

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 2015

MASS SCHEDULE

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**

Sunday, August 23 - 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, Friday - No morning Mass

Saturday, August 29 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, August 30 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 30 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Joe Dembek by the family**

Sunday, August 30 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$719 **Assumption:** \$39 **Missionary:** \$560
Second Collection This 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 William Lempart, 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.



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 18 at 3 pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian Marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family & friends are welcome!

Couples wishing to attend should pre-register by October 13 so that a commemorative certificate may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request copy by mail.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Dear God,

Although you made Thomas Aquinas, the patron of students, among the greatest and wisest of teachers, even he needed to begin his journey toward you as a student himself. When we are tempted to neglect our education, be it at school, work, or in life, give us the grace to persevere in your lessons to us. When tempted to believe we 'know-it-all' about anything, gently guide us toward the virtue of humility. And when tempted to teach others before we are ready, lead us away from the vice of arrogance. Make us more like you every day, and help us always to accept your will and instruction. Amen.

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.

DAY OF RENEWAL

A Day of Renewal open to anyone 18 years old and over will be held on Saturday, Oct 3 from 10 am – 3 pm sponsored by the Worcester County Cursillo. Presenters include Bishop McManus, Bryan Mercier and Fr. Bob Grattaroti. Tickets are \$15 until Sept. 21 (\$20 after that date) and the day includes lunch, music, raffles and door prizes. It will be held at the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Center, 24 Mulberry St., Worcester. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Dave Tittle at 508-248-5555 or email dtsoulseeker@gmail.com.

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.

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:66-69

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 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!

COME BUILD A SNOWMAN WITH US!

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, has begun. 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.

HOLY CROSS FAMILY FESTIVAL

Tom's Famous Chicken BBQ will be served from noon to 2 pm at the Holy Cross Family Festival on Sunday, September 13. The festival is a family fun day with lots of games for the kids, running from 11 am to 3 pm at the Otter River Sportsman's Club. Family games, our great Bake Table, Chinese auction, 50/50 and so much more. Bring the family and friends.

ST. EDWARD'S FALL FESTIVAL

St. Edward's Parish, Church Street in Westmintser, will hold its Fall Festival on Saturday, September 19th, from 10 am to 7 pm.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

St. Martin's Holiday Fair will be held on Saturday, December 5, and Sunday, December 6, at the American Legion Hall. Your help with this parish event is always welcome! Donations of items for the Chinese auction, major prize table, craft booth and theme baskets are appreciated to help make the fair a success.



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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.