

# *North American Martyrs Church*

**Sunday, June 1, 2025, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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## **PASTOR**

Rev. Frederick D. Fraini, III

## **OFFICE STAFF**

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 31<sup>st</sup>, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Dorothy Gregory by Mary Wood

4:30pm Marie Grinstead by Michelle & Zeb Chase

#### Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30am Sonia Dobson, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by David Dobson

10:30am Jack Ryan by his daughter

#### Monday, June 2, Saints Marcellinus and Peter

Edward & Mary Lou Gilmartin by family

#### Tuesday, June 3, Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

No Mass

#### Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> Blessed Angelina of Marsciano

No Mass

#### Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> Saint Norbert

John E. Foley 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by his brother

#### Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Blessed Franz Jägerstätter

8:00am Donald P. Gonyear by a friend

4:30pm Marie Grinstead by Zeb & Michelle Chase

#### Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday

8:30am Private Intention

10:30am Peggy Phillips, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by family

### **Please Note:**

While Father Fraini will be at the annual Presbyteral Assembly with Bishop McManus June 2<sup>nd</sup>- June 4<sup>th</sup>.

He will be leaving following 7am Mass on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

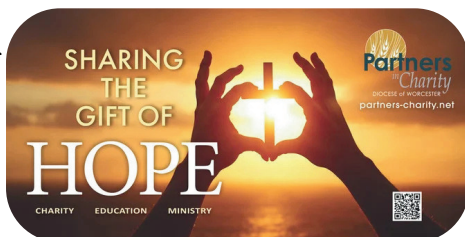
There will be no daily Mass June 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. Please keep

Father Fraini and all of our

Diocesan Priests in your prayers.

### **Partners in Charity**

We have received \$22,950 of the \$52,300 goal from 63 donors. Please consider giving, envelopes are available at the doors or you may give online!



Are you or someone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Faith? OCIA classes are forming now for the fall. Do you know someone... Who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized as a child, but has not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Then OCIA is what they are looking for! OCIA is for unbaptized adults who desire to become Catholic; Christian adults baptized in another faith who desires to become Catholic; adults baptized Catholic who have completed the sacraments of initiation and desire to learn more about their Catholic faith. For more information, please contact Lisa at [lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org](mailto:lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org)

### **Stewardship**

**May 25, 2025**

Sunday Collection	\$2,904.00
Monthly Renovation	106.00
Ascension	25.00
Fuel & Heat	65.00
Easter	15.00
Donation	381.00
Religious Education	423.50
Online Giving	315.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4234.50</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### **Triduum to Saint Padre Pio in Worcester**

All are welcome at Our Lady of Loreto Church for a Triduum to Saint Padre Pio on Monday, June 9 through Wednesday, June 11 at 7:00 pm.  
Located at 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester.

### **Religious Freedom Week 2025 – “Witnesses to Hope”**

Religious Freedom Week 2025 takes place June 22–29. This year's theme is “Witnesses to Hope.” The week begins with the Memorial of Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, and includes the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist and the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Resources are available at [usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek) and [www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek) to help the faithful pray, reflect on, and take action for religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

### **Kateri's Kitchen**

This week help us fill the shelves!  
Cookies and Crackers



### **Let Us Pray**

Ava Blazis, Kayla Bowes, Eric Baumgarten, Paul Beckwith, 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 Slavinskis, Scott Staruk, Sophie Stodolski, David Tatro, Jake Thibeault, Bonnie Turner, Evelyn Urban, Heidi Worster, Walter Wheeler & Tracy Williams.

For all the men and women serving in our country's military.

Dear Parish Family,

These words are often repeated at the conclusion of the academic year in seminaries across the country. The warning is to remind seminarians of the need to continue to attend to their formation throughout the summer break. Late Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, "Gaudete et Exsultate," ("Rejoice and Be Glad") reminds us that the call to holiness is not only for consecrated religious and priests, but for all of the faithful.

Therefore, this admonition, "Don't take a vacation from your vocation!" applies not only to seminarians, but to everyone. It's a good reminder that all of us can use this time of year. As the weather warms up, we begin to spend more time outside, relaxing with family and friends, and taking vacation. All of those are good things, but they shouldn't lead to us taking a vacation from our vocation.

One classic example of this phenomenon is not going to Mass when we are traveling. One of the most common excuses we hear is: "I didn't know where there was a Catholic church, or what time Mass started." Stop. Think about that statement for a minute. Before stepping out of the house to leave on vacation, we fill up the car with gas, look up flight times and book tickets, hotels, rental cars, trains, tours, restaurants, museums and attractions. Yet, at the same time we can't figure out when and where to go to Mass? If we don't want to take a vacation from our vocation, then Mass should be included in our vacation planning. A bonus: Going to Mass in a different place, culture or even language can be a great opportunity to experience the Catholicity, the universal nature, of the church in a concrete way. Going to Mass in a new place can revitalize our faith and appreciation for Eucharist. Depending on where we are traveling, it can also be a chance to see some of the beautiful artistic heritage of the church. If we include Mass in our plans, when we come home from Paris, we'll be able to say, "I went to Mass at Notre Dame" it's much better than just saying, "I saw Notre Dame."

Others prefer to spend their vacation not running around, but rather relaxing on the beach or outdoors. We spend time dieting and working out to make sure we are in shape for the summer, but what about our spiritual fitness? When it comes to dieting and exercise, we can follow the strictest of disciplines, but what about our spiritual life? Is our prayer life as disciplined as our diet? It is important to take care of our bodies; it's even more important to make sure we are taking care of our souls. If we neglect the latter, then we end up taking a vacation from our vocation. If we want to be physically fit, we don't wake up and run a marathon on the first day or show up at the gym and start lifting several hundred pounds. We should build up slowly. One of the most common errors of those trying to get in shape is doing too much too soon. The results? Quitting. No progress. Back on the couch! The same risk is present in the spiritual life. If we haven't been praying for years, it's unrealistic to suddenly start going to daily Mass, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, practicing "lectio divina," praying a daily rosary and participating in a Holy Hour. All at once, that's too much. Such a jump will lead to burnout and arriving back at the beginning, with no prayer life.

If we want to develop our spiritual fitness and to grow in holiness and our relationship with God, then we need to build up our prayer life at an appropriate pace. Some people already have one or more spiritual practices solidly into their spiritual routine. If that's the case, then try adding one more element this summer. Many others rarely take time to pray outside of Mass. For those who find themselves in that reality, there is a way to ease back into spiritual fitness. It's what I like to call the "BC" method, and it only takes five minutes a day.

In the morning take a couple of minutes and ask God two things, first, "God help me to 'be' your presence today." Secondly, "God help me to 'see' you in others today." Then at night, ask God the following questions, "God where did I 'see' you today?" and, "God how was I able to 'be' your presence to others today?" Even more difficult, "God, when did I fail to 'be' your presence today?" I'd say it's as easy as remembering one's ABCs but, granting the play on words, it's even easier to say only "BC." It takes a few minutes a day, and it's a simple practice of beginning a prayer and dialogue with God.

The summer is meant to be a time of relaxation, whether it's traveling far and wide, or spending time outdoors. That rest is a good thing, but let's not turn it into an excuse to take a vacation from our vocation!

God Love You!!!

Father Fred





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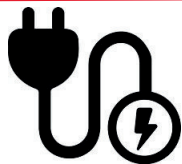
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