

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 23 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 24 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 24 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Joyce Hanks and Ruth Alie by the family**

Sunday, September 24 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

September 10 weekly collection: \$554 Fuel: \$341

Second Collection This Week is for parish religious education

Second Collection next week is for Diocesan schools

No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you. —Deuteronomy 16:16-17

As we embark on this new fiscal year, we ask everyone to humbly pray to God in helping St. Martin's meet its needs. We wish to thank each and everyone of you for your continued and ongoing support of our Parish. Blessings to you all.

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church early on Sundays, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ISAIAH 55: 6-9 • PHILIPPIANS 1: 20C-24, 27A • MATTHEW 20: 1-16A

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)” — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion”*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN THIS 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!

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 no later than October 13 so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

COOKOUT THANK YOU!

Just a word of thanks to all you who participated in the cookout on Sunday, September 10. Thank you cooks, helpers, and food donators. A special shout out to Becky Worden for organizing this event.

VOCATION REFLECTION

“...therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.” Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or email: dinfante@saint-paulknights.org.

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” — Mt 18: 21-22



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

Last week's winner of the current round of the 120 Club was #26, Sara Welch. 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 THIS 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 Ritz/snack crackers, ranch dressing, sugar, mayonnaise, kids cereal, applesauce, and Taco meal kits. Gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.**

ADORATION CHAPEL SCHEDULE IN GARDNER

A Eucharist Adoration Chapel located 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.



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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.