

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 15, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 14 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 15 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

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

Sunday, September 15 - 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 de Paul

Thursday, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, September 21 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 22 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 22 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Philip Lefebvre by Robert Lis**

Sunday, September 22 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

September 8 weekly collection: \$605 Fuel: \$612

We are currently updating our Envelope List for 2025. If you do not currently receive envelopes but wish to receive a boxed set for 2025, please speak to Pat Gale or call the rectory at 978-939-5588 by September 30.

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Dino Poudrette, John DeMalia, Barbara White, Jim O'Malley, Jennifer Strong, Jason Hamel, Diane Lupaczyk, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Anne Marie Beliveau, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, and Donald Leblanc.

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

PRAY THE ROSARY

Plan to come to church early, and join in praying the Rosary, 30 minutes before Mass.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WISDOM 2:12, 17-20 (134B) • AMES 3:16-4:3 • MARK 9:30-37

WORD OF LIFE

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)." — *NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"*



WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Register Now! All women are invited to this exciting Conference, "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster on Saturday, October 5. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

PRO-LIFE MORNING OF REFLECTION

All are invited to attend A Morning for Life on Saturday, September 28, 9:30am-1:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High Street, Worcester. Monsignor James Moroney will offer a reflection on "Cain and his brother Abel: Reflections on Why We Kill the Innocent". The day will include Mass and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.

"BIOETHICS OFFICE HOURS"

A new monthly online study series! Join us for one-hour, a lunchtime discussion forum on the third Wednesday every month (September-June), 12:30-1:30pm beginning September 18. Sessions will explore particular issues in bioethics important to Catholics. Discussions will be based on select articles from renowned bioethicist Fr. Tad Pacholczyk's "Making Sense of Bioethics" column. Pre-registration is required to receive materials and login links. To register, send an email to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org with subject line "Bioethics Office Hours Registration". Please provide your name, email address, and parish in the body of the email. For more information visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life.

ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

Interested in making new friends, learning more about your Catholic faith, and growing in a closer relationship with Jesus? If so, check out the diocesan middle school discipleship team! All middle schoolers (6th-8th Grade) are invited to join us for this amazing opportunity! Deadline for registration is October 1st. For more info. please email Heather at youthminister@stedwardconf.org

.120 CLUB

A new round of the 120 Club has begun. The first weekly winner was \$96, Tom Farrell. There are open numbers. If you'd like to join, please speak to Linda Columbus.



KOF C FOOD DRIVE NEXT SATURDAY

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a food drive on Saturday September 21st at St. Martins Church parking lot, 248 State Rd. in Otter River from 8am until Noon. Please stop by with non perishable food items, cleaning supplies, cash or gift cards. All proceeds are for The Templeton Food Pantry. Thanks.

Wondering what to donate? A list of "always needed" items is available in the vestibule.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include canned corn, canned chicken, instant mashed potatoes, Tuna or Hamburger Helper, and jam/jelly. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated, as the Pantry is facing difficulty in keeping the shelves stocked.**

The Pantry, on Senior Drive in Baldwinville, is open on Tuesdays from 9 am to noon; Thursdays from noon to 3 and 5 to 7 pm; and Saturdays from 10 am to noon, to assist members of our Templeton community.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34) Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

ST. DENIS FALL FESTIVAL

St. Denis parish in Ashburnham will hold its Fall Festival next Saturday September 21, from 10 am to 4 pm. For early risers, the Attic Treasures will open at 7:30 am.

THE LEGION OF MARY

What is the Legion of Mary? The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with about 3 million active members in over 160 countries around the world. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. These members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer, the sacraments, and devotion to Mary & the Holy Trinity with service in a family atmosphere.

To learn more about the Legion of Mary, the first step is to be a guest at a local meeting. In our area, we meet at Holy Rosary Parish in Gardner on Friday mornings from 10 to 11:30 am. For information: Beth Rochon at 908-425-5556.



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Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm and anytime by 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.