

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 29 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, July 30 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, July 30 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Bradley Arsenault by Cathy Bourn**

Sunday, July 30 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

July 16 weekly collection: \$490 **Repair & Maintenance:** \$218

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Jennifer Strong, 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.

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NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

JULY 30, 2023: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY I IN ORDINARY TIME

1 KINGS 3: 5, 7-12 • ROMANS 8: 28-30 • MATTHEW 13: 44-52 OR 44-46 (109)

WORD OF LIFE

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other." — *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Married Love and the Gift of Life"*

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. Martin's Church parking lot from 8 am until noon. Non perishable food items are accepted as well as gift cards or cash

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.

LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH IN COLLEGE EVENT

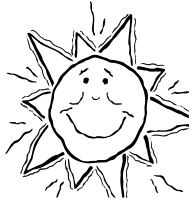
All High Schoolers are welcome to join current undergraduate college students on Thursday, July 27 from 6-8 pm at North American Martyrs in Auburn for a meal, conversation, and Q&A session centered around pursuing your faith after high school. RSVP by contacting Kendall Mullen at mullenk@cua.edu.

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

He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'" Mt 13:29-30





THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL!

Thank you to all who helped with our parish Festival & Chicken BBQ last 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; and to members of the Knights of Columbus and parishioners of Holy Cross Church who pitched in to help with set-up and clean up of the festival booths.

If you won a prize and have not yet picked it up, please stop by the rectory after Mass before noon this Sunday. 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!

With all bills paid, our net income for the Festival & BBQ was \$4,796. Proceeds from this event — and our Holiday Fair in December — benefit our Parish Improvement Fund, which is used for major repairs (like fixing a roof leak!) to our properties.

Coffee Hour on August 13

By popular request, we have planned another Coffee Hour — to be held Sunday, August 13, immediately following Mass. Plan to stop by the Rectory to enjoy coffee, tea, juice, pastry, and conversation with your fellow parishioners!

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 this week. 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!!

CONCERT ON THE COMMON

The Concert on the Common featuring "Crossroads" postponed in June due to weather, will be presented at 2 pm on Sunday, August 6 in Templeton Center.

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 bar soap, 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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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.