

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16, 2015

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 22 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, August 23 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 23 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jane Lempart by Pat Gale & family**

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Weekly Offering: \$573 Eastern Europe: \$39

Second Collection Next Week is for Parish Religious Education

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.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: MISSION APPEAL 2015

A second collection will be taken up this weekend for our visiting priest representing the Diocese of Cuddapah in India. The religious 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 with an income-average wage of \$2 U.S. dollars a day, and women & children are forced to work to sustain families. We ask for your prayers and your generosity.

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.

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.



Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

STAND UP FOR THE INNOCENT UNBORN

Join in a national day of peaceful protest expressing outrage at the selling of aborted baby body parts by Planned Parenthood — Saturday, August 22, in front of Planned Parenthood, 470 Pleasant St., Worcester, from 9 am - 11 am. For more information, contact Sandra Kucharski at 508-799-7337.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." - Jn 6:53-55

GARDENER NEEDED!

The little garden in front of our Mary shrine on the church lawn is in need of a green thumb — someone who could weed and prune, and eventually place some colorful autumn plants there. If you'd like to take on this little beautification effort, speak to Pat Gale about arranging for supplies, etc.

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.

APOSTOLATE OF HEALING

Father Ralph Diorio • Apostolate of Divine Mercy & Healing
Sunday Service August 23, 2015 at Maironis Park Banquet Hall, 52 South Quinsigamond Avenue, Shrewsbury, 12-4 pm. Cost \$10.00

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.



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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.