NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 9, 2015

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 8 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, August 9 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

Sunday, August 9 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's Jaylin Rose Johnson - Forever in our hearts, Mark & Joyce

Sunday, August 9 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, August 15 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, August 16 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

Sunday, August 16 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's Christine Odiorne, by St. Martin's parishioners

Sunday, August 16 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$526 Fuel: \$270 Second Collection This Week is for the Church in Eastern Europe

Thank you to all who make up their envelopes for weekends missed due to vacation, illness or inclement weather.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Skip Brown, Trey Niles, Margaret Murdock, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Marion Gay, Anna Henrie, Anita Poirier, Bernice Leger, Anne Marie Beliveau, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, Diane Lupaczyk, Chet Yackowski, Bob Brown, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, Michelle Smith, Mason Jandris, Michael Theriault, Doug Young, Tim Wilson, Joe Barrett, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

PRAY THE ROSARY Join in praying the Rosary, starting 20 minutes before Mass on Sundays.



Respect Life

"I wondered if my heart was big enough to love an adopted child as I would my biological child. There were also so many other variables to consider. ... We felt we had no control, but God reminds us again that He is always in control and that we could trust in Him." - "An Adoption Love Story," USC-CB2014-15- Respect Life Program

NEXT WEEK: MISSION APPEAL 2015

Next week, a second collection will be taken up for our visiting priest representing the Diocese of Cuddapah - the southeastern state of Andhra Pradesh, India. There are 150 priests and 350 professed sisters that support 81,000 Catholics in 56 parishes, provide education, medical care and spiritual and social services. Ninety percent of the Catholics are below the poverty line. People in this area have low income - the average wage is \$2 U.S. dollars a day. Women & children are forced to work to sustain families.

The diocese pays roughly half the salaries of the teachers of 64 schools in which 13 hostels provide on campus housing for 3,000 high school students. There are 12 hospitals and 5 dispensaries, which includes a leprosarium for tuberculosis victims, and the Immaculate Conception Home for the handicapped which serves 120 physically disabled children.

There is also a home for the aged and destitute and a Rehabilitation center. A spiritual retreat center and 2 social service centers provide programs that also help to support people's well-being. The diocese also serves emergency assistance in times of disaster. They ask for your help and prayers. We are encouraged to be generous.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please note: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day, falls on a Saturday this year, so regular weekend Mass fulfills the holy day obligation.

MASS INTENTIONS

Intentions may be scheduled for weekend Masses throughout the year. To request a date, call the rectory at 978-939-5588 or see Pat Gale after Mass.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the rectory when someone is confined to home, in a nursing home, in the hopsital, or in need of prayers. Arrangements can be made for Communion or a visit. Please pray for all those who are sick.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Are you new to our parish? Have you recently moved? We ask that anyone over 18 formally register in the parish. Registration is necessary if you are asked to be a sponsor or Godparent, to track donations, and to receive new Sacraments. Registration forms are available in the vestibule.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." - Jn 6:51

PRAYER FOR SUMMER

Dear God,

You made the four seasons. Each Summer arrives as part of your perfect pattern and will, yet is unique unto itself. This summer, help me to see not only the enjoyment of vacations but the joy of your will. Help me to feel not only the pleasure of a warm sun, but the contentment of a life guided by you. Help me to know, not only the satisfaction of a project completed, but the fulfillment of a heart filled by you. Help me to see you in all things, Lord, in all the seasons of life you give us. Amen.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The Otter River Sportsman's Club has been reserved for our 2016 Festival & Chicken BBQ. Mark your calendars now: Saturday, July 23, 2016.

St. Martin's Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, December 5, and Sunday, December 6, at the American Legion Hall.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is in constant need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry. Please help our neighbors in need. The Food Pantry, located in Baldwinville behind the American Legion, is open from 9 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (closed second Thursday/open the second Saturday of the month). Garden produce is also welcome at the Pantry!

HEAR THOSE SLEIGH BELLS RING!

It's still summer — but the Craft Group is thinking winter! The group meets every Wednesday afternoon to make snowmen and other "cool" projects for the Holiday Fair. All ladies of the parish are invited to join in these weekly work sessions. Craft experience is not needed, but your ideas are always welcome! Stop by the rectory on any Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm.

120 Club

The new 120 Club, benefitting the Parish Improvement Fund, will begin soon. There are open numbers. If you'd like to join this round of the 120 Club, speak to Linda Columbus. Tickets are \$20, and 20 weekly drawings are held, followed by the "big drawing" at the end of the club.

The Giorgio Crew

We are a group of young people from Holy Cross Parish under the patronage of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassatti with the goal to promote Catholic identity and camaraderie in our youth and young adults through service to the community. The Giorgio Crew has done a variety of activities in the past. Most of our events are comprised of jobs for those in our community — anything from raking leaves to staining decks and chopping wood.

For more details about The Giorgio Crew and how you can participate, or how to hire the Crew for work around your home, pick up a card in the vestibule.



St. Martin's Catholic Church

248 State Road, Otter River, MA 01436 Rev. Marcin W. Nowicki, Pastor Richard J. Tatro, Deacon Telephone 978-939-5588 • www.saintmartinchurch.org

Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions are heard at 4:45 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church during the fall/winter season, or by appt.

Sacrament of Christian Marriage Plans may be made by contacting the Pastor at least one year prior to the intended wedding date. Ministry to the Sick and Elderly Please notify us when a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized so that we may visit the confined person and offer the sacraments of the Church.

Parish Registration

If you are new to the area, we welcome you to join our parish family. Please introduce yourself after Mass and register in the parish. We want to know and serve you.