

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 21, 2016

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 20 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, August 21 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 21 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jane Lempert, 20th anniversary, by Pat Gale & family**

Sunday, August 21 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at 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 27 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, August 28 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 28 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Anna Madsen by the family**

Sunday, August 28 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$1,093 **Eastern Europe:** \$48 **Assumption:** \$22

Second Collection next Sunday is for 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 Bob Young, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Marie Jacques, Trey Niles, Margaret Murdock, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, 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

Come early, and join in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each Sunday.



RESPECT LIFE

“A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk.” ~ Pope Francis, *Address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress September 24, 2015*

CCD CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 11

Religious Education Forms can be found in the vestibule for those of you who have not registered yet. Please return forms with registration fee of \$25 per child/ \$40 per family, as soon as possible. Please note that there will be a parent meeting during CCD classes with students in grades K-5 after the 7:45 am Mass at Holy Cross, and grades 6-11 after the 10:45 am Mass of the first day of classes, September 11.

ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR GRADES 1, 3 & 4

Please consider helping out with this most important ministry, to teach our young ones. If interested please call Sandie, 978-939-8227.

RCIA- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Have you received all the sacraments of the Catholic Church? Are you interested in knowing more about what it takes to become Catholic? Do you know someone who might be interested? Do you want to know more about the teachings of the Catholic Church? Inquiry sessions are planned to begin soon after Sept. 19 to address these or other questions you may have. Come to the first few classes to see if it is for you! Call Stephen and/or Chris Schroeder, 978-410-5925 for information or to sign up.

ALTAR SERVERS HIKING TRIP

Altar servers are invited to go Hiking on Saturday, Aug. 27. before the school year begins. This trip is planned as a “thank you” for their service. Please Mark the dates on your calendar! You may call Monique for questions 978-939-7363.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY

Holy Family Academy is a Catholic elementary school serving students from pre-school through eighth grade. Our preschool program is a fantastic way to start your child's academic career. Our preschool day includes many aspects, including outside time, messy play, academics, snack, rest-time, interaction with older students (Book-Buddy reading program), music, arts, gym, student directed and teacher-directed activities and many fun and educational ventures. Families can choose between a five day program or 3 year-old (Tues. & Thurs.) or 4 year-old (Mon., Wed, Fri). For more information or to enroll your child call 978-632-8686 or on the web at holyfamilyacademyma.org.

People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” Lk 13: 29-30

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Loving Father, our teacher in all things, we ask for your wisdom to begin this school year as students of your love and as teachers of your wisdom. For you gave your law to our Jewish brothers and sisters to help them live in peace with each other. So too you give your wisdom to each of us to learn and grow in holiness and goodness in the world around us.

May this coming year of learning together about you and about the world you created offer each of us an opportunity to help us shine the bright light of learning into the darkness of this world.

We ask all this through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY DRIVE CONTINUES

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2016 Partners in Charity Annual Appeal. To date, St. Martin's has raised \$4,170, or 67% of our goal of \$6,200. Let us reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own.

Bishop McManus has asked those who have not yet made a gift or pledge, to please consider giving as we have not reached our goal yet. Please find a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews or on the table the vestibule, or visit www.partners-charity.net.

120 CLUB

A new club has begun. Last week's winner was #120, Malvina McCusker. There are open numbers; if you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus.

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets at the rectory at 2 pm on Wednesdays to create items for St. Martin's Holiday Fair. All women are invited to attend. Crafting skill is not needed, but your ideas are always welcome!

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is always in 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 is now located at rear of the Templeton Senior Center in Baldwinville. Summer hours: **9 am - noon** on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

HOLY CROSS FAMILY FESTIVAL

Save the date: September 18 - Holy Cross Family Festival and Chicken BBQ from 11 am to 3 pm. Fun for the whole family. Tom's Famous Chicken will be served from 12-2 pm. Tickets will be available soon. Adults tickets are \$9 and children are \$7.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bible study with Deacon Jim will be held on Mondays in the hall at St. Vincent de Paul Church, starting September 19. Fellowship begins at 6:30 pm and class starts at 7 pm. All are welcome!



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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.