

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 9, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 8 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, July 9 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, July 9 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Marie Rose Leblanc by Steve and Barbara White

Sunday, July 9 - 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 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

July 2 weekly collection: \$700

Second Collection THIS Week is for Fuel

Second Collection Next Week: 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 16, 2023-FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ISAIAH 55: 10-11 • ROMANS 8: 18-23 • MATTHEW 13: 1-23 OR 1-9

PROJECT RACHEL

Not every pregnancy is easy to talk about. Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's safe and confidential ministry of heal-ing and reconciliation to those who have been wounded by a past abortion. Call the confidential helpline at 508-791-HOPE(4673) to begin your healing journey. Trust in God's mercy.

WORD OF LIFE

"Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."

Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory. — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "An Adoption Love Story"*

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH HANGOUT

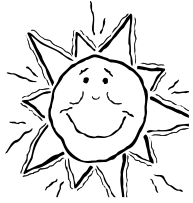
All middle school youth (6-8th graders) are invited to a summer series of hangout nights! These gatherings will take place 4 times over the summer on consecutive Wednesday evenings from 5-7pm. These gatherings simply entail some games, food, and a chance to hang out with other middle schoolers! There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

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

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." — Mt 11:28-30





OUR FESTIVAL & BBQ IS NEXT SATURDAY!

Dinner tickets for our annual Chicken BBQ & Festival, to be held **July 15** at the Otter River Sportsman's Club, are available in the vestibule after Mass, or can be reserved by calling the rectory, 978-939-5588. Tickets are still only \$12. Please buy or reserve your tickets early to ensure that we order enough dinners to meet the need.

How Can You Help?

Many hands are needed to help make this annual event a success! Here are some ways you might be able to help out:

- Plan to **bake some goodies** for our popular baked goods table!
- **Invite your friends** and neighbors to come to the Festival!
- **Help will be needed** to transport things to the Sportsman's Club, to set up tents and tables, to man tables, serve dinners and clean up at the end. Especially helpful would be anyone with a van or truck to transport larger items.

If you can help in any way, please speak to Linda Columbus or Pat Gale. *Thank you!*

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.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Interested in learning more about Scripture? Do you like s'mores? Check out "S'mores and Scripture" a summer Bible Study series! This series is open to all high school youth (incoming freshman through graduating seniors). The series will take place over 4 sessions. However, if you cannot make all of the sessions, it's ok! Feel free to come to all or even just one session. There is NO COST to attend! Sessions will be held July 13, 20, 27 and August TBD on Thursdays from 6:30-8pm at Holy Family of Nazareth, 750 Union Street, Leominster.

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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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.