

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 16, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 15 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, July 16 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, July 16 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Philip Lefebvre by Linda & Bob Columbus**

Sunday, July 16 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at St. 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, July 22 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, July 23 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, July 23 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Philip Lefebvre by Bob Lis**

Sunday, July 23 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**July 9 weekly collection:** \$491    **Fuel:** \$350  
**Second Collection THIS Week is for: Repair & Maintenance**

### PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Jason Hamel, Diane Lupaczyk, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, and Donald Leblanc.

*Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or a special intention, please see Pat Gale after Mass or call the Rectory at 978-939-5588. The requested offering for a Mass is \$10.

### ENVELOPE UPDATE

It's time to update our Offering Envelope list for 2024. If you do not receive a box of envelopes but would like to, or need an address change, please speak to Pat Gale after Mass.

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church early on Sundays, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

### JULY 23, 2023 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Wis 12:13, 16-19 • Rom 8:26-27 • Mt 13:24-43**

### WORD OF LIFE

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at [www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations). — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*  
*"Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"*

### GET BACK TO BASICS THIS SUMMER!

Has it been a while since you reflected on the core beliefs that shape us as Catholics? Join Annunciation Parish, 135 Nichols Street, Gardner this summer and take time to revisit the core teachings of our Catholic Faith (Divine Revelation, The Persons of the Trinity, Church, Sacraments, Catholic Spirituality & the Moral Life.) through the Ascension Press' series: **What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith** on Wednesdays throughout the summer. Sessions begin at 6:30 PM, in the Parish Center (Old Convent, Holy Rosary Campus) and consist of a 30 minute video and discussion. All are welcome to attend any session. Participants may choose to purchase the accompanying book, workbook, and online access through [AscensionPress.com](http://AscensionPress.com).

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH HANGOUT

All middle school youth (6-8th graders) are invited to a summer series of hangout nights! These gatherings will take place 4 times over the summer on consecutive Wednesday evenings from 5-7pm. These gatherings simply entail some games, food, and a chance to hang out with other middle schoolers! There is NO COST to attend! July 26th @ St. Edward the Confessor, 10 Church Street, Westminster. For more details: [neworchester.org/middle-school-hangouts](http://neworchester.org/middle-school-hangouts)

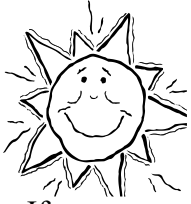
### DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE: NEW TIMES

Please join St Denis Parish and Annunciation Parish in praying the most powerful devotion. First and third Sundays at Holy Rosary at 11:30 am after the 10:30 Mass. Second and fourth Sunday at St. Dennis Church in Ashburnham at 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please email Maryann Lindgren and Franca Martin at [thepowerofourlady@aol.com](mailto:thepowerofourlady@aol.com)

*"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.— Mt 13:21*



## OUR FESTIVAL & BBQ — THANK YOU!



Thank you to all who helped with our parish Festival & Chicken BBQ this weekend ... all who donated items for baskets and raffles, set up and cleaned up, manned tables -- and especially the “pit crew” who cooked a great chicken dinner.

If you won a prize on any of our tables, pick-up times at the Rectory are: Wednesday, July 19 from 2 to 6 pm and Sunday, July 23, 10:30 am to noon. Congratulations to all winners — and if you won a gift from a local business, please be sure to thank them for supporting St. Martin’s!

## CRAFT GROUP IS ON VACATION

*Our parish Craft Group will resume meeting on July 26.* The group meets at 2 pm on Wednesday afternoons at the rectory. All women are invited to join us for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship as we create items for our Holiday Fair. Got ideas, patterns, or samples? Bring them and let’s see what we can create!

## 120 CLUB

The Final Drawing of this round of the 120 Club will be held soon. A new round will begin in August. There are open numbers available; if you’d like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

What is the 120 Club? For those of you unfamiliar with this parish fund-raiser ... Purchase of a \$20 ticket enters you in 20 weekly drawings of \$20 — and the final “Big Drawing with nine prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500!!

## TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The need continues year-round in our community. Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include Kids cereal, Applesauce, Italian dressing, Taco meal kits, toothpaste, canned pastas, mayonnaise. Gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.** The Templeton Food Pantry is located at the rear of the Templeton Senior Community Center, off Bridge Street in Baldwinville.

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## K OF C FOOD DRIVE

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a food drive for the Templeton Food Pantry on Saturday, Aug. 5th at St. Martins Church parking lot from 8am until noon. Non perishable food items are accepted as well as gift cards or cash

## PART TIME MUSIC TEACHER OPENING

Holy Family Academy in Gardner (Holy Rosary School) is looking for a part-time music teacher for the next school year. The posting can be found on schoolspring.com. Interested applicants can submit their resume and letter of interest to: Colette Goguen, Principal ....colettegoguen@holyfamilyacademyma.org.



## St. Martin’s Catholic Church

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### Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

During this pandemic, please contact the rectory at Holy Cross Church, 978-632-2121, for an appointment

### 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.