

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2016



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 3 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, December 4 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, December 4 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Amanda Putney by the Provonsil family**

Sunday, December 4 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

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

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 - Holy Day - 8 am at Holy Cross

Thursday - Holy Day - noon at St. Martin's

Thursday - Holy Day - 7 pm at Holy Cross

Saturday, December 10 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, December 11 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, December 11 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Amanda Putney by the Provonsil family**

Sunday, December 11 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$458

Second Collection This Week is for Fuel

Second Collection Next Week: Retirement 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 Zachary Fleming, Ruth Alie, Bob Young, 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, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, Bob Brown, 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.



THURSDAY: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8 is a Holy Day, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The Feast celebrates the conception of Mary without any taint of Original Sin. Masses will be celebrated Thurs. Dec. 8, 8 am at Holy Cross, Noon at St. Martin's and 7 pm at Holy Cross.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Those of you who desire to do so, may make an offering for our Christmas Altar Flowers and decorations. Envelopes for this purpose is available in the vestibule and are included in your weekly envelope packet. 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. 11, to allow print time for the Dec. 25 bulletin. Thank you!

WELCOMING CELEBRATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS THIS SUNDAY

Throughout the year, there have been many new people who have joined our parish family of St. Martin's and Holy Cross. We will have coffee & light refreshments after the 10:45 am Mass at Holy Cross on December 4, to welcome these new members of our community. All parishioners are welcome. If you are new, please plan to attend; we want to get to know you. If you have been attending Mass at either church but have not signed up yet, please join us. It will be a time to ask questions and get to know who we are.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS NEXT WEEKEND

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!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24: 4 pm at Holy Cross

December 24: Midnight @ St. Martin's

December 25: 10:00 am at Holy Cross

(Please note there will not be a 6 pm Mass at Holy Cross on Christmas Eve. The New Year's Day schedule will be the usual weekend Mass schedule.)

Confession will be held on the First Friday, Dec. 2; on Saturdays at 3:45 pm; and by appointment.

ADVENT CONCERT

The Music Ministry of St. Edward's invites you to an Advent/ Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11, at 4 PM. Come relax and enjoy the sounds of Advent and Christmas presented by St. Edward's Adult Choir. We hope you can join us!

OPLATEK

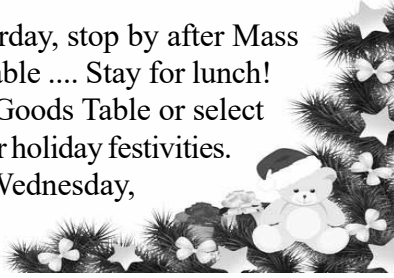
Oplatek will be available in the vestibule and at the Holy Cross Rectory for a free will donation for those who would like to keep this tradition.

ST. MARTIN'S HOLIDAY FAIR - THIS WEEKEND

Our parish Holiday Fair is being held this weekend it continues from 9 am to 1 pm this Sunday, December 4, at the American Legion in Baldwinville.

If you didn't get to the Fair on Saturday, stop by after Mass today! Coffee & donuts will be available Stay for lunch! Pick up some goodies at the Baked Goods Table or select some hand-crafted decorations for your holiday festivities.

Raffle prizes can be picked up Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 3 pm - 6 pm, or next Sunday after Mass, till 1 pm.



120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #99, Alyssa Juliano. The final drawing will be held in December... if your ticket is not yet paid up, please see Linda Columbus. Tickets must be paid up in order to be included in the big drawing.

THANK YOU!

Improvements to the church exterior have continued this fall. Please join in extending a big "Thank you!" to carpenter Jay Shortis and parishioners Steve and Barbara White for the sturdy new wooden steps leading down to the meeting room door; and to the Boy Scouts, led by Anthony Collins, who are painting the church foundation. The painting work, which Anthony has chosen for his Eagle Scout project, will be completed in the Spring.

BABY FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE

During the month of December, our young parishioners 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; they will be delivered to the Healthy Families Program.

HOOR OF GRACE — EVERY DECEMBER 8 AT NOON

In 1947, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Sister Pierina in apparitions at the Basilica of Montichiari, Italy. In a particular one, she told Sister Pierina how to prepare for the hour of grace. Mary said, "With prayers and penance pray the 51st Psalm with outstretched arms three times. During the Hour of Grace for the world, many spiritual graces would be granted. The most hard-hearted sinners will be touched by the grace of God." The Blessed Virgin promised that whatever a person asked for during this hour of Grace (even in impossible cases) would be granted to them, if it was in accordance with the will of the Eternal Father.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard at 3:45 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.