

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 26, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 25 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, June 26 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, June 26 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Edward and Mary White, by Steve & Barbara White**

Sunday, June 26 - 10:45 am at 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 2 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, July 3 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, July 3 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Beverly Bushes & Raymond Bushey by Linda Bushey
& Nicholas Bushey**

Sunday, July 3 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

June 19 weekly collection: \$363

Second collection this week is the Peter's Pence Collection. This annual collection provides essential support for the Holy See's activities and helps Pope Francis assist the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disaster around the world.

SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Bruce Strong, Thomas Lupaczyk, Chris Scott, Mark Hanks, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Diane Lupaczyk, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Pola Yackowski, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc... and all those affected by the Corona virus.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church 30 minutes before Mass to join in praying the Rosary each Sunday.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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ISAIAH 66:10-14C • GALATIANS 6:14-18 • LUKE 10:1-12, 17-20

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatelle at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>

RESPECT LIFE

“O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”
— USCCB “Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty”

BISHOP RESPONDS TO SUPREME COURT DECISION

Following this week's ruling by the Supreme Court, Bishop Robert J. McManus issued the following statement:

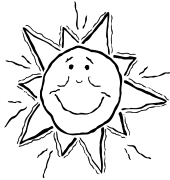
“While some people are looking at the Dobbs decision by the Supreme Court as a victory for those who advocate for the life of both the mother and the child in the womb, we must also keep in mind that this decision is a legal recognition of states' rights. The abortion debate formally moves to 50 states and US territories to decide whether abortion will be legal, limited, or illegal within their borders. Will we be known to the world as a group of states defined by being either pro-life or pro-death? Or, will we acknowledge someday that a country whose foundational principle is freedom and justice for all cannot exclude the most vulnerable, a child in the womb?”

Our prayers must continue in earnest for a greater respect for all human life. As Christians we must respond with charity in support of the life of the child in the womb whose dignity deserves our respect and legal protection, to the mother who is afraid, alone or whose life may be in jeopardy, and with respect for all citizens who struggle with this most divisive issue in our country and our world. As Christians we cannot react with violence and hatred toward those with whom we disagree. Only the virtue of charity can vanquish evil.”

And another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home.” To him Jesus said, “No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”

— Lk 9: 61-62





**THE COUNTDOWN IS ON!
SAVE THE DATE: JULY 16**

**St. Martin's Annual Summer Festival & Chicken BBQ
will be held from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, July 16.**

How can you help?

- **Donations** for the Chinese Auctions, major prize table, craft table, and theme baskets are welcome. Lists of items needed for the baskets are posted in the vestibule.
- **Volunteers are needed** to help with set up, manning tables and cleaning up at the end of the day.
- **Invite your family and friends** to attend the Festival!

NOTE: With cookout weather here, stores including Home Depot and Lowe's have **Kingsford original charcoal** on sale! It's a great time to pick up a bag or two, to help keep the cost of our Chicken BBQ tickets down. Thank you to everyone who helps with this key parish fund-raising event.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, speak at Pat Gale or Linda Columbus. Tickets for the chicken BBQ will be available soon.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #81, Carol Clark. The final drawing will be held soon. If your ticket is not paid up, please see Linda Columbus.

WINCHENDON WINDS CONCERT THIS SUNDAY

Did you know... there is a 40-piece professional-level ensemble that offers inspiring live band concerts — right next door in Winchendon? Winchendon Winds is in the midst of its summer concert season.

There are two performances coming up: at **2 pm Sunday, June 26, and 2 pm Sunday, July 3**, in the Unitarian Universalist Church, 126 Central St., Winchendon. The concerts are free and everyone is invited to enjoy the music! The concerts are funded in part by the Templeton Cultural Council.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

Donations of non-perishable foods may also be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include canned yellow beans, salsa, spaghetti sauce and stuffing.** Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Pantry to help our neighbors in need.

The Templeton Food Pantry is located at the rear of the Templeton Senior Community Center, off Bridge Street in Baldwinville. It's open from 9 am - noon on Tuesdays; noon - 3 pm and 5 - 7 pm on Thursdays; and from noon - 3 pm on Saturdays. Anyone in need of food is welcome to visit this community resource

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 52 Spruce Street, Winchendon will hold its annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 25 from 9 am to 8 pm, and on Sunday, June 26 from 9 am to 1 pm. There will be a country auction on Sat. evening at 5:30 pm and a Sunday breakfast from 9 to 11:30 am. Theme basket raffles, ticket auction, money raffles, games, strawberry shortcake, baked goodies and more!



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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.