

North American Martyrs Church

Sunday, November 9, 2025, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
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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 4:00 p.m. (Vigil) Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
(Please note the Vigil Mass will begin at 4pm effective September 13th)

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, November 8th, Blessed John Duns Scotus

8:00am Virginia Lehner

4:00pm Bobby Vandal and James F. Breenan by Lori Brennan

Sunday, November 9th, Feast of the Ded, of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

8:30am Estelle & Jackie O'Brien by Lindberg family

10:30am Raymond Fluet by family

Monday, November 10th Mem. of St. Leo the Great, Pope &

Doctor of the Church

7:00am Rick Belair by family

Tuesday, November 11th, Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

7:00am Jared Daniel & Teresita Durkan by the Lindberg Family

Wednesday, November 12th, Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

7:00am Ralph Peterson by Hoye Family

Friday, November 14th, Saint Gertrude the Great

7:00am Mary Lou Delongchamp 2nd Anniversary by family

Saturday, November 15, Saint Albert the Great

8:00am George Andrews, Jr

4:00pm Special Intention by Louise Downie

Sunday November 16th, Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Russell J. Paquette, Jr by family

10:30am David Phillips 36th Anniversary by family

Kateri's Kitchen

This week help us fill the shelves!
Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter and Jelly



Baptism



On Sunday, November 2nd we celebrated the baptism of

Ariee Teresa Fornari!

It is with tremendous joy that we welcome Ariee!

Let Us Pray

Ava Blazis, Kayla Bowes, Eric Baumgarten, Paul Beckwith, Susan Bradley, Sherri Berthiame, Haddie Boucher, Michele Burke-Pellegrini, Betty Capuano, Louie Costagna, Frank Cole, Shirley Connor, Jonathan Corey, Christine Cote, Gail Craig, Brianna Croteau, Jacob DeCarolis, Derosas Family, Elaine Doherty, Richard Dowd, Sadie Dutton, Paul Dyke, Charles Flynn, 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, Lafray, Donna & Michael Langevin, Paige Lariviere, Benjamin & Jane Larsen, Michael LeFlecer, Barbara Letourneau, Michael Leung, Richard Levansavich, Sr., Beverly Luthman, Audrey-Lynn Marron, Bill Martin, Mary McCafferty, Michael McGrail, Gretel McNeil, 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.

Stewardship

November 2, 2025

Sunday Collection	\$2,667.00
Monthly Renovation	48.00
World Mission Sunday	22.00
Mass Intensions	120.00
Kateri's Kitchen	55.00
Funeral	400.00
All Saints Day	510.00
Online Giving	604.00
Total:	\$4,426.00

Thank you for your generosity!

You're Invited

Dear Parish Family,

This year I would like to once again cordially invite all of you to a Christmas open house at the rectory. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of this season, I invite you to take some time to relax and enjoy each others company with some light refreshments and beverages. The Christmas open house will be on Sunday, December 14th, from 4:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

If you plan on attending, kindly RSVP with Lisa Burkitt by either calling the rectory office at 508-798-0612 or emailing at lburkitt@namartyrsauburn.org. This way we will be able to plan accordingly to ensure there are plenty of refreshments for everyone!

~Father Fraini



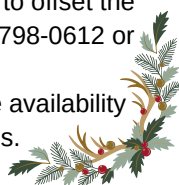
Our Parish Giving Tree will be up November 17th in the Parish Hall lobby! Please consider taking a tag this year. Tags are provided by Pernet Family Health Services and the Diocese of Worcester Office of Vocations. Please return unwrapped gifts (or in a gift bag), with tags attached to the church by Sunday, December 7th.



Wreaths

Each year during the Advent season, we decorate our beautiful church with wreaths adorned with purple and rose colored bows. Once again this year we would like to incorporate the names of deceased family members and friends who have gone before us in faith onto our wreaths. For a donation of \$30, we will put your loved ones name onto the ribbon of one of the wreaths. We will once again do two sets of names, one set of names will be on our Advent bows and then we will change over to red bow on Christmas Eve with the second set of names for the Christmas Season. Donations will then be used to offset the cost of the wreaths. Please contact Lisa at 508-798-0612 or LBurkitt@namartyrsauburn.org.

Please know that wreaths are limited, therefore availability will be on a first come, first serve basis.



Dear Parish Family,

We celebrate today the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome because it is the head and mother church of all churches in the world. On the façade of the basilica there is an inscription in Latin that reads, “the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world.” One might think St. Peter’s Basilica is the head of all the churches but in fact it is the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Every bishop has a cathedral and the Pope’s cathedral is the Basilica of St. John Lateran, not the Basilica of St. Peter.

