

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 15, 2015

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 14 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, November 15 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, November 15 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Christine Odiorne by Steve & Barbara White**

Sunday, November 15 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at 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 21 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, November 22 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, November 22 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Edward White by Steve & Barbara White**

Sunday, November 22 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$730 **Fuel:** \$184

Second Collection this week: Repair & Maintenance

Second Collection next week: Campaign for Human Development

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.



CHANGE IN OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Starting with the new year, St. Martin's will return to our former envelope system. Each parish family will receive a box of envelopes covering the entire calendar year, instead of bi-monthly envelope mailings. This revision was precipitated by a change in US Postal Service regulations that would have greatly increased our costs. After an informal poll of parishioners, the Finance Committee decided to revert to the "box" system. If you have used your envelopes at all during the past year, a box will automatically be prepared for you. Additional boxes will be available for new parishioners and others who would like to begin using envelopes. If you have not been receiving or using envelopes but wish to do so, please call the rectory or speak to Pat Gale after Mass.

NEW PASTOR INSTALLATION MASS

Bishop Robert McManus will come to our parish community on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at the 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross to install Fr. Marcin as pastor. It is his first appointment as a pastor in the Diocese of Worcester. Plan on attending this special occasion and visit with the Bishop and Fr. Marcin and enjoy refreshments following Mass.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next Week the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection will be taken up. This collection is used to help fight poverty in America. Twenty-five percent of the collection stays here in our diocese. We are encouraged to be generous.

DEACON RICHARD J. TATRO'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY

We extend to you our heart felt thanks for 10 great years of dedicated service here at Holy Cross and St. Martin's, and pray for many more years to come. We wish for you and your family, God's finest blessings.

CONGRATULATIONS!

WELCOMING CELEBRATION FOR NEW PARISHIONERS TODAY

Over the past several months there have been many new people who have joined our parish community. We will have a luncheon at Holy Cross after the 10:45 am Mass on November 15 to welcome these new members. All parishioners are welcome. If you are new please plan to attend, we want to get to know you. If you have been attending St. Martin's but have not signed up yet, please join us. It will be a time to ask questions and get to know who we are.

WINTER COAT DRIVE - THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous support of our Winter Coat Drive. We delivered more than a dozen children's jackets and two dozen adult coats and jackets, along with warm sweaters, hats and scarves, to the Gardner CAC for distribution to those who need warm clothes this winter.

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

HOLIDAY FAIR DONATIONS

St. Martin's Holiday Fair will be held December 5 & 6 at the American Legion Hall in Baldwinville. Donations of new items for the Chinese Auction, Major Prize Raffle and Craft Booth are appreciated and may be brought to the church on weekends or to the rectory on Wednesday afternoons from 2 - 4 pm.

Volunteers are needed to staff booths at the fair, which will be open from 9 am - 3 pm on Saturday and 9 am - 1 pm on Sunday. If you can help, please speak to Linda Columbus or Pat Gale.

Please plan to bake for our baked goods table at the fair!

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was: #53, Margaret Baczewski.

HOLY CROSS HOLIDAY FAIR

Holy Cross Holiday Fair sponsored by the Rosary Sodality, will be NEXT Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 am to 3 pm in the hall. Home-made pies, fudge and baked goods will be in Grandma's Kitchen. Basketville, Crafters Delight, Clever Hands, Santa Claus, 'Children's Only' gift room, and a Thanksgiving Basket Raffle will be featured. Lunch will be served in the Tea Room.

ADVENT WREATHS

Holy Cross' Youth Group, the Giorgio Crew, will be selling homemade advent wreaths after the Masses at Holy Cross on Nov. 28th & 29th. You can pre-order wreaths for a discounted price. All profits will go to Catholic Relief Services to assist refugees in the Middle East.

"CRS and our Church partners are helping them meet their urgent needs: adequate and safe shelter, clean water, food, hygiene, medicine, education and care for their children. In addition, CRS is trying to provide stability and the opportunity to live in dignity."

The wreaths will be made with fresh greens and will come with advent candles. There is more information at the back of the church as well as a sample wreath and order forms.

ST. PAUL CHURCH FAIR

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Gardner will hold its annual Holiday Fair on November 21. Fun and games at the Toy Chest, bargains at Attic Treasures, crafts, cookies by the pound, Chinese Auction, silent auction, Holiday Cafe, and more. Santa will visit from 11-1; bring a non-perishable food item for the Gardner CAC and you can have your picture taken with him.

FIRST CHURCH IN TEMPLETON FAIR

A Christmas Fair will be held at the First Church in Templeton, Nov. 21 from 9 am to 2 pm. Luncheon to start at 11 am. It features a Silent Auction, Quilt Raffle, Crafts, Children's Gifts, Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle and Council on Aging/Friends of the Elders.



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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.