

September 6, 2020 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 we would be happy to mail a form to you!



WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Sep 5, 4pm – Donna Gregory-Malka,
r/b Basil & Cathy Gregory
Sun, Sep 6, 8am – The Deceased Members of the
Hamel & Madigan Families, r/b The Family
10:15am – Pray for those who have died from COVID
Sat, Sep 12, 4pm – John Garlington, r/by Edel Stacy
Sun, Sep 13, 8am – Patricia Walsh, r/b The Family
10:15am – Dorina Cartier & Angela Viviano, r/b The Family

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 her at 978-391-4359 or email her at maryiannuzzi@comcast.net. You may also visit her website: www.franciscanspiritualcompanion.com

Prayer List for people in the Armed Services.
Please call the Office if you would like a name added to this list. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

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

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, please call the Office, Monday thru Friday, between 9 and 1.

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

Fr D, Anne Fiesinger, Norman Gionet, Tom Horgan

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

Silent Adoration is suspended until further notice.

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

We want to wish everyone born in September a Happy Birthday, and all couples who married in September a Happy Anniversary!

Prayer for World Health

Almighty and Ever-Loving God, Creator of all things, in You we place our trust for guidance during this Coronavirus pandemic. Hear the prayers we offer for our elderly and those with chronic health conditions, who are most vulnerable. Let their faith and trust in You never weaken. Allow Your heavenly knowledge to direct our medical professionals and researchers to find a solution for this sickness. Bless, with Your divine protection, doctors, nurses and first responders and surround us all with Your love.

Guide those in authority, O Lord. By the wisdom of our leaders and public health officials, along with the integrity of our citizens, may harmony be restored. Look also with favor on the families and friends who mourn those who have died from this illness and comfort them in their loss. Console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom.

Calm this terror that threatens us. Protect our families, neighbors and friends and restrain our fears and anxiety. Grant that health, the fruit of life, may reign throughout the world. Amen

Please welcome Fr Anthony DiRouso as our visiting priest this weekend!

ST MARY FATIMA CLUB – The next drawing will be on Monday, September 21.

You may join at any time during the year. It's easy!! There are two ways to join: 1 - via our website and the Fatima Club hexagon; or 2 - by calling the office.

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 our 2 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 your 2 parishes.

Weekly Offertory & EFT:

Aug. 30 – STM = \$2933.00 STA = \$2580.50

St. Mary's Second Collections:

September 13 – Maintenance

September 20 – Clergy Health & Retirement

St. Anthony's Second Collection:

September 20 – Clergy Health & Retirement

**Nashoba Catholic Faith Formation
Contact Marianne Cooper at
978-772-0727 (NEW #!)**

During normal business days and hours.

The Faith Formation 2020 Program has been introduced to the existing Religious Ed families via an email video presentation and online registration has begun! It's very different and has been well-received! If you wish to find out more, please go to the Faith Formation page on www.nashobacatholic.org to read the letter and view the video presentation and calendar. You may register your child directly from there or at the end of the video presentation. *Even if you were in the program last year, you must register this year and every year to remain in the program.*

Parents of first graders: It was a difficult decision, but we will not have a formal first grade program this year. We realized the children and parents will be already stressed regarding the new school learning environment and didn't want you to feel more stressed or obligated in enrolling your child for more online learning. We would, however, be very happy to have you register your child and join the video lessons if **you choose.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Marianne Cooper, Faith Formation Coordinator at 978-772-0727 or at faithformation@nashobacatholic.org.

ATTENTION THIS YEAR'S CONFIRMATION 3 STUDENTS!
Confirmation is scheduled for this October 25, 2020 at 9:45am at St Mary's Church. Please keep up with your Community Services. We encourage you to attend Mass as soon as you feel most comfortable.

Healthier priests mean stronger communities for all. This September please support our priests through a special collection for the **Clergy Health and Retirement Trust (CHRT)**. CHRT offers programs for the health and wellness of all our priests in good standing. This special collection is a primary source of funding for these programs. To give now go to clergytrust.org or scan the QR code to give with Venmo, Apple/Google Pay, and PayPal via Givebutter. **Our priests selflessly care for all of us. And we need your help to care for our priests.**

