

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 30, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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, August 5 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, August 6 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Philip Lefebvre by Steve and Barbara White**

Sunday, August 6 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

July 23 weekly collection: \$625 Repair & Maintenance: \$100

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.



PRAY THE ROSARY

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

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE

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.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

AUGUST 6, 2023: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

DANIEL 7: 9-10, 13-14 (614) • 2 PETER 1: 16-19 • MATTHEW 17: 1-9

WORD OF LIFE

"A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgement from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of their child. Following Mary's example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Called to Serve Moms in Need"

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.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM-HAND CARVED OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ARTICLES
Maysoon Khair will be available after Masses on August 12-13, representing Christian families living in the Holy Land, who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles, (nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and religious statues). Please stop by. Website: www.starofbethlehemhandicrafts.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

There are many opportunities for ministry to our fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the pastor

"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." — Mt 13:44





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 BACK IN ACTION!

Our parish Craft 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 - WINNERS!

The Final Drawing of the 120 Club was held on Wednesday. Winners of the "Big Drawing" were:

First, \$500, #45 Steve & Barbara White in memory of George Murdock; Second, \$200, #7 John White; Third, \$100, #74 Vic Dembek; Fourth and Fifth, \$50, #67 Blanch Kinner and #119 Russ Clark; Sixth through Ninth, \$25, #71, Tom Kane, #102 Linda Columbus in memory of Sylvia Erickson, #73 Roger Tousignant, and #55 in memory of Ed White.

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 - AUGUST 6

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.

KITE FESTIVAL

The Narragansett Historical Society's "Go Fly a Kite" festival will be held at Brooks field on Baldwinville Road from noon to 4 pm on Sunday, August 6.

TEA IN THE GARDEN - AUGUST 12

The Narragansett Historical Society will hold a Tea in the Garden behind the Society's building on Boynton Road from 2 to 4 pm on Saturday, August 12. Ladies of the three Catholic churches in Templeton are joining the Templeton Cultural Council in serving dainty sandwiches and pastries for this lovely event. The "Take Jazz" duo will provide background music. A donation of \$10 is requested. Come enjoy a special afternoon in a beautiful setting!

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 ketchup, bar soap, kids cereal, applesauce, Italian dressing, Taco meal kits, toothpaste, 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.



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.