

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 8, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 14 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, October 15 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Joseph W. Bishop Jr. by Steve & Barbara White**

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

Weekly, Oct. 1: \$858 **Fuel:** \$145 **Hurricane Relief:** \$362

Second Collection Next Week: Fuel

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 978-939-5588, by emailing saintmartinchurch@mail.com, or by speaking to Pat Gale after Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

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

ROSARY FOR RESPECT LIFE

All are invited to join the Rosary Sodality in praying the Rosary for Respect Life this Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 pm in Holy Cross Church.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

October 15, 2017 — Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10A Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

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

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.

"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.



Diary of a Little Soul — WEEK 2: October 9

Although I am less than one-hundredth of an inch long, my cells are already forming into three different layers that will become my own unique body. God has also prepared my mother's body to protect me, nourish me, and give me a special place to nestle in that I will call home for the next nine months.

"Sacrifice and offerings you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me: holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in.

Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, Behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

Hebrews 10:5b-7

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Knights of Columbus will have their Tootsie Roll Drive after Mass this weekend.

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 is conducting a baby bottle drive during the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign (Oct. 1 - Nov. 5). **Empty baby bottles**, to be filled with your spare change to help support the work of Care Net, a pregnancy resource center for North Central Mass, are still available in the vestibule. Please return by Nov. 5.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #42, Lorraine Thibeault. 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.

FALL BAZAAR AT HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Visit the Fall Bazaar at Holy Rosary Church (Annunciation Parish), Gardner, on Friday, October 13 through Sunday, October 15, 11 am -7 pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FESTIVITIES

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1 Forest St., Baldwinville will have a **GIANT Indoor Flea Market** in their hall, on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8 am to 2 pm.

They will have their **Annual Meat Raffle** on Sat., Oct. 21, at the Baldwinville American Legion, 3 Central St. at 6:30 pm. You could win your holiday roasts!

Their **Harvest Fair** will be Sat. Oct. 28, from 9 am to 4 pm in the church hall, 1 Forest St., Baldwinville, followed by a Turkey Dinner at 5 pm.



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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.