

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 20, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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 26 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, August 27 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 27 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Bertha Gonet by Pat Gale**

Sunday, August 27 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**August 6 weekly collection:** \$618

**August 13 Weekly Collection:** \$729

**Church in Central & Eastern Europe:** \$62

**Second Collection this 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 27, 2023: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**ISAIAH 22: 19-23 • ROMANS 11: 33-36 • MATTHEW 16: 13-20**

### WORD OF LIFE

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.” —USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities *“How to Build a Culture of Life”*

### 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 riests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. For more info and to register, visit the website at: [www.wcwconference.com](http://www.wcwconference.com) or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969.

### THANK YOU FROM BISHOP MCMANUS

Bishop McManus wishes to “express my gratitude to the parishioners of St. Martin’s Mission for their generosity to the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal,” and offers his “deepest appreciation” for our Parish exceeding its goal. The Appeal provides for the needs of thousands of people in our Diocese through charitable, educational and pastoral programs. Our goal was \$5,000; our donations and pledges were \$5,150.

### DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE

Please join St Denis Parish and Annunciation Parish in praying the most powerful devotion. First and third Sundays at Holy Rosary at 11:30 am afer the 10:30 Mass. Second and fourth Sunday at St. Dennis Church in Ashburnham at 3:00 pm.

### PASTORAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

There are many opportunities for ministry to our fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the pastor. Right now, we have a need for someone willing to launder the altar linens on a regular basis — with only one Mass per week, this is not a huge commitment, but an important one. If interested, please speak to Pat Gale.

*Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And the woman’s daughter was healed from that hour. — Mt 15:27-28*



### ST. MARTIN'S CRAFT GROUP

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 soon. 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 - THIS 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.

### ST. EDWARD'S FALL FESTIVAL

Saint Edward the Confessor Parish, 10 Church St, Westminster will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10 am to 4 pm on the church grounds. The festival features Chicken BBQ, games for children and adults, “Attic Treasures” flea market, cash raffle, baskets, raffles, jewelry room, baked goods, entertainment at 1pm and many locally produced craft items. Plenty of free parking. Early Bird to Attic Treasures – get in a half hour before the crowd for \$5.00 per person. Call the Parish Office at 978-874-2362 for BBQ tickets and information.

### 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 kids cereal, applesauce, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee), Italian dressing, Taco meal kits, toothpaste, mayonnaise. Gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.**

### MEN'S CONFERENCE KICKOFF

The 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference Kickoff Breakfast will be held Saturday, Sept. 9 at Holy Family Parish, 750 Union Street, Leominster, beginning with an 8:00 AM Mass, followed by breakfast/quick meeting at 8:30, featuring special guest Mr. Michael Donovan from the Catholic Mens Leadership Alliance. Program will wrap up by 9:15 AM. All current Parish Contacts, as well as anyone wishing to volunteer as a Parish Contact (we have many parishes that are not yet covered) should please attend. For further information, please contact: tjarvis1618@gmail.com.

### 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.