

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 8, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 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

**October 1 weekly collection: \$451**

**The Second Collection This 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 15, 2023: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ISAIAH 25: 6-10A • PHILIPPIANS 4: 12-14, 19-20 • MATTHEW 22: 1-14 OR 1-10**

### WORD OF LIFE

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [uscgb.org/end-of-life-care](http://uscgb.org/end-of-life-care)." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End*

### 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](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass), or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org) to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

### 10TH 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](http://worcesterdiocese.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 [www.40daysforlife.com/en/worcester](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/worcester).

*Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done and it is wonderful in our eyes?" — Mt 21: 41-42*



### 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 Nov 5.

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.

### K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

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.

### WINTER COAT DRIVE

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.

### 120 CLUB

**Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #96, Tom Farrell.** If you'd like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

### 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 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 at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women).

### 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 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.