

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 12 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, August 13 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 13 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Philip Lefebvre by Linda and Bob Columbus**

Sunday, August 13 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

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

Tuesday - Feast of Assumption - NOON Mass at St. Martin's

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 19 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, August 20 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 20 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Jane Lempart by Pat Gale & family**

Sunday, August 20 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

August 6 weekly collection: see next week's bulletin for information

Second Collection this weeks: Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Second Collection next week is for Fuel

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Jennifer Strong, Jason Hamel, Diane Lupaczyk, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, and Donald Leblanc.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or a special intention, please see Pat Gale after Mass or call the Rectory at 978-939-5588. The requested offering for a Mass is \$10.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church early on Sundays, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Get more out of Sunday Mass, by reading ahead...

AUGUST 20, 2023: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 56:1, 6-7 • ROM 11:13-15, 29-32 • MT 15:21-28

WORD OF LIFE

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique." — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities *"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"*

REMINDER: UPCOMING WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER

This year's Conference to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster on Saturday, October 7th starting at 7:30 am (registration) and Mass at 8:00 am with Bishop McManus. This year's title: "Male and Female He Created Them." Hear dynamic talks from outstanding catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. For more info and to register, visit the website at: www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM-HAND CARVED OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ARTICLES
Maysoon Khair will be available after Masses this Sunday, representing Christian families living in the Holy Land, who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles, (nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and religious statues). Please stop by. Website: www.starofbethlehemhandicrafts.com.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - HOLY DAY

Tuesday, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at St. Martin's will be at noon on Tuesday.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"All things work for good..." Romans 8:28-30: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Trust in God. God calls you. He can help make your relationship strong, thriving, and loving. Come experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience where God will work all things out for the good. The dates are: August 25-27, 2023 in Derby Line, VT.

Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, Truly, you are the Son of God." — Mt 13:32-33





COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

A Coffee Hour will be held this Sunday, immediately following Mass. Stop by the Rectory to enjoy coffee, tea, juice, pastry, and conversation with your fellow parishioners!

CRAFT GROUP IS BACK IN ACTION!

Our parish Craft Group meets at 2 pm on Wednesday afternoons at the rectory. All women are invited to join us for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship as we create items for our Holiday Fair. Got ideas, patterns, or samples? Bring them and let's see what we can create!

120 CLUB

A new round of the 120 Club will begin in August. There are open numbers available; if you'd like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

What is the 120 Club? For those of you unfamiliar with this parish fund-raiser: Purchase of a \$20 ticket enters you in 20 weekly drawings of \$20 — and the final "Big Drawing" with nine prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500!!

BRASS BAND CONCERT ON THE COMMON - NEXT SUNDAY!

A Concert on the Common featuring a 21-piece Brass Band will be presented at 2 pm on Sunday, August 20 at the bandstand in Templeton Center. This is a great opportunity to hear the big bold sounds of the Bridgewater Antiphonal Brass Society! Bring a lawn chair or blanket..pack a lunch.. enjoy a FREE concert.

K OF C FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Otter River Council Knights of Columbus food drive in our parking lot last weekend. The drive benefiting the Templeton Food Pantry was a great success.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The need continues year-round in our community. Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include ketchup, bar soap, kids cereal, applesauce, Italian dressing, Taco meal kits, toothpaste, mayonnaise. Gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.**

The Templeton Food Pantry is located at the rear of the Templeton Senior Community Center, off Bridge Street in Baldwinville. It's open from 9 am - noon on Tuesdays; noon - 3 pm and 5 - 7 pm on Thursdays; and from noon - 3 pm on Saturdays. All are welcome. Anyone in need of food is welcome to visit this community resource.

DIocese of WORCESTER NIGHT AT THE WOOSOX

Join us for a fun, family evening with the Worcester Red Sox on Friday, Sept. 1 at Polar Park for our Diocese of Worcester Night. The WooSox will take on the Norfolk Tides with game time at 6:45 PM and it is a Unibank Fireworks night immediately after the game. Ticket price is \$17.00 and for ticket information please visit: [https:// fevogm.com/diocese23](https://fevogm.com/diocese23) See you there. . . GO WOOSOX



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Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During this pandemic, please contact the rectory at Holy Cross Church, 978-632-2121, for an appointment

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.