

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 22, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 28 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, October 29 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, October 29 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Karen Brown by Lisa & Kirk Dembek**

Sunday, October 29 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

October 15 weekly collection: \$909 Fuel: \$112

The Second Collection This 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 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.

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 29, 2023: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EXODUS 22: 20-26 • 1 THESSALONIANS 1: 5C-10 • MATTHEW 22: 34-40

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE DURING NOVEMBER

November 2 is 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

On Sunday, November 5, during Mass, there will be a special lighting of memorial candles and reading of names for all parishioners who passed away from our parish between October 15, 2022 and October 15, 2023. If you know of a parishioner who moved away and their passing was celebrated elsewhere, please call the rectory with their name before October 30, so there is enough time to prepare their candle. The memorial candles will be lit in all Masses for them during the month of November.

WORD OF LIFE

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." —
Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

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 or call 508-929-4366.

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

Saturday, October 28, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, 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 #29, Shirley Murray. 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 through Nov. 5. Learn more about this effort that is saving lives and how you can participate. Visit www.40daysfor-life.com/en/worcester.

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); 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.**

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 11 after the Narragansett craft fair.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bible Study with Deacon Jim is 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.



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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.