You may ask, “Why is the Basilica of St. John Lateran the Pope’s cathedral and not the Basilica of St. Peter since he lives next to St. Peter’s Basilica?” History gives us the answer. In the early centuries, Christianity was outlawed in Rome and many Christians in Rome suffered martyrdom. The emperor Constantine converted to Christianity and the famous Edict of Milan in AD 313 allowed Christians to practice their religion in public. Constantine had been given the palace in Rome that belonged to the Lateranus family, and after his conversion to Christianity he gave it to the Pope. The Lateran Palace was then adapted to become a church and was dedicated on November 9, AD 324, and the Pope then lived in the Lateran Palace, as it was called, for the next 1000 years and the basilica was his cathedral. It was first called the Basilica of the Savior but later was also dedicated to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and so it acquired the name Basilica of St. John Lateran. When the Papacy transferred to Avignon for about a century, the condition of the Lateran deteriorated so much that when the Papacy returned to Rome, the Pope lived in two other locations before finally settling adjacent to St. Peter’s Basilica where he now lives.

Perhaps we could say that the many times the basilica suffered destruction of some kind is a symbol of the attacks on the Church and the hatred of some for the Church. The basilica was attacked by the Vandals twice in AD 408 and 455. It was almost totally destroyed by an earthquake in 896 and it was destroyed by fire in 1308 and 1360. The basilica is visited by huge numbers of pilgrims every year, symbolizing the love of so many people for the Church.

Those who visit the Basilica on pilgrimage, visit it not just because it is the head of all churches and the Pope’s cathedral. The wooden altar on which St. Peter celebrated Mass while in Rome is inside the main altar. The heads of Saints Peter and Paul were once believed to be inside busts above the main altar. Part of the table on which the Last Supper was celebrated is said to be behind a bronze depiction of the Last Supper. At one time, the Holy Stairs—the stairs in Pilate’s house on which Jesus is said to have walked during his trial—which is nearby, was also in the Lateran. They are marble stairs and now covered with wood for protection. Pilgrims ascend the stairs on their knees contemplating Jesus’ Passion. The stairs were brought to Rome by Constantine’s mother St. Helena.

Celebrating the dedication of the Pope’s cathedral today shows our unity with the Pope and our love and respect for him. Not only that, but it shows that we are united with each other in the Church. St. Paul described this unity in the Church in his first letter to the Corinthians as the Body of Christ.

For as with the human body which is a unity although it has many parts—all the parts of the body, though many, still making up one single body—so it is with Christ. We were baptized into one body in a single Spirit, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as free men, and we were all given the same Spirit to drink. (1 Cor 12:12-13) . . . Now Christ’s body is yourselves, each of you with a part to play in the whole. (1 Cor 12:27)

In our first reading today, we heard Ezekiel’s vision of a river flowing from the Temple in Jerusalem and bringing life everywhere it went (Ezek 47). We could see it as a vision of the Church receiving life-giving grace from Jesus. In the Letter to the Ephesians, we read,

You are built upon the foundations of the apostles and prophets, and Christ Jesus himself is the cornerstone. Every structure knit together in him grows into a holy temple in the Lord; and you too in him are being built up into a dwelling-place of God in the Spirit. (Eph 2:19-21)

In our second reading today we have a similar idea, “You are God’s building...the foundation...is Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor 3:9,11) These passages from Scripture remind us to make Jesus the foundation stone and cornerstone of our lives because there is a life-giving river flowing from him to fill us with His grace.

As we celebrate today the dedication of the “the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world” we can pray also for those who have got lost going through life that they may find the Church as a true mother and that Jesus may become the foundation stone and corner stone of their lives.

Finally, in closing, I am pleased to announce that our sanctuary renovations will soon be underway. After over an entire year of diligent planning, fundraising, and numerous meetings with liturgical design contractors as well as the diocesan building committee members, we are finally ready to incorporate our procured mural of the North American Martyrs into our sanctuary space. As I’ve previously mentioned, in order to incorporate such a large piece of artwork, it demanded expert consultation and fabrication to ensure the final product would look as if it had always belonged.

Having said that, beginning on Friday, November 14th, all daily Masses and weekend Masses will be celebrated in our parish hall until the renovation is completed. I apologize in advance for the temporary inconvenience, however, I have been assured that the entire process should take no more than two to three weeks to complete. After the first of the year, two beautifully hand painted art pieces which are currently being created, will also be included in our newly renovated space. The first image is of the Holy Family, the second of the conversion of St. Paul, the patron Saint of our Diocese. These two images will serve to exemplify what occurs at every Mass we celebrate here at North American Martyrs, namely, the conversion of our families to Christ!

God Love You!!!

Father Fraini



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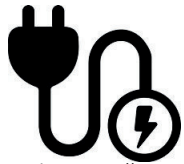
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