

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 30, 2017

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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, August 5 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, August 6 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's  
Our Parish family**

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

**Weekly, July 23:** \$922    **Fuel:** \$57    **Repair/Maintenance:** \$29  
**"Support Our Historic Church" campaign:** \$125

*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.



### FR. PATRICK SSEKYOLE

Phonetics for Ssekyle- (Say-chō - lay)



"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying." ~ Pope John Paul II

### 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

The refurbished tabernacle is expected to return to St. Martin's soon. 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, \$1,503 has been donated.

### CONFESSIONS - SCHEDULE CHANGE

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

### COMMUNITY FREE LUNCH SCHEDULE

On Thursdays, continuing until August 17, free lunches will be served to ALL at noon. This week, August 3 - First Baptist Church, 14 High St., Gardner.

### PROMISE TO PROTECT

If you have been sexually abused or victimized by some-one representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. The victim service coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester. A report can be made by phone to (508) 929-4363. If the report is made by mail, please send it to: Directory of Healing and Prevention, The Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609.

### MASS INTENTIONS

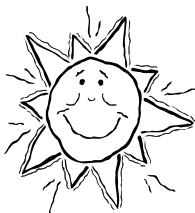
Mass Intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 978-939-5588, by emailing [saintmartinchurch@mail.com](mailto:saintmartinchurch@mail.com), or by speaking to Pat Gale after Mass.

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, 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: 44-46*



## FESTIVAL & BBQ - THANK YOU

Thanks to all who helped last 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. A financial report on the festival will be available next week.



### ST. MARTIN'S CRAFT GROUP

All women are invited to attend the informal, fun sessions of the parish Craft Group, as we prepare items to sell at the annual Holiday Fair. The group meets at **2 pm on Thursdays** at the rectory. Crafting experience is not required.

### 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. Registration forms are available in the vestibule.

### GARDNER K OF C ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

The Gardner Knights of Columbus #396 located at 10 South Main St., will host its annual chicken BBQ on Sunday, August 13 from noon 5 pm, rain or shine. Tickets at the door will be limited; advance ticket purchase is recommended. Call 978-632-9818 daily 5 - 8 pm. Cost is \$10 per person.

### ORSC ANNUAL POLISH PICNIC

The Otter River Sportsmans's Club will hold its annual Polish Picnic from 11 :30 am - 5 pm on Sunday, August 6. Traditional food and music by Mark VI Polish Band. Free admission. Full meal, \$12, sides vary. Serving golabki, kielbasa, pierogi, kapusta, burgers and hot dogs. Super 200 raffle with \$2,000 in prize money; only 200 tickets to be sold at \$20 each.



## St. Martin's Catholic Church

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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.