

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2015



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 28 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, November 29 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, November 29 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Chester Yackowski by Janice Lefebvre**

Sunday, November 29 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

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Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, Decemer 5 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, December 6 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, December 6 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Amanda Putney by the Provonsil family**

Sunday, December 29 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$503 **Human Development:** \$127

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Thank you to all who make up their envelopes for weekends missed due to vacation, illness or inclement weather.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Paula Blanchette, Skip Brown, Trey Niles, Margaret Murdock, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Marion Gay, Anna Henrie, Anita Poirier, Bernice Leger, Anne Marie Beliveau, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, Bob Brown, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, Michelle Smith, Mason Jandris, Michael Theriault, Doug Young, Tim Wilson, Joe Barrett, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come early, and join in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each Sunday.



NEW PASTOR INSTALLATION MASS

We welcome Bishop Robert McManus to our community to install Fr. Marcin as a new pastor in the Diocese of Worcester, Nov. 28 at the 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross. A big welcome is extended also to guests and parishioners who come to celebrate this special event. All are invited to visit with the Bishop and Fr. Marcin and enjoy refreshments following this Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY

Please come and join us every first Friday of the month at Holy Cross Church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass followed by Taize prayer and worship.

6:15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 pm Mass

7:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Taize Prayer.

BABY FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

During the month of December, our CCD students sponsor a Baby Food and Clothing collection. Remembering that Jesus came to the world as a baby, we offer gifts of food, clothing, blankets and other baby items for local infants. Donations may be left in the bassinet in the vestibule of the church on any weekend.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is always in need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry. Please help our neighbors in need. The Food Pantry, located behind the American Legion Hall in Baldwinville, is open from 9 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make an offering for our Christmas Altar Flowers and decorations, envelopes for this purpose are available in the vestibule. They may be given in memory of loved ones, whose names will appear in our bulletin and who will have a special remembrance at Masses here during the Christmas Season. We ask this be done by Dec. 13, to allow print time for the Dec 20 bulletin. Thank you!

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas

Dec. 24 - 4 pm at Holy Cross

Dec. 24 - 6 pm at Holy Cross

Dec. 24 - : Midnight @ St. Martin's

Dec. 25 - : 10:00 am at Holy Cross

New Year's Day

Dec. 31 - 5:30 pm at Holy Cross

Jan. 1 - 10:00 am at St. Martin's



OUR HOLIDAY FAIR IS NEXT WEEKEND!

St. Martin's Holiday Fair will be held December 5 & 6 at the American Legion Hall in Baldwinville.

Volunteers are invited to staff booths at the fair, which will be open from 9 am - 3 pm on Saturday and 9 am - 1 pm on Sunday. It's a great opportunity to greet visitors to the fair. If you can help out for an hour or two, please speak to Linda Columbus or Pat Gale.

Be sure to invite your friends and family to visit the fair... enjoy a snack or lunch.... find wonderful holiday decorations ... and support St. Martin's!

Please plan to bake for our baked goods table at the fair! Baked goods may be brought to the Legion Hall on Friday (8 am - 1 pm), or on Saturday morning.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was: #87, Ruth Alie.

ADVENT WREATHS

Holy Cross' Youth Group, the Giorgio Crew, is selling home-made advent wreaths after Masses today. All profits will go to Catholic Relief Services to assist refugees in the Middle East.

OPLATEK – A POLISH TRADITION TO BE SHARED

Oplatek is a Polish Christmas Wafer. It is typically rectangular, and the size of a hand, embossed with a Christmas scene such as the Nativity. It is made of flour & water pressed between two engraved pieces of metal and is similar to the bread wafer used in Holy Communion.

Before sitting down to Christmas Eve dinner, many families with roots in Poland and other Central European countries will take part in a tradition dating back hundreds of years. At the start of dinner, just after grace, people take turns and break off a piece of the Oplatek, eat it and share well wishes to each other.

Oplatek will be available in the vestibule for a free will donation for those who would like to keep this tradition.

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH FAIR

St. Francis Church in Athol will hold its annual Christmas Fair and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 5th from 9am-2pm in the Church Hall. Auctions, Raffles, crafts, wreaths and more—Candy Cane Café will serve a Lithuanian meal, beef stew and hot dogs for the kids.

BIBLE STUDY IN BALDWINVILLE

Bible Study with Deacon Jim is held on Mondays in the church hall at St. Vincent de Paul in Baldwinville. Fellowship begins at 6:30 and the class starts at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend these weekly sessions.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard at 4:45 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church during the fall/winter season, or by appt.

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.