

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 30 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, October 1 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, October 1 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jaylin Rose Johnson by Joann and Clayton Goguen**

Sunday, October 1 - 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, October 7 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, October 8 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, October 8 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
For the victims of recent hurricanes and earthquakes**

Sunday, October 8 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly, Sept. 10: \$985 **Fuel:** \$49 **Catholic Schools:** \$105
Holy Family Academy: \$55

Second Collection This Week: Hurricane Relief - Florida/Caribbean

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 Jennie House, Christine Parfait, Dianne Murray, Gianna Howlett, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Marie Jacques, Trey Niles, Margaret Murdock, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.



Congratulations to Joseph Richard Dembek, son of Andrew and Rebekah Dembek, who was baptized at St. Martin's last Sunday. Our parish community prays for and welcomes you!

NEW EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Adoration is now held on the **1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month** from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - OCTOBER 1

Eucharistic Adoration will be held today from 12 noon to 4 pm, Respect Life Sunday, at Holy Cross Church.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

MORNING RETREAT — COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

The Commission for Women invites you to join us on Saturday, Oct. 28 at St. Mary Parish Hall, Main St., Shrewsbury. The day will begin with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. (included with the \$15 offering) and will conclude by noon. Our facilitator will be Megan Fox-Kelly, chaplain at Holy Cross College and director of the college retreat program. With Megan we will explore our search for a deepening relationship with God and our desires for our life of prayer. The registration offering may be forwarded to Pat Smith, 11 Raymond Street, Worcester, MA 01607 by October 22. Further information and a registration form may be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

There will be a bible study on the Gospel of St. Mark on Sunday mornings, from 11:45 am - 1:00 pm (during CCD) on the stage in Holy Cross Hall, from Oct. 22 to Dec. 10. It is a nice opportunity, especially for parents waiting for their children at CCD! If interested please call Mark Connery, 978-928-4750.

Bible Study with Deacon Jim is held each Monday evening at St. Vincent de Paul church hall. The topic is "Sacrifice and Praise: an Introduction to the Psalms." Join us for fellowship at 6:30 pm followed by Bible study from 7 - 8 pm.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Save the Date: Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian Marriage honors couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries (25th, 50th, etc.) this year.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION CONFERENCE

Assumption College is hosting a half-day event on Sunday, Oct 15 from Noon - 4:30 pm exploring vocations to the Religious life. For more information about the event contact Fr. Rocco Puopolo, s.x. at frocco@xaverianmissionaries.org or Sr. Natalie Cain, SSJ at ncain@ssjspringfield.com. Open to all who are involved in youth ministry, campus ministry, religious education and Catholic education.



Diary of a Little Soul — WEEK 1: October 2

The angels are celebrating because I was conceived today. I am smaller than a mustard seed, but everything that makes me a person is already here. While it is the first day of my human life, God has always had me in His heart as a part of His eternal tapestry.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you...

Jeremiah 1:5

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Knights of Columbus will have their Tootsie Roll Drive after the Masses next weekend, Oct. 7th & 8th. The proceeds go toward helping handicapped and challenged children.

HOLIDAY FAIR

It's never too early to prepare for the Holiday Fair on Dec. 2 & 3! Lists of items needed for theme baskets are posted in the vestibule. All donations welcome!

BABY BOTTLE SPARE CHANGE DRIVE

The Pro-Life Committee of Holy Cross will be conducting a baby bottle drive during the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign (Oct. 1 - Nov. 5). **Empty baby bottles will be distributed today**, to be filled with your spare change to help support the work of Care Net, a pregnancy resource center for North Central Mass. All donations will be collected at Masses on Nov. 4 & 5 and go directly to this ministry of loving women in the crisis of unplanned pregnancies.

120 CLUB

The new round of the 120 Club has begun. Last week's winner was #27, Caela Provost. There are numbers available — if you'd like to join, please call Linda Columbus at 978-939-1095.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Our annual Coat Drive in honor of Saint Martin of Tours, who as a Roman soldier cut his cloak in half and shared it with a poor person, is underway. New or gently used, clean coats for adults and children are needed. New knit hats, mittens, and gloves are also welcome. The coat drive will end on November 5, so that we can deliver the items to the Community Action Council around St. Martin's Feast Day, November 11.

OKTOBERFEST DINNER

An Oktoberfest Dinner will be held on Sat., Oct. 7, 2017 from 5 to 7 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, 10 Church St., Westminster. Cost is \$10 per Adult and \$5 Children under 12, children under 6 eat free.

“THE NOTICE ZONE”

A quick reference to “Need to Know” and upcoming Holy Cross & St. Martin Parish Events

- * 8 Week - Bible Study, Sundays 11:45 - 1 pm, beginning 10/22/17
- * Big Ticket Raffle Drawing, Holy Cross Hall, Nov. 3 @ 7 pm
- * Thursday, 2 pm, St. Martin's Craft Group at rectory. All invited.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard from 3:30 to 4:15 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church 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.