

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 18, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 24 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, June 25 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, June 25 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Edward and Mary White by Steve and Barbara White**

Sunday, June 25 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

June 11 weekly collection: \$381 Fuel: \$368

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION
OF THE FAITH**

Second Collection Next Week: Peter's Pence

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Jason Bourque, 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: A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

“Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God’s gift of new life!”—Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux “Fathers’ Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life”

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

JUNE 25, 2023-TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JEREMIAH 20: 10-13 • ROMANS 5: 12-15 • MATTHEW 10: 26-33

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners through the Legacy of Hope campaign, the Fire Alarm system in St. Martin’s church has been updated. This work topped the list for use of the funds we receive through the four-year capital campaign, and after some delays due to supply chain issues caused by the pandemic, the work has been completed. The updated system includes new strobe lights and alarms inside and outside the church, new smoke detectors, and the ability for the system to call the Fire Department directly. To date, St. Martin’s has received \$18,113 as our 40% share of the pledges and donations made to the Legacy campaign. Thank you to Mid-State Alarm Co. for the work done to improve the safety of our parishioners and property.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK 2023: JUNE 22–29.

The Week begins with the Feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Many resources will be made available to help the faithful pray, reflect on, and take action for religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. Resources, including graphics, lectionary notes, bulletin inserts, and daily prayers and reflections will be available at usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek.

GET BACK TO BASICS THIS SUMMER!

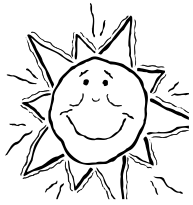
Has it been a while since you reflected on the core beliefs that shape us as Catholics? Join Annunciation Parish, 135 Nichols Street, Gardner this summer and take time to revisit the core teachings of our Catholic Faith (Divine Revelation, The Persons of the Trinity, Church, Sacraments, Catholic Spirituality & 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 register at MAProLife.org/student_summer_academy_2023.

“Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” Mt 10:7-8





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. Dinner tickets will be available soon.

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!

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #84, Janice Martin. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund; if interested, contact Linda Columbus.

NEW DATE FOR TEA IN THE GARDEN

Due to weather, the Tea in the Garden was rescheduled to June 24. Stop by the Narragansett Historical Society in Templeton Center to enjoy dainty sandwiches and desserts — and tea! The ladies of our three Templeton parishes are pitching in with the Templeton Cultural Council to provide a relaxing afternoon in an idyllic setting. Invite your friends and family. Tea is served from 2 to 4 pm. A donation of \$10 is requested (children free).

CONCERT ON THE COMMON NEXT SUNDAY

Enjoy the sound of music by "Crossroads" at 2 p.m. next Sunday, June 25, on Templeton Common. Bring a blanket or lawn chair ... pack a lunch... and relax at a FREE family event on the beautiful Common! This is the first of three 2023 concerts funded by the Templeton Cultural Council. Plan to come back on Aug. 20 and September 17 for more entertainment.



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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.