

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 14 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, October 15 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Jane Lempart by Pat Gale & family**

Sunday, October 15 - 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 21 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, October 22 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, October 22 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Philip Lefebvre by Cathy Bourn**

Sunday, October 22 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**October 8 weekly collection: \$781 Fuel: \$235**

**The Second Collection Next Week is for Propagation of the Faith**

### 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 22, 2023: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**ISAIAH 45: 1, 4-6 • THESSALONIANS 1: 1-5B • MATTHEW 22: 15-21**

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Echoing the call of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Bishop McManus has joined with his brother bishops in the United States in calling for a day of fasting, abstinence and prayer on Tuesday, October 17, for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land amid a rapidly escalating war between Israel and Hamas. Please consider taking some time on Tuesday to offer your own prayers for peace and, if possible, to fast or abstain in solidarity with those who are suffering in this crisis.

For the innocent victims of war in the Middle East who have died, the release of hostages, healing for all those who are injured, and hope for their loved ones. We pray to the Lord.

### WORD OF LIFE

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations." —USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "*Prayer for Radical Solidarity*" ([respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity](http://respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity))

### 10TH ANNUAL CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD-TASTE OF THE DIOCESE GALA

"Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese" is 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. 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 buy ticket(s) or to get more information, visit [worcesterdioocese.org](http://worcesterdioocese.org) or call 508-929-4366.

### 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 [w.40daysforlife.com/en/worcester](http://w.40daysforlife.com/en/worcester).

### K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE - THANK YOU!

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus want to thank everyone who so generously contributed to The Tootsie Roll Charity Drive. Your generosity will help the Knights to continue assisting children with the equipment they so desperately need. Thank you.

### 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. 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.

**Lists of items needed to fill the Theme Baskets** for the fair are posted in the vestibule. Please considering donating an item or two (or an entire basket!). Items should be brought to the church by October 29.

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.

### 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 \$2 each, or 3 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.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH - HARVEST FESTIVAL & MORE

**Meat Raffle:** Saturday, October 21, 6:00pm at the Baldwinville American Legion, 3 Central Street, Baldwinville. Come, win your holiday roast and meats. Free snacks and a cash bar will be available.

**Harvest Festival:** Saturday, October 28, 9:00am-3:00pm, at St. Vincent de Paul's Parish Hall, 1 Forest Street, Baldwinville. The Festival will feature: Theme Baskets, Chinese Auction, Lunch, Jar Deals, Country Store, a 50 ticket book of \$50 Scratch Tickets Raffle & our Major Cash Raffle. For more information on these events call, 978-939-8851.

### 120 CLUB

**Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #76, Linda Leblanc** If you'd like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Cub Scouts will have a "Drive Thru Pancake Breakfast," with pancakes, sausage, syrup on Saturday, October 21, at Holy Cross Church from 8 - 11 am. Cost is \$10.

### LIONS CLUB FOOD DRIVE

The Templeton Lions Club will hold a Food Drive to benefit the Templeton Food Pantry from 8 am to noon on Saturday, October 21 in St. Martin's parking lot. Donations of non-perishable foods, (including items like gravy, instant potatoes, canned vegetables, etc. for Thanksgiving), cash and grocery gift cards are appreciated.

### 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 items for Thanksgiving baskets (canned vegetables, broth, gravy, mashed potatoes, etc); 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.**



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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.