

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday, August 13 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Farrell Brown by Tony & Sheila Brown**

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

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

Tuesday - Assumption of Our Lady - 8 am at Holy Cross

Tuesday - Assumption - noon at St. Martin's

Tuesday - Assumption - 7 pm at Holy Cross

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, Holy Cross

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

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

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

Weekly, August 6: \$1,191 Fuel: \$15 Assumption: \$15
Second collection this week: Church in Eastern/Central Europe

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 Dianne Murray, Gianna Howlett, 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, Alicia Wieszorek, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

PRAY THE ROSARY

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 978-939-5588, by emailing saintmartinchurch@mail.com, or by speaking to Pat Gale after Mass.

TABERNACLE CONSECRATION

At the beginning of Mass this Sunday, Father Patrick will consecrate our newly-restored tabernacle, which had been in storage for about 50 years. The tabernacle was restored as part of the church interior renovations, which included the installation of a new altar, tabernacle table, baptism font and ambo (pulpit), and painting of our patron, Saint Martin.

This work, along with planned exterior repairs, is being funded through our Parish Improvement Fund — supported by the Summer Festival & BBQ, Holiday Fair and 120 Club — and the “Support Our Historic Church” capital campaign. Thank you to those who have already contributed to this restoration campaign. To date, \$1,693 has been donated. If you'd like to donate to this fund, either as a one-time gift or a pledge over time, envelopes are available in the vestibule.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY - AUGUST 15

On Tuesday, we celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption**, the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It celebrates both the departure of Mary from this life and the assumption of her body into heaven. It is a holy day of obligation. **Feast Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday: 8:00 am at Holy Cross, noon at St. Martin's, and 7:00 pm at Holy Cross.**

“God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. ... No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly — everyone should be cherished and protected!”

~ Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan



CCD TEACHERS NEEDED

Two teachers are needed for Grade 4 CCD classes. Please consider helping out with this most import ministry, to teach our young ones. If interested please call the Holy Cross rectory, 978-632-2121!

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Confessions on Saturdays will now be from 3:30 pm until 4:15 pm at Holy Cross.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

August 20, 2017 — Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 • Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 • Matthew 15:21-28

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Improve your listening skills by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Sept. 16-17 in Medway, MA and Oct. 21-22 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://wwmema.org/>.

Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. Mt 14: 28-29

“THE NOTICE ZONE”

*CCD Sign-up: Registration forms are available in the vestibule

*CCD begins Sept. 10, 2017 • Two teachers needed for Grade 4

RCIA SESSIONS

RCIA sessions (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin in September. If you, or someone you know, is not a Christian yet or is a member of another Church but wants to become a Christian in the Catholic Church — or is baptized in the Catholic Church but has not yet received the sacrament of Eucharist and/or Confirmation — please advise them to register by calling the rectory or Steve Schroeder at 603-831-6173. We shall be happy to accompany them on the journey of faith, beginning in September.

CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC FAMILIES OF BETHLEHEM - THIS WEEK

This weekend, representatives of the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work and rosaries made out of olive wood from Israel and Bethlehem. Please consider purchasing these items for the purpose of helping our Catholic sisters and brothers in Bethlehem. The tourism which helps the Christian families in the Holy Land has greatly diminished due to escalation of instability in that place.

ST. MARTIN'S CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group is back at work, creating items for the Holiday Fair (to be held December 2 & 3 at American Legion Hall, Baldwinville). All women of the parish are invited to join these informal crafting sessions at **2 pm on Thursdays at the Rectory**. Crafting experience is not required! Your ideas for hand-crafted holiday decorations, ornaments, etc, are welcome and appreciated!

CHANGE IN HOURS AT FOOD PANTRY

Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry, located at the rear of the Senior Center, 16 Senior Drive in Baldwinville. It is open **from 9 am – 1 pm on Tuesdays**.

HOLY CROSS FAMILY FESTIVAL & BBQ

Save the date — September 17 — for the Holy Cross Family Festival and Chicken BBQ at the Otter River Sportsman's Club. The festival will run from 11 am to 3 pm. Dinner tickets will be available starting August 19.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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

COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH

A free lunch will be served to all at noon on Thursday, August 17, at First Congregational Church, 28 Green St., Gardner. These summer lunches have been sponsored by Annunciation Parish, Bethany Baptist, First Baptist, Chair City, First Congregational, and Faith Lutheran Church in conjunction with the Community Action Committee.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard from 3:30 to 4:15 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church 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.