to Mary is, therefore, based on the will of Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II explained that “the words, Behold your mother!, express Jesus’ intention to inspire in his disciples an attitude of love for and trust in Mary, leading them to recognize her as their mother, the mother of every believer. At the school of the Virgin, the disciples learn to know the Lord deeply, as John did, and to have an intimate and lasting relationship of love with Him. They also discover the joy of entrusting themselves to the Mother’s maternal love, living like affectionate and docile children.”

Mary always leads us to Jesus, her Son. When we go to her, we always meet Jesus, our Savior. She helps us follow her Son more faithfully. May we all, like Saint John, take Mary into our home and make room for her in our daily lives. God has entrusted to her the role of maternal intercession for us. She is Our Mother of Perpetual Help: she sees our needs and is ready to come to our aid. She is especially close to those who are suffering. The most ancient Marian prayer expresses Mary’s role as our advocate: We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.” Mary presents our needs to her Son and intercedes continually on our behalf.

It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother’s Day during the Marian month. As we honor the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, we also honor our earthly mothers. On Mother’s Day, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only through material gifts, flowers, or cards, but also, and more importantly, by our prayers for them. We thank God for the gift of our mothers who conceived and gave birth to us, who cared for us, protected us, taught us, and loved us. Many passed on the precious gift of faith to us. We remember all our mothers, living and deceased. We thank them for their generosity and self-giving love.

Mary is a model for all mothers. Pope Benedict XVI said that “Mary is the image and model of all mothers, of their great mission to be guardians of life, of their mission to be teachers of the art of living and of the art of loving”

Mary is a model for all of us on our earthly pilgrimage. She who was “full of grace” was “all holy.” She represents the paradigm of the authentic holiness that is achieved through union with Christ. She is our model of faith who adhered to God’s word throughout her life. She is our model of hope who stood firm at the foot of the cross. She is our model of charity who went in haste to visit and help her cousin Elizabeth. Her maternal love for her Son extends to us, her spiritual children. She is our sure guide to Gospel perfection.

On Mother’s Day, let us pray for all our mothers. And let us remember that we have a Mother in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We continue to rejoice with her during this Easter season. May the Mother given to us by Christ on the cross be ever at our side!
Happy Mother’s Day, God Love You!!!

Father Fraini



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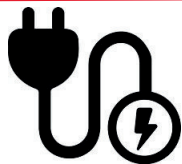
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