

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 9 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 10 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 10 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
George Murdock by Barbara and Steve White**

Sunday, September 10 - 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, September 16 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 17 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 17 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Julia Blauvelt by Pat Gale**

Sunday, September 17 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

September 3 weekly collection: \$591

Second Collection This Week is for Fuel

Special Collection Next Week for parish religious education

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel... -Ezekiel 33:7
Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or a special intention, please see Pat Gale after Mass or call the Rectory at 978-939-5588. The requested offering for a Mass is \$10.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIRACH 27: 30-28:7 • ROMANS 14: 7-9 • MATTHEW 18: 21-35

WORD OF LIFE

"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God." — USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN NEXT WEEK

In-person classes start September 17 and will be held every Sunday from 7:45 to 9:15am, including the 7:45am Mass. For more information, contact Elizabeth Schroeder, Coordinator, by phone: 978.413.8833 or email: hcchurchet@gmail.com. We are truly grateful for our coordinator, teachers, and office help!

There will be a special collection in support of our Parish Religious Education Program, next week. Please be most generous in support of this important ministry of our parish community. Thank you.

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER

"Male & Female, He Created Them," is the theme of the upcoming Worcester Catholic Women's Conference. The conference will take place Oct. 7, at St. Joseph School in Webster. The highlights of the event include five Catholic speakers, time for confession, celebration of the Eucharist, and opportunities to join in fellowship and make new friends, according to conference organizers. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. For more info and to register, visit the website at: www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969.

PASTORAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities for ministry to our church and fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the pastor.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Where two or three are gathered in My name ..." The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or email: dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" Mt 18: 15-16



ST. MARTIN'S CRAFT GROUP

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. Got ideas, patterns, or samples? Bring them and let's see what we can create!

120 CLUB

The first weekly winner of the current round of the 120 Club was #80, Kathy Rupp. If you'd like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

What is the 120 Club? For those of you unfamiliar with this parish fund-raiser: Purchase of a \$20 ticket enters you in 20 weekly drawings of \$20 — and the final "Big Drawing" with nine prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500!!

FREE CONCERT ON TEMPLETON COMMON - SEPTEMBER 17

A free concert featuring "Strictly Overtime" will be held on Templeton Common from 2 to 4 pm on Sunday, September 17. The band performs classic rock, pop and contemporary country music. The concert is funded by a grant from the Templeton Cultural Council.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

There will be a Public Square Rosary at noon on Saturday, October 14, at the Uptown Common, Main Street, Athol. For more information please call Cora at 978-249-9569 or 978-857-8306.

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 ranch dressing, sugar, mayonnaise, kids cereal, applesauce, Taco meal kits, and toothpaste. Gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.**

ADORATION CHAPEL SCHEDULE IN GARDNER

A Eucharist Adoration Chapel located in the new parish center at Holy Rosary Church opened in mid August. We are looking for adorers to answer God's call. Please come and spend an hour with Christ and obtain God's extraordinary blessings. You have the opportunity to participate in His friendship by being an adorer for one hour each week. The Adoration Chapel will be opened on Wednesdays 6 am to 8 pm, Thursdays and Fridays 8 am to 8 pm. Please email Maryann Lindgren at calltoadoration@aol.com or call *82-508-341-9132 if you are interested.

ST. DENIS FALL FAIR

St. Denis Parish in Ashburnham will hold its Fall Fair on September 30, coinciding with the Ashburnham Downtown Days celebration. The event includes crafts, attic treasures, baked goods, harvest bounty, raffles and a lottery tree.

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.



St. Martin's Catholic Church

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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.