

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 5 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, August 6- 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 6 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Our Parish Family**

Sunday, July 30 - 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 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

Weekly, July 30: \$667

"Support Our Historic Church" campaign: \$315

Second collection next 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.



"By opening our hearts to his love and mercy, we let Christ dwell in us and we see more deeply the intricate and unique beauty of each person." ~ Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M.

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!

CHURCH RENOVATIONS & REPAIR - IMPROVEMENT FUND

The refurbished tabernacle is scheduled to return to St. Martin's on Monday. Work toward the replacement of the siding on the church continues. Bids for this undertaking have been received and the contract will hopefully be awarded soon.

Parishioners are invited to support these renovations by making contributions or pledges to the "Support Our Historic Church" renovation fund; envelopes for this purpose are available in the vestibule.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to this restoration fund. To date, \$1,693 has been donated.

CONFESSIONS - SCHEDULE CHANGE

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

ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine, 35 Dion Dr., Harrisville, RI, holds its 24th annual Shrine Feast Day Celebration from 10 am - 4:30 pm on August 20. Prayers at Holy Stairs, Stations of the Cross, lunch and concert at noon, procession with St. Theresa at 1 pm. Outdoor living Rosary. Concludes with Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 3 pm.

COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH SCHEDULE

On Thursdays, continuing until August 17, free lunches will be served to ALL at noon. This week, August 10, Monument Park, Gardner.

These lunches are sponsored by Annunciation Parish, Bethany Baptist, First Baptist, Chair City, First Congregational, Faith Lutheran Churches in Gardner in conjunction with the CAC.

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 Sep 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA and Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://wwmema.org/>.

"While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."'" Mt 17:5

FESTIVAL & BBQ - THANK YOU

Thanks again to all who helped make our 2017 Festival & BBQ a success. After expenses, the festival brought in \$5,340 for the parish improvement fund. Special thanks to the Otter River Sportsman's Club for their hospitality; to the crew who worked so hard to cook and serve a great meal; and to the many local businesses who donated gifts and gift certificates for our raffle tables.

This bulletin contains a list of those businesses. Please consider patronizing these folks who support St. Martin's, and when you visit, let them we know appreciate their support.

120 CLUB WINNERS

Thank you to all who support St. Martin's through the 120 Club. A new 120 Club will begin soon; there are open tickets. If you're interested in a ticket, please speak to Linda Columbus after Mass or by phone at 978-939-1095.

Winners of the Big Money final drawing were:

First Prize, \$50 - #51 Corey Johnson; Second, \$200 - #31 Marge Wood; Third, \$100 - #8 Margaret Murdock; Fourth, \$50 - #46 Alex Denette; Fifth, \$50 - #17, Cathy Bourn; Sixth through Ninth, #25 - #48 Kathy Juliano, #39 Janice Caisse, #40 Lynn Murray and #116 Denise Merriam.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES: OUR PRAYERS RISE LIKE INCENSE

Have you noticed the new stand with votive candles, located in front of the painting of our patron, Saint Martin? A tradition in many Roman Catholic churches is to burn candles as a way to offer our prayers for others. As the candle continues to burn, your prayers are continually lifted to God.

CHANGE IN HOURS AT 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 pantry is located at the rear of the Senior Center, 16 Senior Drive in Baldwinville, and 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 Sept. 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.

ST. FRANCIS FESTIVAL IN FITCHBURG

Sunday, August 13. noon to 8 pm, St. Francis Church parking lot, 63 Sheridan St, Fitchburg. International Foods, live music, DJ, games, baked sale, raffles, Chinese auction, moon walker and more. Also, you are invited to celebrate Msgr. Richard Collette's 90th Birthday. He has written a book, *Shepherds for my People*; it will be on sale at the festival and at all the Masses at St. Francis' that weekend.



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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.