

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 1, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday, October 1 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Philip Lefebvre by Russell and Carol Clark**

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

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

**Sunday, October 8 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Bradley Arsenault by Cathy Bourn**

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

September 24 weekly collection: \$395 Support Our Schools: \$34

The Second Collection Next Week is for Fuel

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

There are many opportunities for ministry to our fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the Pastor or to members of the Parish Council or the Religious Education Program.

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for 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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

St. John Paul II called the rosary his favorite prayer, "in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a Mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19)."

This month, plan to come to church early, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

OCTOBER 8, 2023: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ISAIAH 5: 1-7 • PHILIPPIANS 4: 6-9 • MATTHEW 21: 33-43

WORD OF LIFE

"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: "Radical Solidarity" (respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection)*

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – OCTOBER 22

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2023 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 marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register by October 13 so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

TENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD - TASTE OF THE DIOCESE GALA

For the past nine years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called "Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese" as a benefit for Retired Priest's Care. Our retired priests have served our parishes and parishioners for decades until they were at least 75. Some served as pastors well into their eighties before retiring. Many of our retired priests regularly fill in on weekends, cover vacations and serve in prison ministry. We appreciate their efforts and regard all our retired priests with great esteem, respect and affection. Your generous support is greatly appreciated as the proceeds help us care for our retired priests with dignity. Join us on Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School in the Gymnasium. To make a donation in memory of a deceased priest or in honor of a priest who still is serving, buy ticket(s) for Taste of the Diocese, or to get more information, visit worcesterdiocese.org or call 508-929-4366.

Jacob then made this vow: "If God remains with me, to protect me on this journey I am making and to give me enough bread to eat and clothing to wear, and I come back safe to my father's house, the Lord shall be my God. This stone that I have set up as a memorial stone shall be God's abode. Of everything you give me, I will faithfully return a tenth part to you." Genesis 28:20-22

ST. MARTIN'S CRAFT GROUP

Our parish Craft Group meets at 2 pm on Wednesday afternoons at the rectory. All women are invited to join us for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship as we create items for our Holiday Fair.

The Holiday Fair will be held on Dec. 2 and 3 at the American Legion Hall in Baldwinville. 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..

K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will be handing out tootsie rolls after Masses on the weekend of Oct. 7th & 8th. All contributions go to the Massachusetts State Council Charity Fund for the benefit of children with challenges.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #11, Janice Turski. If you'd like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN

The Fall 2023 40 Days for Life campaign runs from Sept. 27 to Nov. 5. Learn more about this effort that is saving lives and how you can participate. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/worcester.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bible Study with Deacon Jim will be held on Monday evenings in the hall at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville. Join us for fellowship at 6:30 followed by Bible study at 7 pm. The topic will be the Book of Isaiah. Bring your Bible with you.

MINI RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Commission for Women, invites all women to a Mini-Retreat, Saturday, October 28, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at St. Anne Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury. The topic, "Re-Creation," will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 am, followed by registration and coffee/pastries. A light lunch will be served. The registration fee of \$25 (checks made payable to Commission for Women) can be mailed to Pamela Ashmankas, 5 Millbury Terrace, Millbury, MA 01527, by October 20. Further information and a registration form visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women.

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 Ritz/snack crackers, mustard, relish, 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.**

HOLY ROSARY FALL BAZAAR

A Fall Bazaar will be held at Holy Rosary Church in Gardner on October 13, 14, and 15. Features include poutines, rappee, bakery & candy booth, jellies and jams, plants, meat pies, a yard sale and turkey raffle.



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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.