

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2015



MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday, December 13 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jaylin Rose Johnson by Steve & Barbara White**

Sunday, December 13 - 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, December 19 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, December 20 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Roger Belliveau by the family**

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

Weekly Offering: \$404 **Fuel:** \$165

Second Collection this week: Retirement Fund for Religious

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 Paula Blanchette, 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, Bob Brown, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, Michelle Smith, Mason Jandris, Michael Theriault, Doug Young, Tim Wilson, Joe Barrett, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

MASS CANCELLATIONS

If school is delayed or cancelled on a weekday that morning Mass is scheduled, Mass will be cancelled..

PRAY THE ROSARY

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



BABY FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

During the month of December, our CCD students sponsor a Baby Food and Clothing collection. Remembering that Jesus came to the world as a baby, we offer gifts of food, clothing, blankets and other baby items for local infants. Donations may be left in the bassinet in the vestibule of the church. Donations made by December 14 will be delivered in time for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make an offering for our Christmas Altar Flowers and decorations, envelopes for this purpose are available in the vestibule. They may be given in memory of loved ones, whose names will appear in our bulletin and who will have a special remembrance at Masses here during the Christmas Season. We ask this be done by Dec. 13, to allow print time for the Dec 20 bulletin. Thank you!

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas

Dec. 24 - 4 pm at Holy Cross

Dec. 24 - 6 pm at Holy Cross

Dec. 24 - Midnight at St. Martin's

Dec. 25 - 10:00 am at Holy Cross

New Year's Day

Dec. 31 - 5:30 pm at Holy Cross

Jan. 1 - 10:00 am at St. Martin's



Confession will be held on Tues. Dec. 15 and 22 during Eucharistic Adoration 7 pm - 8 pm, Saturdays at 3:45 pm and by appointment.

Midnight Mass will be celebrated at St. Martin's on Christmas Eve, with a musical prelude at 11:30 pm. St. Martin's is pleased to continue this wonderful tradition, and welcomes everyone to attend this celebration of the birth of Christ. Invite your family and friends ... Come early ... Enjoy music of this holy season, and a beautiful beginning to Christmas Day.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Please be generous. Thanks!

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, located behind the American Legion Hall in Baldwinville, is open from 9 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water; but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

HOLIDAY FAIR UPDATE

St. Martin's Holiday Fair, held last weekend at the American Legion Hall in Baldwinville, brought in \$7,100 after expenses. "Thank you!" to all who contributed to the fair — by donating gifts, crafts and baked goods; by working at the fair; or by stopping by over the weekend to purchase items and take chances on the raffles. Special thanks to the Legion for the use of their hall.

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION

The 43rd annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016. Buses will leave from Cathedral of St. Paul on Thurs., Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Sat., Jan. 23. Cost is \$70 per seat for registrations postmarked by Dec. 31, and \$85 thereafter. It will be firstcome-first-served basis until all seats are full. For information, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or call 508-929-4311.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was: #98, Pola Yackowski. The current round of the 120 club is ending. Tickets must be paid up in order to be included in the "big drawing." If you'd like to join the next round, see Linda Columbus.

OPLATEK – A POLISH TRADITION TO BE SHARED

Oplatek is a Polish Christmas Wafer. It is typically rectangular, and the size of a hand, embossed with a Christmas scene such as the Nativity. It is made of flour & water pressed between two engraved pieces of metal and is similar to the bread wafer used in Holy Communion.

Before sitting down to Christmas Eve dinner, many families with roots in Poland and other Central European countries will take part in a tradition dating back hundreds of years. At the start of dinner, just after grace, people take turns and break off a piece of the Oplatek, eat it and share well wishes to each other.

Oplatek will be available in the vestibule for a free will donation for those who would like to keep this tradition.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Bernard Parish will have its 20th Annual Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 1 pm, at St. Camillus Church, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg. Students from Dance Center in Winchendon will dance, and there will be a variety of music & ensembles. All are invited to this free concert with refreshments to follow.

CONFIRMATION 2016

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Robert J. McManus on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Winchendon.



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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.