

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 26 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, November 27 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, November 27 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Kevin Hamilton by Steve and Barbara White**

Sunday, November 27 - 10:45 am at 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

Wednesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent

Saturday, December 3 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, December 4 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, December 4 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Pepe Provonsil by the family**

Sunday, December 4 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

November 20 weekly collection: \$431 Human Development: \$57

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Philip Lefebvre, Thomas Lupaczyk, Mark Hanks, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc... and all those affected by the Corona virus.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church 30 minutes before Mass to join in praying the Rosary each Sunday.



MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or special intention, see Pat Gale after Mass or call the Rectory at 978-939-5588 and leave a message.

CCD CLASSES

Please contact Elizabeth Schroeder at hcchurchet@gmail.com or at (978) 413-8833 with any questions.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

December 4, 2022 - Second Sunday of Advent

ISAIAH 11:1-10 • ROMANS 15:4-9 • MATTHEW 3:1-12

WORD OF LIFE

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities *The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary*"

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Those of you who desire to do so, may 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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas

Dec. 24: 4:00 pm at Holy Cross

Dec. 24: Midnight at St. Martin's

Dec. 25: 10:00 am at Holy Cross

New Year's Day

Dec. 31: 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Jan. 1: 8:00 am at Holy Cross

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



This year, Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday. The weekend Masses will be altered, with the exception of Saturday, Dec. 31, which will be the regular 4:30 pm Mass.

2023 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Religious Art Calendars for 2023 are available in the vestibule. Please feel free to take one or more home with you. These calendars are graciously provided each year by Boucher Funeral Home.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to the Knights of Columbus food drive in our church parking lot last weekend. The need is great and the generosity of this community is amazing. Thanks again.

Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into.

So too, you also must be prepared, or at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." — Lk 24: 43-44





OUR HOLIDAY FAIR IS NEXT WEEKEND!

**SAT., DEC 3, 9 AM - 3 PM AND SUN., DEC. 4, 9 AM - 1 PM
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL, BALDWINVILLE**

Thank you for your donations for the theme basket and raffle donations and handcrafts for our fair next weekend.

Baked goods, jams, candies and other goodies are needed for the Sweets

Shop table, and may be brought to the Legion on Friday, during our fair set-up, or on Saturday morning. If you'd like to help setting up, we begin at 7 am on Friday and continue into the afternoon.

Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors, in person or via social media — and be sure to come to the Fair next weekend!

BABY FOOD, DIAPER & CLOTHING DRIVE

Remembering that Jesus came to us as an infant, each year our parish collects baby gifts — baby food, diapers, blankets and new clothing — to help young families in need. The donations will be delivered to the Healthy Families program at the Visiting Nurses office in Gardner in mid-December. A bassinet will be set up in the vestibule for your donations.

120 CLUB

Last Week's Winner was #92, Pat Gronroos. There are open numbers available. If you would like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

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, juice boxes, jelly, and cream style corn. Grocery store gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.** Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Pantry to help our neighbors in need.

CHRISTMAS FAIR IN ASHBURNHAM

St. Denis Parish, 85 Main St, Ashburnham, will be holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 am to 6 pm in Father Lacey Hall. Includes food booth showcasing soups, chowders, baked goods etc. There will be a scratch ticket raffle tree and other raffles and crafts. All are welcome!

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE!

Plan now to attend the 50th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023! Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 19 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. 21. Cost is \$130 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 or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or 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.



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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.