

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 6, 2015

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 5 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, September 6 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 6 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jennie Sunderland by Steve & Barbara White**

Sunday, September 6 - 10:45 am, 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 12 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, September 13 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 13 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
George Murdock by the family**

Sunday, September 13 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$757

Second Collection Next Week is for Fuel

Thank you to all who make up their envelopes for weekends missed due to vacation, illness or inclement weather.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for William Lempart, Skip Brown, Trey Niles, Margaret Murdock, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Marion Gay, Anna Henrie, Anita Poirier, Bernice Leger, Anne Marie Beliveau, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, Diane Lupaczyk, Chet Yackowski, Bob Brown, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, Michelle Smith, Mason Jandris, Michael Theriault, Doug Young, Tim Wilson, Joe Barrett, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Join in praying the Rosary, starting 20 minutes before Mass on Sundays. Don't have a rosary? Extras are available in the vestibule.



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 18 at 3 pm 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, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family & friends are welcome!

Couples wishing to attend should pre-register by October 13 so that a commemorative certificate 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 to request copy by mail.

WORD OF LIFE

"Life on earth...remains a sacred reality entrusted to us, to be preserved with a sense of responsibility and brought to perfection in love and in the gift of ourselves to God and to our brothers and sisters. *Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 2*

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the rectory when someone is confined to home, in a nursing home, in the hospital, or in need of prayers. Arrangements can be made for Communion or a visit. Please pray for all those who are sick.

DAY OF RENEWAL

A Day of Renewal open to anyone 18 years old and over will be held on Saturday, Oct 3 from 10 am – 3 pm sponsored by the Worcester County Cursillo. Presenters include Bishop McManus, Bryan Mercier and Fr. Bob Grattaroti. Tickets are \$15 until Sept. 21 (\$20 after that date) and the day includes lunch, music, raffles and door prizes. It will be held at the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Center, 24 Mulberry St., Worcester. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Dave Tittle at 508-248-5555 or email dtsoulseeker@gmail.com.

HOLY CROSS OFFICE HOURS

Holy Cross Parish office hours will now be Mon. - Weds., 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Feel free to send emails or leave phone messages with issues or questions whenever they are on your mind and they will be answered when the office is open. As always if there is an emergency, call anytime!

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Every Wednesday all are welcome to the 8 am Mass at Holy Cross; a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help will follow. If you have any intentions to pray for, print them on a piece of paper and put them in the basket in front of the Statue of Mary in the back of the church, and these intentions will be prayed for at no cost.

"He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

HOLY CROSS FAMILY FESTIVAL

Tom's Famous Chicken BBQ will be served from noon to 2 pm at the Holy Cross Family Festival NEXT Sunday, September 13. The festival is a family fun day with lots of games for the kids, running from 11 am to 3 pm at the Otter River Sportsman's Club. Family games, our great Bake Table, Chinese auction, 50/50 and so much more. Bring the family and friends.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is in constant need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry. Personal care items like toothpaste, shampoo, etc., are also appreciated. Please help our neighbors in need. The Food Pantry, located in Baldwinville behind the American Legion, is open from 9 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is no longer open on Saturdays. Garden produce is also welcome at the Pantry!

THINK COOL!

It still feels like summer — but the Craft Group is thinking winter! The group meets every Wednesday afternoon to make snowmen and other “cool” projects for the Holiday Fair. All ladies of the parish are invited to join in these weekly work sessions. Craft experience is not needed, but your ideas are always welcome! Stop by the rectory on any Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm.

120 CLUB

The new round of the 120 Club, benefitting the Parish Improvement Fund, has begun. Last week's winner was: #77 Diane Lupaczyk. There are open numbers. If you'd like to join this round of the 120 Club, speak to Linda Columbus.

ST. EDWARD'S FALL FESTIVAL

St. Edward's Parish, Church Street in Westminster, will hold its Fall Festival on Saturday, September 19th, from 10 am to 7 pm. The Festival features abundant food, games for children and adults, a large “Attics Treasures” flea market, cash raffle, silent auction, specialty booths, entertainment and many locally produced craft items. Plenty of parking. Early Bird to Attic Treasures: get in a half hour before the crowd for \$5 per person.

250TH CELEBRATION

The town of Royalston will hold its 250th Celebration Weekend September 11-13: Friday, 5:30–11 pm; Saturday, 9 am–10 pm; Sunday, 9 am–5pm. Craft and art shows, guided tours of the common, music, old-fashioned town pageant, traditional games, helicopter rides and more! Parade at 1 pm on Saturday, fireworks at 9:15 pm Saturday.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Are you new to our parish? Have you recently moved? We ask that anyone over 18 formally register in the parish. Registration is necessary if you are asked to be a sponsor or Godparent, to track donations, and to receive new Sacraments. Registration forms are available in the vestibule.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard at 4:45 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church during the fall/winter season, or by appt.

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.