

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 29, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 - All Saints Day - 8 am and 7 pm at Holy Cross,
Noon at St. Martin's

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

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

Sunday, November 5 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, November 5 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Raymond Bushey by Doris Geyster

Sunday, November 5 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

October 22 weekly collection: \$479 Propagation of Faith: \$77

The Second Collection Next Week is for Repair & Maintenance

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.



REST IN PEACE

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Karen Brown, mother of parishioner Lisa Dembek, and for her family.

PRAY THE ROSARY

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



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.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

NOVEMBER 5, 2023: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MALACHI 1: 14B-2:2B, 8-20 • 1 THESSALONIANS 2: 7B-9, 13 • MATTHEW 23: 1-12



WILL YOU NOT SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME?

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on last Tuesday of the Month, October 31, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. All are welcome to come and spend an hour of prayer.

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

"Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because 'remaining' by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"*

RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

During Thanksgiving Break, Saturday, November 25 from 3-10 pm. Dinner is provided! Registration is free, donations are appreciated to help support retreat life for young people within our diocese. For more information email mullenk@cua.edu To register, visit www.worcestervocations.com/gratitude.

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.

Our parish Craft Group meets at 2 pm on Wednesdays 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 \$3 each, or 2 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.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #18, Maria Tourigny. If you'd like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FINANCIAL PLANNING EVENING

The Otter River Council invites all to attend a Financial Benefit Night, Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 pm at Holy Cross Church. Please come and learn how to plan for a better financial future through Knights of Columbus Investments that are in line with your Catholic beliefs.

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Plan now to attend the 51st annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 19, 2024! For more details and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or mail aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org. Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank you!

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 12. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

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.