

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 29 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, July 30 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Bertha Gonet by Pat Gale & family**

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

**Weekly, July 16: \$690 Fuel: \$144 Repair/Maintenance: \$95
"Support Our Historic Church" campaign: \$403**

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, "Homily, August 15, 1993, c 1993 Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED

Two teachers are needed for Grade 4 CCD classes. Please consider helping out with this most import 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, \$1.378 has been donated.

WELCOME GATHERING FOR FATHER PATRICK

A Welcome Gathering for Fr. Patrick Ssekoyole 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.

CONFESSIONS - SCHEDULE CHANGE

Confessions on Saturdays will now be from 3:30 pm until 4:15 pm at Holy Cross.

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.

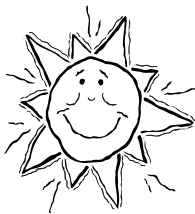
COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH SCHEDULE

On Thursdays, continuing until August 17, free lunches will be served to ALL at noon. This week, July 27, First Congregational Church, 28 Green St., Gardner.

"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

FESTIVAL & BBQ - THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped this weekend with our annual Festival & BBQ—those who donated charcoal and items for the festival, baked goodies, helped with set up, manned tables and clean up, and all who invited their families and friends to this event. Proceeds from the festival benefit our Parish Improvement Fund. Prize pickup Wednesday, 2 to 6 pm, next Sunday 10:30 am to 1 pm.



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.

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you registered in the parish? Have you recently been married or moved out of your parents home and still attend our church? We ask that you register as a new family or parishioner. You are not in our census unless you request it. If you are not receiving envelopes or parish mail, you may not be registered. It is necessary to be a registered member of the parish when making arrangements for baptisms, religious education classes, marriage, sponsor certificates and letters of recommendation.

FR. BILL CHAMPLIN LEADING PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LOURDES

In 2017 the Church celebrates the 100th anniversary of the appearance of the Blessed Mother at Fatima. Fr. Bill will be leading a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes from October 8 –17, 2017. The cost of the trip is \$3299 double occupancy. The trip is being offered through Collette. Locally you may call Whitcomb Travel at 978-537-0751 for more details.

ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church and Shrine, 35 Dion Dr., Harrisville, RI, holds its 24th annual Shrine Feast Day Celebration from 10 am - 4:30 pm on August 20. Prayers at Holy Stairs, Stations of the Cross, lunch and concert at noon, procession with St. Theresa at 1 pm. Outdoor living Rosary. Concludes with Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form at 3 pm.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard from 3:30 to 4:15 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church 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.