

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 30 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, October 1 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, October 1 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Philip Lefebvre by Russell and Carol Clark**

Sunday, October 1 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**September 17 weekly collection: \$959 Religious Education: \$52
Second Collection this week is for Diocesan schools**

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Tuesday, September 26, at 7 pm in Holy Cross Church.. All are invited to spend a quiet hour with our Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

OCTOBER 1, 2023: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EZEKIEL 18: 25-28 • PHILIPPIANS 2: 1-11 OR 1-5 • MATTHEW 21: 28-32

WORD OF LIFE

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’” — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Every Suicide is Tragic”*

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.

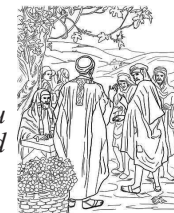
MINI RETREAT FOR WOMEN

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 topic, “Re-Creation,” will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 am, followed by registration and coffee/pastries. A light lunch will be served. 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 and a registration form visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women.

DISCERNING A LATER VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

Is God calling you to be a priest? If you are 30-60, you may be surprised! Every month Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston hosts visits for men for whom priesthood is a later vocation. The next visit is October 6. Join the seminary community either virtually or in person for prayer and fellowship, holy hour and evening prayer. In person visits also include dinner with the seminarians and a tour of the seminary. To sign-up or receive more information, please contact Msgr. William Fay at 781-899-5500 ext. 134 or msgr.fay@psjs.edu.

“...am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” — Mt 20: 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!

The 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..

120 CLUB

Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #5, Zach & Anthony Collins. If you'd like to join this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus.

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.



BIBLE STUDY AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bible Study with Deacon Jim will be 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.

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 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.