

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 27, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 26 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, August 27 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Joseph Dembek by the family**

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

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

Tuesday - 8 am 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, September 2 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, September 3 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 3 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Darrick and Rebecca Boale by daughter, Julia Boale**

Sunday, September 3 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly, August 20: \$888 Fuel: \$141 Assumption: \$39

Second Collection this week: Mission Appeal

Second collection next week: Parish Religious Education

NOTE: The Second Collection scheduled for this week, for *Parish Religious Education*, will instead be taken up on *September 3*.

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.

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.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL 2017

This week, we welcome Fr. Henry Tanto, who will speak to us about Catholic Education needs in the remote areas in the Diocese of Kumbo in Africa. About 65% of the population survive on subsistence farming, living in deep poverty. Catholic Education is seen as the only hope to help in teaching peace and justice in their society. However, very few parents can afford the \$50 per year to educate a child in primary school. Many families struggle with the oft-repeated choice: eat tonight or wait until tomorrow and use tonight's food money for school fees. The subsidy system of the Catholic Church is the only way to keep Catholic Education going. We ask that you be generous with the second collection that will be taken up for that cause. Thank you.

"The effectiveness of our commitment to peace depends on our understanding of human life. If we want peace, let us defend life!"

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Morning Address, Sept. 15, 2012



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Beginning in September, Eucharistic Adoration will take place on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Please note the change and plan to spend some special time with our Lord Jesus Christ.

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED

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

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.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

PRAY THE ROSARY

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



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

August 27, 2017 — Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23 • Romans 11:33-36 • Matthew 16:13-20

COFFEE & DONUTS THIS SUNDAY

Coffee & donuts will be served in the Rectory this Sunday, August 27, immediately after Mass. Please plan to stop by to visit with your neighbors, and enjoy a bit of breakfast. Everyone is welcome to join in this end-of-summer get-together!

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!

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.

BBQ tickets will be on sale in the vestibule after Mass: \$9 for 1/2 Chicken Adult meal and \$7.50 for 1/4 Chicken, child's meal.

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.

EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION

EWTN Global Catholic Network invites all to the Family Celebration at the DCU Convention Center, Worcester, Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 9 & 10 for an inspiring weekend for your entire family. The theme will be Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. Be renewed in your faith with inspirational talks by favorite EWTN hosts, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., Marcus Grodi, Susan Conroy, Fr. Maurice Emelu, and Donna Cooper O'Boyle. Bishop Robert McManus will serve as celebrant & homilist at Sunday's Mass. Admission is free. See www.ewtn.com/familycelebration for more information.

MASS OF ANOINTING

A Mass of Anointing will take place at 2 pm on Sunday, September 10 at Holy Rosary Church, 105 Nichols St., Gardner. All are welcome. It is truly a beautiful spiritual experience.

"THE NOTICE ZONE"

A quick reference to "Need to Know" and upcoming Holy Cross & St. Martin Parish Events

- *CCD Sign-up: Registration forms are available in the vestibule
- *CCD begins Sept. 10, 2017 • Two teachers needed for Grade 4
- *Holy Cross Family Festival & BBQ, Sept. 17, 11 am to 3 pm
- *RCIA sessions to begin. Please call for more information.



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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.