

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 19, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 - Thanksgiving Day, 9 am at Holy Cross

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

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

**Sunday, November 26 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Kevin Hamilton by Steve and Barbara White**

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

November 12 weekly collection: \$442 Fuel: \$333
Second Collection this week: Campaign for Human Development

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASSES


We will have a visiting priest conducting Masses next weekend,
November 25-26, as Fr. Patrick will be away.

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for 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.

REST IN PEACE

 Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of parishioner Maryann Nurmi, who died last week, and for her family.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Plan to come to church early, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

NOVEMBER 26, 2023: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

EZEKIEL 34: 11-12, 15-17 • 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 20-26, 28 • MATTHEW 25: 31-16

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.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Thank you to all who contributed warm coats, jackets, sweatshirts, hats and gloves to our annual Coat Drive honoring our patron saint, St. Martin of Tours. More than three dozen garments for men, women and children, along with a number of new hats and gloves, were donated and will be distributed to area residents in need.

WORD OF LIFE

"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story" (respectlife.org/adoption-love-story)



2024 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

Wall calendars for 2024 are available in the vestibule. These beautiful calendars include information for all Holy Days and, feast days. The calendars are generously provided to us each year by Boucher Funeral Home in Gardner. Please feel free to take a calendar (or two) home with you.

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.

Plan to come to the Fair – shop for holiday decorations for your home and hand-crafted gifts! Enjoy coffee and pastry, or stay for lunch! Take a chance on our beautiful Theme Baskets or raffle items on the Major Prize, Chinese Auction, 50/50, or Scratch Ticket tables. Take home some goodies for your holiday table.

Invite your friends and family to stop in to support our parish — and to say hello to Santa!

Extra hands are appreciated as we set up the Fair at the Legion Hall on Friday, December 1. If you can lend a hand, please speak to Linda Columbus or Pat Gale. Baked goods are needed for our Bake Table! Please plan to create some goodies for this popular booth and bring them to the Legion.

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 #6, Vincent Tourigny.

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 Sugar, mayonnaise, and kids cereal. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated, as the Pantry is facing difficulty in keeping the shelves stocked.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

This year, Christmas Day falls on a Monday. Mass times are as follows:

Regular Schedule Masses

- Saturday, December 23 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross
- Sunday, December 24 7:45 am at Holy Cross and 9:15 am at St. Martin's
- No 10:45 am Mass

Christmas Schedule

- Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve - 4 pm at Holy Cross
- Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve - MIDNIGHT Mass at St. Martin's
- Monday, December 25, Christmas Day - 10 am at Holy Cross
- Tuesday, December 26 - NO 8 am Mass

New Year's Schedule

- Sunday, December 31 - Regular Schedule Masses (7:45, 9:15, 10:45 am)
- Monday, January 1, New Year's Day - 10 am at Holy Cross
- Tuesday, January 2 - NO 8 am Mass



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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.