

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 16 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, September 17 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
George Murdock by Steve & Barbara White**

Sunday, September 17 - 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 23 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, September 24 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Gloria Tousignant by Ken Horgan**

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

Weekly, Sept. 10: \$646 **Hurricane Relief:** \$290 **Fuel:** \$25
Sanctuary Candles: \$40 **Religious Ed:** \$10

Second Collection this week is for Fuel

Second Collection Next Week: Diocesan Collection for Schools

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 Jennie House, Dianne Murray, Gianna Howlett, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Marie Jacques, Trey Niles, Margaret Murdock, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 978-939-5588, by emailing saintmartinchurch@mail.com, or by speaking to Pat Gale after Mass.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come early, and join in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each Sunday.

NEW EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Starting this month of September, 2017, there is a change in the Eucharistic Adoration devotion schedule. The Adoration is now changed from every Monday of the month to the **1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month**. The time remains the same, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

I deeply hope that, as a Faith community which seeks to unshakably grow in union with our Lord Jesus Christ, this adjusted Eucharistic Adoration schedule will give many of us an ease to comfortably schedule ourselves to attend Adoration on at least one of the two designated Tuesdays of every month. — *Fr. Patrick*

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - OCTOBER 1

Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 12 noon to 4 pm on Sunday, October 1, Respect Life Sunday. Please see sign up sheet and join in prayer during this "40 Days for Life" Fall Campaign.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

September 24, 2017 — Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20C-24,27A Matthew 18:21-35

RCIA SESSIONS

RCIA sessions (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin this month. If you, or someone you know, is not a Christian yet or is a member of another Church but wants to become a Christian in the Catholic Church — or is baptized in the Catholic Church but has not yet received the sacrament of Eucharist and/or Confirmation — please advise them to register by calling the rectory or Steve Schroeder at 603-831-6173. We shall be happy to accompany them on the journey of faith, beginning in September.

TV STANDS NEEDED FOR CCD PROGRAM

Thank you so much for your quick response for our CCD Program needs. At this time all that is needed are 2 Stands with rollers or casters for the TV & DVD players. Anyone who is able to donate this and/or their time in setting this up is asked to please call our upper grades religious coordinator, Elizabeth Schroeder 978-413-8833. Thank You!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Save the Date: Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. 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 celebrating significant anniversaries (25th, 50th, etc.) this year. Watch upcoming bulletins for details.

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

CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC FAMILIES OF BETHLEHEM

Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be here next weekend to sell Crucifixes, religious artwork and rosaries made of olive wood. Sale of these items will help those who depend on tourism for their livelihood., since tourism there has not been very good.

ST. MARTIN'S CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group is back at work, creating items for the Holiday Fair (to be held December 2 & 3 at American Legion Hall, Baldwinville). All women of the parish are invited to join these informal crafting sessions at **2 pm on Thursdays at the Rectory**. Crafting experience is not required! Your ideas for hand-crafted holiday decorations, ornaments, etc, are welcome and appreciated!

HOLY CROSS FAMILY FESTIVAL & BBQ TODAY

This Sunday, September 17, is the the Holy Cross Family Festival and Chicken BBQ at the Otter River Sportsman's Club. The festival will run from 11 am to 3 pm. Tom's Famous Chicken will be served from 12-2 pm.

NEW 120 CLUB HAS BEGUN

The new round of the 120 Club has begun. Last week's winner was #81, Carol Clark. There are numbers available — if you'd like to join, please call Linda Columbus at 978-939-1095.

FUNERAL PLANNING PROGRAM

All are invited to attend three free informational sessions on planning a funeral to be held on consecutive Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 27 at the Faith Lutheran Church, 627 Green St. Gardner. Each session will be held at 12:30 pm and repeated at 6 pm. Sept. 27 - "Funeral Planning" with Doug Stone, with Stone-Ladeau Funeral Home; Oct. 4 - "Planning My Church Funeral" with Pastor Joe McGarry, Faith Lutheran Church; Oct. 11 - "Writing My Obituary" with Sister Virginia Strahan. For more information, call Gail Noel 978-939-8519.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

On September 23, we begin our annual Coat Drive in honor of Saint Martin of Tours, who as a Roman soldier cut his cloak in half and shared it with a poor person. New or gently used, clean coats for adults and children are needed. New knit hats, mittens, and gloves are also welcome. The coat drive will end on November 5, so that we can deliver the items to the Community Action Council around St. Martin's Feast Day, November 11.

"THE NOTICE ZONE"

A quick reference to "Need to Know" and upcoming Holy Cross & St. Martin Parish Events

- * Olive wood religious items on sale after masses next weekend
- * RCIA sessions to begin soon. Please call Holy Cross rectory for info
- * Respect Life Sunday, Oct 1 Eucharistic Adoration 12-4 pm at Holy Cross
- * Holy Cross Family Festival & BBQ, today, Sept. 17, 11 am to 3 pm



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard from 3:30 to 4:15 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church 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.