

## October 11, 2020

### 28<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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, Oct 10, 4pm – Dorothy Dilling & Kathryn Kaplan,  
r/b Faith Anker

Sun, Oct 11, 8am – Ernie Blasetti, r/b Alice Langford  
10:15am – Adriana & Kari Medina, r/b Isabel Chesak

Sat, Oct 17, 4pm – Janice Lirette, r/b Robert Lirette

Sun, Oct 18, 8am – The Gossman Family,  
r/b The Family  
10:15am – Randolph Saball, 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](mailto:maryiannuzzi@comcast.net). You may also visit her website: [www.franciscanspiritualcompanion.com](http://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:

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

DAILY READINGS can be found at the following websites:  
[www.ibreviary.org](http://www.ibreviary.org) or [www.usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 October a Happy Birthday, and all couples who married in October a Happy Anniversary!*

### St. Vincent de Paul

St. Anne's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of the Poor Walk  
 Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the St Anne, of Littleton, SVdP Conference will hold a *virtual* Walk this year. Walkers are asked to complete a 3-mile walk on their own anytime during the month of October. The Walk is sponsored by St. Anne's of Littleton's SVdP to raise funds and awareness for Littleton and Ayer families in need of financial help for basic needs. This assistance includes clothing, food, heat, rent, and utility expenses.

**To Register and/or Donate: Go to <https://www.littletoncatholic.org/> and click on the Friends of the Poor Walk link on the homepage.** Email questions to [svdp.stannelittleton@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.stannelittleton@gmail.com)

### CORI'S

#### **All volunteers need to be CORI'd by the October 29th.**

That means **EVERYONE**, even if you are not currently serving. That includes Eucharistic Ministers, those visiting the elderly, Lectors, FF Teachers, Staff, Tech Support & Ushers. When the time comes that we can resume these services, we want to be ready.

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

### Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, October 14 – Finance Council at 6pm at St Anthony's Parish Hall.

Thursday, October 15 – Parish Council at 7pm at St Anthony's Parish Hall

**ST MARY FATIMA CLUB**

The next drawing will be on Monday, October 19.

**Do you like to knit?** How would you like to knit a hat, scarf, mittens or anything for the needy of all ages? Bring your beautiful gift to St Mary's Parish House, St Anthony's Church or Rectory and we will make sure someone in need gets your wonderful gift.

*Important notice regarding ALL PARISH Collections & Donations:*

**For those of you who have not yet returned to Mass, please continue to support our 2 churches.**

1. Mail a check, **MADE OUT TO THE PARISH OF YOUR CHOICE**, 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 parishes and our finances are NOT COMBINED.**

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

Weekly Offertory & EFT:

Oct 4 – STM = \$3054.00 STA = \$3400.00

St. Mary's Second Collections:

- October 11 – Holy Father – Missionary Efforts
- October 18 – World Mission Sunday

St. Anthony's Second Collection:

- October 11 – Holy Father – Missionary Efforts
- October 18 – World Mission Sunday

Next weekend is **World Mission Sunday**. We are called through our Baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of the Mission Church through material aid. This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call, saying, "Here I Am, Send me!" To 'send' ourselves we can: PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work; OFFER financial HELP and CHARITY through the **World Mission Sunday** collection for **The Society for the Propagation of Faith** for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

**St Bernard's High School Fall Open House Events**

St. Bernard's High School is now accepting applications for the '21-'22 academic school year. Prospective students and families are invited to attend the upcoming Fall Open House Events. Virtual Info Sessions are scheduled for Tue, Oct 22 and Tue, Nov 10 from 7-8PM. Personalized Family Tours are being held on Thu, Oct 22 from 5-8PM and Sun, Oct 25 from 1-4PM. Registration is required for all events at [www.stbernardshighschool.org/admissions](http://www.stbernardshighschool.org/admissions). For more information contact Debbie Maloney, Dir. Of Admin, at [admissions@stbernardschs.org](mailto:admissions@stbernardschs.org) or 978-342-3212 x227.

**Nashoba Catholic Faith Formation**

Contact Marianne Cooper at

**978-772-0727**

*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.***

**Be on the lookout for Video #1: "The Ordinary Mass with Father D" next weekend, October 17 or 18.** We will notify all Faith Formation participants with the link to view it.

*If you wish to find out more about our Faith Formation 2020 Program, please go to the Faith Formation page on our website, [www.nashobacatholic.org](http://www.nashobacatholic.org). You may register your child directly from there!*

**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](mailto:faithformation@nashobacatholic.org).

**ATTENTION THIS YEAR'S CONFIRMATION 3 STUDENTS!**

**Please make sure you are registered in Faith Formation THIS year! If you do not register, you cannot be confirmed!!**

**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.

**A meeting for the Confirmation 3 Students, to discuss the ceremony, will be scheduled in the next week.**

**St Mary's Thrift Store is OPEN on Saturdays 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.**