

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 23, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 22- 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, October 23 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, October 23 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Ruth Alie by Dan & Michelle Leonard**

Sunday, October 23 - 10:45 am at 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

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, October 29- 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, October 30 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, October 30 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Kyle Berger, birthday remembrance,
by Mike & Maggie LeBlanc**

Sunday, October 30 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

October 16 weekly collection: \$663

Second Collection This Week is for World Mission Sunday

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Philip Lefebvre, Thomas Lupaczyk, Chris Scott, Mark Hanks, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc... and all those affected by the Corona virus.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church 30 minutes before Mass to join in praying the Rosary each Sunday.



MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or special intention, see Pat Gale after Mass or call the Rectory at 978-939-5588 and leave a message.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

October 30, 2022 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

WISDOM 11:22-12:2 • 2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-2:2 • LUKE 19:1-10

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.

HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION

As per our diocese, this weekend there will be a Collection in our parish to make relief donations to assist Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services in their efforts in Florida and the Caribbean. The diocesan website also has a secure online donation portal for credit card donations. For more information visit worcesterdiocese.org and click on the banner for Hurricane Relief.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

The Rosary For Life will be prayed on Wednesdays at 7:30 am before the 8 am Mass, during the Month of October at Holy Cross Church. All are welcome!

PAST YEAR'S DECEASED PARISHIONERS

On the weekend of November 5, we shall have a special lighting of memorial candles and reading of names of all parishioners who died from our parish between October 15, 2021 and October 15, 2022. We also want to include the former parishioners who moved to other places and died there between the same dates. So, if you know of someone who was not buried from our parish but was a parishioner, please call the rectory by October 26 so that we can have their names in time to prepare candles for them as well. The memorial candles will be lit in all Masses for them throughout the month of November.

ALL SAINTS PROCESSION - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

The parishioners and clergy of St. John's in Clinton have invited all of us to share in the joy of the annual procession. Gather at St. John's Church, 80 Union St., Clinton by the Blessed Virgin Mary statue by 3 pm. See the poster in the vestibule for more information.

And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" — Lk 18: 513a, 13c-14



WINTER COAT DRIVE

Our annual parish Winter Coat Drive is under way and will conclude on November 11, the Feast Day of our patron saint, Martin of Tours, who is known for cutting his cloak in half and sharing it with a poor man. That night, he dreamed that Jesus himself was clothed with the torn cloak. When he awoke, the garment was restored. Donations of coats and hats for children and adults can be left in the collection box in the vestibule any Sunday.

BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER

We know Mary the mother of Jesus by many names: Blessed Mother, Ever Virgin, Mother of God and more. Fr. Thiago Ibiapina will present a reflection of what they reveal to us about her and her relationship with her Son, at Annunciation Parish Hall, Nichols Street, Gardner, Thurs. Oct. 27, at 6:30 pm.

120 CLUB

Last Week's Winner was #10, Jeff Collins. There are open numbers available. If you would like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY: THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Templeton Food Pantry is collecting items for its **Thanksgiving Outreach**. Foods needed include frozen turkeys, boxed stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, pickles, olives, quick bread mix.

Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include salad dressing, jelly, kids' cereal, and mayonnaise. Grocery store gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.** Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Pantry to help our neighbors in need. The Templeton Food Pantry is located at the rear of the Templeton Senior Community Center, off Bridge Street in Baldwinville.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH EVENTS

A small "Harvest Festival" with Theme Baskets, a Silent & Chinese Auctions & Major Raffle will be next Saturday, October 29, from 9 am - 3 pm in the parish hall at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville.

DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY

All high school youth (grades 9-12) are invited to join us on Sunday, November 20, 2022 from 1-6pm at Anna Maria College! Join hundreds of other young people from across the Diocese of Worcester for a day of amazing music, inspiring talks, fun games & prizes, and Mass with Bishop McManus.

Guest speaker will be well known Catholic Speaker Chika Anyanwu! All youth should attend with a group. Groups can be any size but each group must have AT LEAST 1 adult for every 8 youth. Cost for the day is \$15/person (youth AND adults). For info: neworchester.org/diocesan-high-school-youth-rally.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FESTIVAL

Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Winchendon will hold its Fall Festival on Saturday & Sunday, November 12th and 13th. It will include raffles, Chinese Auction, Christmas Booth, Baked goodies, and Silent Auction.



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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.