

September 27, 2020

26th 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 26, 4pm – Robert E Cahalane, r/b The Family
 Sun, Sep 27, 8am – John Garlington,
 r/b Dollie, Cindy & Guy Gionet
 10:15am – Frank Gionet, r/b Sally & Paul

Sat, Oct 3, 4pm – Elaine Koza, r/b Joseph Koza
 Sun, Oct 4, 8am – The Deceased Members of
 the Hamel & Madigan Families, r/b The Family
 10:15am – Marguerite Normandin,
 r/b Thelma & Dennis Maskousky

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:

*Anne Fiesinger, Norman Gionet, Tom Horgan,
 Mary Palmer, Donna Vaira*

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

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

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.

Prayer List for people in the Armed Services.

Please call the Office if you would like a name added to this list. Thank you.

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

Cameroon

Even though we did not have a fundraiser for the 80 Cameroon Scholarships this year, we had enough money in our reserves to pay for them!



CORI'S

It's that time of year, again!
 All volunteers need to be CORI'd.
 This year, that means Faith Formation Teachers, Tech Personnel, Staff and Ushers.

Because I need to **see** your Drivers' License, please call the Parish Office to make arrangements on how and when you can come to fill out the form. Thank you, Betsy

Fun Facts about St Mary's Church:

In 1850, Catholic families in Ayer and neighboring towns requested the services of a priest from Fitchburg to say Mass in various Catholic homes in the area. During the summer months, Mass was celebrated in a grove near Shirley and Mill Streets, where the parking lot, Church and Parish House are today! That land was purchased and the Church was built in 1870, and dedicated on December 4th of that year. The pastor at that time was Rev. Joseph Barrata.

ST MARY FATIMA CLUB September Winners are – Maureen Eldredge, \$100; Emily Gravelle & Dottie Marino, \$75 each; Joshua Crosswhite & Kristin Bullwinkel, \$50 ea., and Judy Pare & Arthur Eddy, \$25 each. Congratulations! The next drawing will be on Monday, October 19.

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.

1. Mail a check to 31 Shirley St, Ayer, 01432;
2. Drop your donation 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);
3. Make a donation via our Monthly Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT);
4. Make a donation via 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:

Sept 13– STM = \$1514.00 STA = \$2688.50

On behalf of the priests in good standing, thank you for your generous support to the Clergy Health & Retirement Trust of \$1492.00.

St. Mary's Second Collections:

September 27 – Utilities

St. Anthony's Second Collection:

October 4 – Parish Support

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Cardinal O'Malley invites all couples celebrating their 10th, 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversaries to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass and vow renewal on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 3:30PM at Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1400 Washington St, Boston
To Register: <https://conta.cc/3rdVM6ZR>
For more information contact Emily Elliott at EElliott@RCAB.org

Please note that depending on state and archdiocesan guidelines in the fall, we may need to make adjustments to this event. Our hope is to have at least the anniversary couple in attendance and offer to live stream the Mass for family, friends, and those who want to celebrate from home. We will make parishes and anniversary couples aware of any changes as they develop.

**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, INCLUDING CONFIRMATION 3 STUDENTS, 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!
Please make sure you are registered in Faith Formation THIS year!

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.

**St Mary's Thrift Store will REOPEN on
Sat, Oct 3, 2020 from 9am to 3pm.**

MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE BUILDING. ALL COVID PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE; 6' SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND A LIMITED NUMBER OF PEOPLE MAY ENTER AT ONE TIME. There will be hand sanitizer and gloves available if you do not have your own.

The restrooms are closed to the public.

Donations are ONLY accepted between 9am and 2pm, and MUST BE CLEAN.