



August 9 & 16, 2020

19th & 20th Sundays in Ordinary Time



What have you done today to make the Church holy?
What have you done today to make the Church welcoming?

Welcome to the Nashoba Valley Catholic Collaborative! If you are visiting us for the first time we wish to welcome you and your family and hope that you enjoy your visit with us. If you would like to join either St Mary's or St Anthony's Parishes (we are still two, separate entities), there are **Registration Forms** on our website: www.nashobacatholic.org/form/parish-registration. Don't have the internet or email? Call the Office and request a form be mailed to you.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Aug 8, 4PM – Herbert & Leon May, r/b The Family

Sun, Aug 9, 8AM – Mina & Ralph Froese, r/b The Froehlich Family

10:15AM – Maria, Halina, & Stefan, r/b the Jezak Family

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Aug 15, 4PM – Sal Spinale, r/b The Family

Sun, Aug 16, 8AM – Helen Gionet, r/b the Family

10:15AM – Florence Hemeon r/b The Harris Family

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, Aug 22, 4PM – Dorothy Dilling, r/b Faith Anker

Sun, Aug 23, 8AM – Deceased Members of the Hamel & Madigan Families, r/b the Family

10:15AM – Thomas Cormier, r/b Scott Kennee

Mass Intentions - To request a Mass be said for a loved one who has passed away, or for someone who needs our prayers (Special Intention), please call the Parish Office, Monday thru Friday between 9am and 1pm for booking. All Mass Intentions may be offered for one or more persons, as long as they are requested by the same person for the same Mass Time. *Due to the limited number of Masses that we have, no more than one Mass may be booked per month per requester.* The stipend remains at \$10 per Mass and must be paid at the time of booking.

The next available **Saturdays** are in **June 2021**

The next available **Sundays** are in **May 2021**

PLEASE NOTE: ALL OF THE WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS THAT WERE BOOKED FROM MID-MARCH TO THE END OF MAY (WHEN THE CHURCH WAS CLOSED) HAVE BEEN RE-BOOKED ON A WEEKEND FROM NOW THROUGH MAY 2021.

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES HAVE BEEN RE-BOOKED ON A WEEKEND MASS THROUGH MAY 2021.

We do not know when weekday Masses will resume.

DAILY READINGS can be found at the following websites:
www.ibreviary.org or www.usccb.org/bible/readings/

Prayer List for people who may be ill and wish prayers:

Please call or email the Parish Office by Wednesday of each week if you want a name added to this list. Thank you.

Anne Fiesinger, Tom Horgan

Prayer List for people in the Armed Services.

Please call or email the Parish Office by Wednesday of each week if you want a name added to this list. Thank you.

Mary Iannuzzi is a spiritual companion/director, a graduate of the Spiritual Director Certification Program at St. Anthony Shrine & Ministry Center, Boston, MA. *Mary would be happy to accompany you on your spiritual path.* One-on-one meetings take place at St. Anthony's Rectory in Shirley, MA or can be done virtually. Please feel free to call or email her at 978-391-4359 or maryiannuzzi@comcast.net. You may also visit her website: www.franciscanspiritualcompanion.com

Silent Eucharistic Adoration:

Every Wednesday Evening from 7:30 – 8:30PM

Adoration is suspended until further notice.

There is a **Men's Prayer and Sharing Group** that gathers on the **2nd and 4th Fridays** of each month at **St Anthony's Faith Formation Building** from **7:00 - 8:30 PM**. Men from both parishes are invited to attend. For more information, contact Bob Schick at 978-772-2116 or John Saball at 978-425-5090.

2020 Catholic Appeal

Due to the shutdown of Churches for COVID-19, parishes were unable to launch the 2020 Catholic Appeal this past March with the in-pew presentation. However, as the work of our Church has continued amidst the pandemic, the more than 50 ministries funded by the Catholic Appeal are in need now more than ever. The success of the Appeal is vital in funding these ministries that provide assistance to our parishes, schools, and communities in a variety of ways. Please consider making your gift to the 2020 Catholic Appeal in one of the following ways:

- If you receive a letter or email, respond using the pledge card or donation options.
- Visit bostoncatholicidappeal.org to give online
- Return the envelope in this bulletin

Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. Your participation in our parish Appeal is very much appreciated by our parish and the thousands that are served through the Archdiocesan Central Ministries. ***This is our Church and when you support the Appeal, you support us!*** Thank you.

