

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 11, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 10 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, June 11 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, June 11 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Jaylin Rose Johnson, 8 year anniversary, by Mammy**

Sunday, June 11 - 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, June 17 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, June 18 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, June 18 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Leona DeGrace by Steve and Barbara White**

Sunday, June 18 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**June 4 weekly collection: \$536 Catholic Commuications: \$58
Second Collection this week is for Fuel**

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Jason Bouruque, 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.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church early on Sundays, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.



WORD OF LIFE

“Christ’s blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God’s plan life will be victorious.” — Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

JUNE 18, 2023-ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXODUS 19: 2-6A • ROMANS 5: 6-11 • MATTHEW 9: 36-10:8

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

A second collection for the Diocese’s Annual Mission Appeal will be taken next weekend, June 17 and 18. This Appeal will benefit the Oblates of the Virgin Mary located in the Philippines which trains young Filipino men for priesthood. These young men come from very modest means and rely on the Oblates of the Virgin Mary for their training costs, approximately \$9,000 each year. The school opened in 2002 and continues grow. They are thankful to be considered by our Diocese in this year’s Mission Appeal. More information on Oblates of the Virgin Mary can be found at www.omvusa.org/omv-asia/. Thank you

ENJOY TEA IN THE GARDEN

Picxture it: A beautiful garden, lovely background music, dainty sandwiches, pastries, tea or lemonade ... Stop by the Narragansett Historical Society on Saturday, June 17, to enjoy Tea in the Garden! The ladies of our three Templeton parishes are pitching in with the Templeton Cultural Council to provide a relaxing afternoon in an idyllic setting. Step back to a slower-paced time! Invite your friends and family. Tea is served from 2 to 4 pm. A donation of \$10 is requested (children free).

GET BACK TO BASICS THIS SUMMER!

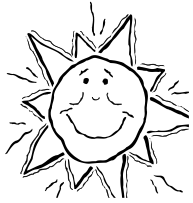
Has it been a while since you reflected on the core beliefs that shape us as Catholics? Join Annunciation Parish, 135 Nichols Street, Gardner this summer and take time to revisit the core teachings of our Catholic Faith (Divine Revelation, The Persons of the Trinity, Church, Sacraments, Catholic Spiritual-ity & 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.

MASS. CITIZENS FOR LIFE STUDENT ACADEMY

Equip your student to advocate for the life: The Student Summer Academy is a FREE three-day program sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life. It’s designed to educate rising high school freshmen through college seniors about the pro-life movement and how to defend our most vulnerable. June 27-29 from 9:00AM-2:00PM in three locations across the state. Learn more and regis-ter at MAProLife.org/student_summer_academy_2023.

“Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.” Jn 6: 57-58





ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ & FESTIVAL

Planning is underway for St. Martin's annual Chicken BBQ & Festival, to be held **July 15** at the Otter River Sportsman's Club.

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:

- Lists of items for our theme baskets are posted in the vestibule. Please take a look and see if you can donate an item or two (or an entire basket!) for the Festival.
- New items for the Chinese Auction and Major Prize Table are also welcome and may be brought to church any Sunday, or to the Rectory on Wednesday afternoons.
- With the start of cookout season, **Kingsford Original Charcoal** is often on sale. Please consider donating a bag to help keep our meal costs down.
- 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.

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

CRAFT GROUP MEETINGS

Each week, the parish Craft 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!

WINCHENDON CONCERTS CONTINUE

Winchendon Winds, a professional concert band, will present "Concert Band Classics" at 2 pm today in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winchendon, 126 Central Street. Admission is free. Next up: "Jewels" on June 18; and July 1 at noon at the Winchendon Community Park.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #108, Jen Eagle & Becky May. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund; if interested, contact Linda Columbus.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IN WINCHENDON JUNE 16-18

Immaculate Heart of Mary parish will hold its annual Strawberry Festival next weekend. Hours are: Friday, 5 - 8 pm, DJ and BBQ; Saturday, 9 am - 8 pm, Country Auction, Music and more; Sunday, 9 am - noon. The event features attic treasures, plant booth, strawberry booth, food, theme baskets, games, raffles 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.