

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 16, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday, July 16 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Deceased Members of Our Parish**

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

Monday - 8 am at 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, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, July 23 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Laura Kirby by the family**

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

Weekly, July 9: \$1,127 **Fuel:** \$65

"Support Our Historic Church" campaign: \$100

Second Collection this week is for Fuel.

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 Dianne Murray, Gianna Howlett, 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, Alicia Wieszorek, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 978-939-5588, by emailing saintmartinchurch@mail.com, or by speaking to Pat Gale after Mass.



"The challenge is to make the Church's 'yes' to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!"

~ Pope John Paul II, 8/1993

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED

Two teachers are needed for Grade 4 CCD classes. Please consider helping out with this most important ministry, to teach our young ones. If interested please call the Holy Cross rectory, 978-632-2121!

CHURCH RENOVATIONS & REPAIR - IMPROVEMENT FUND

This month, the refurbished tabernacle is expected to return to St. Martin's. Work toward the replacement of the siding on the church continues. Bids for this major undertaking have been received and are being reviewed.

Parishioners are invited to support these renovations by making contributions or pledges to the "Support Our Historic Church" renovation fund; envelopes for this purpose are available in the vestibule.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to this restoration fund. To date, \$975 has been donated.

WELCOME GATHERING FOR FATHER PATRICK

A Welcome Gathering for Fr. Patrick Ssekyole will take place Saturday, July 29, after the 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross Church Parish Hall. Come and introduce yourself to our new pastor. Let us celebrate God's grace in our Holy Cross/St. Martin Community. There will be coffee and light refreshments.

FR. PATRICK SSEKYOLE

Phonetics for Ssekyole - (Say-chō - lay)

EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

A Catholic ministry for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. All are welcome to a One-Day Spiritual Retreat, St. Anthony Shrine in Boston on August 5, 2017. Call Diane at 617-542-8057 or visit www.emfgp.org.

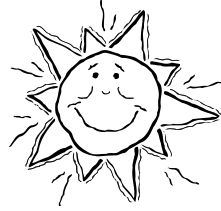
COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH SCHEDULE

On Thursdays, continuing until August 17, free lunches will be served to ALL at noon. This week, July 20, First Congregational Church, 28 Green St., Gardner.

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Mt 13: 22-23

FESTIVAL & BBQ IS NEXT SATURDAY

Our annual Festival & Chicken BBQ is next **Saturday, July 22**, at the **Otter River Sportsman's Club**, from **10 am to 2 pm**. **Dinner tickets are still just \$8 and are available in the vestibule or may be reserved by calling the rectory at 978-939-5588. Please purchase or reserve your tickets today to enable ordering of dinners.**



The Baked Goods Table is always popular! Please plan on making your favorite goodies — cakes, cupcakes, pies, breads for this sale. Goodies may be brought to the Sportsman's Club at 5 pm Friday, or on Saturday morning.

Help is needed to set up at 7 am, and clean up at 2 pm. If you can lend a hand with set-up, meet us at the rectory to load cars, vans and trucks, or at the Sportsmans Club to start setting up booths.

DEVOTIONAL CANDLES: OUR PRAYERS RISE LIKE INCENSE

Have you noticed the new stand with votive candles, located in front of the painting of our patron, Saint Martin? A tradition in many Roman Catholic churches is to burn candles as a way to offer our prayers for others. As the candle continues to burn, your prayers are continually lifted to God.

NEW HOURS AT THE TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is always in need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry. Please help our neighbors in need. The pantry is located at the rear of the Senior Center, 16 Senior Drive in Baldwinville, and is open **from 9 am – noon on Tuesdays and from 1 to 3 pm on Thursdays.**

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the rectory when someone is moving to a nursing home, confined to home or in need of prayers. Arrangements can be made to visit or take communion to the homebound. Please pray for all who are sick.

PRAYER FOR SUMMER

Dear God, You made the four seasons. Each summer arrives as part of your perfect pattern and will, yet is unique unto itself. This summer, help me to see not only the enjoyment of vacations, but the joy of your will. Help me to feel not only the pleasure of a warm sun, but the contentment of a life guided by you. Help me to know, not only the satisfaction of a project completed, but the fulfillment of a heart filled by you. Help me to see you in all things, Lord, in all the seasons of life you give us. Amen.



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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.