

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 12, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 11 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, November 12 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, November 12 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Karen Brown by Janice Lefebvre**

Sunday, November 12 - 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, November 18 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, November 19 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, November 19 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
John Cranston by Steve and Barbara White**

Sunday, November 19 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**November 5 weekly collection: \$942 Repair & Maintenance: \$332**

**All Souls Day: \$100 All Saints: \$138**

**The Second Collection This Week is for Fuel**

**Second Collection next week: Campaign for Human Development**

### PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Maryann Nurmi, Jim O'Malley, Jennifer Strong, Jason Hamel, 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

Plan to come to church early, 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 this most powerful devotion: First and third Sundays at Holy Rosary Church in Gardner at 11:30 am, right after Mass, and Second and fourth Sundays at St. Denis in Ashburnham after the 10 am Mass.

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**NOVEMBER 19, 2023: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**PROVERBS 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 • 1 THESSALONIANS 5: 1-6 • MATTHEW 25: 14-30 OR 14-15, 19-21**

### ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE DURING NOVEMBER

November 2 was the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, All Soul's Day. We pray for those who have gone before us in faith, those who have shared their faith with us, especially our relatives and friends. The special envelope in your packet has space for you to list the names of those you wish to remember. These names will be placed on the altar for a special remembrance at every Mass celebrated during the month of November.

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them. O Lord, and  
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.*

### REMEMBERING DECEASED PARISHIONERS WHO PASSED DURING THE YEAR

In November, we remember parishioners who passed away between October 15, 2022 and October 15, 2023: Leona DeGrace, Marie Rose LeBlanc, and Philip Lefebvre. Memorial candles will be lit in all Masses for them during the month of November.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will be conducting a food drive for the Templeton Food Pantry on Saturday, November 18 in St. Martin's Church parking lot from 8 am – 12 pm. Nonperishable food items especially of a Thanksgiving theme are welcomed, as is cash or gift cards. Thank you.

### WORD OF LIFE

"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own."  
— Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities  
*"Living Radical Solidarity"*

### HIGH SCHOOL AMPLIFY NIGHT

Amplify Night will be held at Our Lady of the Lake in Leominster on Saturday, December 2 from 6-9 pm. All high school youth (9th-12th grade) are invited for a night of pizza, trivia & prizes, praise & worship music, a guest speaker, Eucharistic Adoration, and confessions! The speaker will be Oscar Rivera, nationally known Catholic youth speaker and Director of Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Fall River. It is FREE, but we do ask that you sign up so we have an estimate for food. To sign up, go to <https://neworchester.org/amplify-12-2>.

### CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS



If you wish to make an offering for our Christmas flowers and decorations an envelope is available in the vestibule. Offerings may be given in memory of loved ones whose names will appear on our Christmas Flower listing and who will have a special remembrance at Masses during our Christmas Season. We ask these offerings be returned by December 17 to allow enough time for printing. Thank you!

## ST. MARTIN'S HOLIDAY FAIR - DEC. 2 AND 3

Our Holiday Fair will be held on Dec. 2 and 3 at the American Legion Hall in Baldwinville: Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm; Sunday, 9 am to 1 pm.

Donations of hand-crafted items, or new items for the Chinese Auction, Major Prize and Match Game tables are appreciated and may be brought to the Church any Sunday, or to the Rectory on Wednesday afternoons.

### QUILT RAFFLE

Our 2023 Holiday Fair will include a quilt raffle. The quilt, in the "My Favorite Things" pattern, is on display in the vestibule. Tickets are \$3 each, or 2 for \$5, and may be purchased at any time. Take some home to see to your friends and relatives! The drawing will take place on Sunday, December 3.

### 120 CLUB

Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #12, Carol Skelton. If you'd like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

### RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

During Thanksgiving Break, Saturday, November 25 from 3-10 pm. Dinner is provided! Registration is free, donations are appreciated to help support retreat life for young people within our diocese. For more information email [mullenk@cua.edu](mailto:mullenk@cua.edu) To register, visit [www.worcestervocations.com/gratitude](http://www.worcestervocations.com/gratitude).

### 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 items for Thanksgiving baskets (canned vegetables, broth, gravy, mashed potatoes, etc); Sugar, mayonnaise, kids cereal, and Taco meal kits. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated, as the Pantry is facing difficulty in keeping the shelves stocked.**

### MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Plan now to attend the 51st annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024! Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 18 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. Cost is \$125 per seat.

Registration deadline is December 15. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. For more details and to download registration forms, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life) or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or mail [aledoux@aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org).

Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank you!

### BIBLE STUDY AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bible Study with Deacon Jim is held on Monday evenings in the hall at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville. Join us for fellowship at 6:30 followed by Bible study at 7 pm. The topic will be the Book of Isaiah. Bring your Bible with you.



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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.