

# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 5, 2023

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, November 5 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, November 5 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Raymond Bushey by Doris Geyster**

Sunday, November 5 - 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 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

**October 29 weekly collection: \$440**

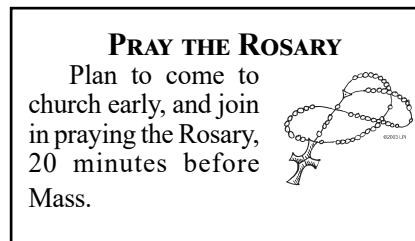
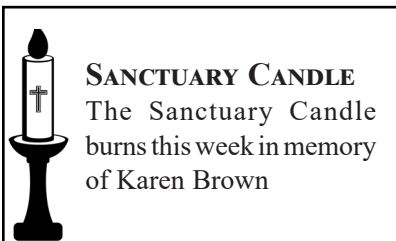
**The Second Collection This Week is for Repair & Maintenance**

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

## 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.*



## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**NOVEMBER 12, 2023: THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WISDOM 6: 12-16 • 1 THESSALONIANS 4: 13-18 OR 13-14 • MATTHEW 25: 1-13**

## 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

This Sunday, November 5, during Mass there will be a special lighting of memorial candles and reading of names for parishioners who passed away between October 15, 2022 and October 15, 2023:

Leona DeGrace  
Marie Rose LeBlanc  
Philip Lefebvre

The memorial candles will be lit in all Masses for them during the month of November.

## WORD OF LIFE

"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

*"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"*

## HIGH SCHOOL AMPLIFY NIGHT

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>.

## WINTER COAT DRIVE AT ST. MARTIN'S

Each fall, our parish collects warm coats, hats, and gloves, in remembrance of our patron saint, Martin of Tours, who is known for sharing his cloak with a poor man. A collection box is in the vestibule. The drive runs through the weekend of November 11, St. Martin's feast day.



## 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 #84, Barbara Becker. If you'd like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FINANCIAL PLANNING EVENING

The Otter River Council invites all to attend a Financial Benefit Night, Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 pm at Holy Cross Church. Please come and learn how to plan for a better financial future through Knights of Columbus Investments that are in line with your Catholic beliefs.

### 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 & RAFFLE

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.**

**A HUGE basket of goodies, including several gift cards, is being raffled by Food Pantry volunteers to benefit the Templeton Food Pantry. Pat Gale has tickets available in the vestibule for anyone interested in the raffle. Drawing will be on November 12. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.**

### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FESTIVAL

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Grove Street, Winchendon, is hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, November 11, 9:00am-7:00pm & Sunday, November 12, 9:00am-12:00pm. There will be: Theme Baskets, Silent Auction, Christmas Booth, Baked goods, Chinese Auction, Handmade items, kids' games, Money raffles, and more! Enjoy a chicken dinner with fixings on Saturday at 5:00pm, Cost is \$15 and/or for a full breakfast Sunday morning starting at 9:00am, Cost is \$8. Please come and enjoy! For more information call the rectory at 978-297-0280.



## St. Martin's Catholic Church

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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.