

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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, July 1 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, July 2 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, July 2 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Philip Lefebvre by Pat and Bob Gale**

Sunday, July 2 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**June 18 weekly collection: \$676 Mission Appeal for Oblates: \$154
Second Collection This 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.



DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE

Please join St Denis Parish and Annunciation Parish in praying the most powerful devotion. 1st and 3rd Sundays at Holy Rosary Church in Gardner at 3pm after the Latin Mass; and 2nd and 4th Sundays at St. Denis Church in Ashburnham right after the 11am Mass. If you have any questions, please email Maryann Lindgren and Franca Martin at thepowerofourlady@aol.com

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

JULY 2, 2023-THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 KINGS 4: 8-11, 14-16A • ROMANS 6: 3-4, 8-11 • MATTHEW 10: 37-42

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.

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"

GET BACK TO BASICS THIS SUMMER!

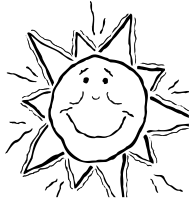
Has it been a while since you reflected on the core beliefs that shape us as Catholics? Join Annunciation Parish, 135 Nichols Street, Gardner this summer and take time to revisit the core teachings of our Catholic Faith (Divine Revelation, The Persons of the Trinity, Church, Sacraments, Catholic Spirituality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

MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to join us for a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 28, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury. This retreat will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music today, her songs of faith having touched the lives of thousands. A Sarah Hart retreat experience is woven with fun, humor, songs, prayer, scripture, Sarah's personal stories and discussion time. The retreat topic will be "Re-Creation." This program will delve into the many ways women are called to share their gifts in different chapters of their life. This is an inspirational renewal event for all generations.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."
Mt 10:29-31





BBQ TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!

Dinner tickets for our annual Chicken BBQ & Festival, to be held **July 15** at the Otter River Sportsman's Club, are now available in the vestibule after Mass, or can be reserved by calling the rectory, 978-939-5588. Tickets are still only \$12. Please buy or reserve your tickets early to ensure that we order enough dinners to meet the need.

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 your can donate an item or two.
- **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 #73, Roger Tousignant. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund; if interested, contact Linda Columbus.

CONCERT ON THE COMMON POSTPONED

The concert by "Crossroads" on Templeton Common has been postponed due to the forecast of rain. Watch for a new date for this event. Additional concerts are scheduled for Aug. 20 and September 17. The Tea in the Garden at the Historical Society has been rescheduled for August 12.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The need continues year-round in our community. Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include Kids cereal, Applesauce, Italian dressing, Taco meal kits, toothpaste, canned pastas, mayonnaise. Gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.**



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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.