

**October 18, 2020**  
**29<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!

Again, Welcome!



**WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS**

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

Sat, Oct 24, 4pm – Louise Laskey, r/b Helen Harris Family

Sun, Oct 25, 8am – Alderic Collette,  
 r/b Rosemarie Collette

10:15am – For the Confirmandi of our Parishes

**Mass Intentions**

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

The next available Sundays are in **June 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/)

**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)

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.

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 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

**It's been 25 years!**

After the devastating fire of the old St Anthony Church, ground was broken on June 6, 1995 for the new church. That was 25 years ago!  
 (Time flies!)

It took 11 months to build the new church, and it was dedicated on May 16, 1996.

**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); the form can be found on our website.
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 11 – STM = \$1552.00 STA = \$2704.50

St. Mary’s Second Collections:

- October 18 – World Mission Sunday
- October 25 – Utilities

St. Anthony’s Second Collection:

- October 18 – World Mission Sunday

Today 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.



**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.*

**faithformation@nashobacatholic.org.**

**Be on the lookout for Video #1: “The Ordinary Mass with Father D” THIS weekend, Oct 17 –18.** We will notify all Faith Formation participants, via e-mail, 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. 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**.

**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 ALL the Confirmation 3 Students, to discuss the ceremony, is scheduled for Sat, Oct 24, outside, at 10am at St Mary’s carport (left of Parish House)**

Periodically check out our website, in the Faith Formation section, for new videos, links and activities for our parish children and families. These will be added throughout the year.

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:** Your teachers will be contacting you very soon about the upcoming year.

**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.**