We wish everyone born in April, May, June, and July a belated Happy Birthday!

We wish all couples married in April, May, June, and July a belated Happy Anniversary!

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Thank you to all who joined St Mary's Fatima Club this year! As of the August 6th drawing, we have 149 numbers paid in full this year. *You may join at any time via a check or online at our website. Just go to the GIVING hexagon.* The **July Fatima Club Winners** are: Michael Janes, \$100; Jane Flagg & William Dolan, \$75 each; Julia Dolan & Jane Bresnahan, \$50 each; and Ashley Crosswhite & Monica Gill, \$25 each! Congratulations!

ST MARY FATIMA CLUB The next drawing will be Mon, Aug 17

God has not promised skies always blue, flower-strewn pathways all our lives through; God has not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

But God has promised strength for the day, rest for the labor, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, and undying love.
Annie Johnson Flint

Important notice regarding ALL PARISH Collections & Donations: PLEASE DO NOT MAKE CHECKS OUT TO NASHOBA VALLEY CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE. **There is NO SUCH ACCOUNT.**

Attention ALL parishioners who go to the Masses at St Anthony's church – now that there is only one church open at this time, *please put your donation(s) in the appropriate collection basket at the entrance of the church.*

For those of you who have not yet returned to Mass, please continue to support your churches. There are several ways to do so: mailing a check to 31 Shirley St, Ayer, 01432; dropping a check in an envelope in one of the two Drop Boxes (one under the carport at St Mary's and the other by the left side entrance of St Anthony's Rectory); making a donation via our Monthly Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT); or making an online donation through our website.

Please keep in mind that we are still two separate churches and our finances are NOT COMBINED.

Thank you all for your continued support of our 2 parishes.

Weekly Offertory & EFT:

July 26 – STM = \$2236.00 STA = \$3041.00

Aug 02 – STM = \$2887.00 STA = \$3558.00

St Mary's 2nd Collections:

Aug 8-9 – Maintenance
Aug 15-16 – Assumption
Aug 22-23 - Utilities



St. Anthony's 2nd Collections:

Aug 15-16 – Assumption
Sep 6 – Parish Support



There are two (2) **'After Hours Drop Boxes'** in case you can't make it to Mass and don't want to use a stamp! One is located under the carport at St Mary's, and the other is on the left side of St Anthony's Rectory by the door facing the church. Please note that a #10 envelope **MUST BE FOLDED IN HALF** IN ORDER TO FIT IN THE BOXES. Thank you.

St Mary's Thrift Store!

THE STORE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE due to the Coronavirus, and the fact that it is in a Daycare building.

NASHOBA CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION
Contact Marianne Cooper at 978-772-0727 (NEW #!)

During normal business days and hours.
UPCOMING FF CLASSES & EVENTS – COMING SOON!

ATTENTION LAST YEAR'S CONFIRMATION TWO (2) STUDENTS!
Confirmation is scheduled for this October 25, 2020 at 9:45am at St Mary's Church. You will be receiving information in the US mail soon from Mrs. Cooper. As a reminder, please keep up with your Community Services. We encourage you to attend Mass as soon as you feel most comfortable.



We wish to welcome the following St Mary and St Anthony First Communicants to our parishes. Some have already received their First Communion; some will be receiving theirs at a later date. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Tyler Ackroyd, Vincent Agostino, Tessa Carvalho, Ava Huchowski, Chase Hughes, Nathan Kreiser, Audrey Langlais, Sofia Lopez, Michael Lyons, Elizabeth Meruila, August Murray, Jaxen Rudwanski, Cole Schiller, Jacob Schiller, Adrianna Slocomb, Brendan Sysong and Joshua Zizis.



Mary's Assumption

SaintAnnesHelper.com

For Coloring!