

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 30 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, October 1 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jaylin Rose Johnson by Joann and Clayton Goguen**

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

Weekly, Sept. 10: \$797 Fuel: \$89 Sanctuary Candles: \$18

Second Collection This Week: Diocesan Collection for Schools

Next Week: Hurricane Relief - Florida & Caribbean

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, Christine Parfait, 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.

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...

October 1, 2017 — Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

RCIA SESSIONS

RCIA sessions (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin soon. 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.

HURRICANE RELIEF - FLORIDA & CARIBBEAN

Please keep the people of Florida and the Caribbean in your prayers in the weeks and months ahead as we ask God to extend comfort to those who lost loved ones, and all those whose lives have been shattered by Hurricane Irma. In order to assist the humanitarian and recovery efforts through Catholic Charities and the parishes in the area, we will take up a second collection on Sunday, October 1.

DIARY OF A LITTLE SOUL

Diary of a Little Soul is a 38-week program that follows the captivating miracle and mystery of the creation of human life. Told in a weekly diary format from the perspective of the developing baby, the "Little Soul" engages the reader with his fascination of his own growth in the womb. Readers follow along as he marvels at the unfolding of his tiny, intricate body as he learns to feel, smell, taste, hear, and see. This unique parish program was prayerfully created by a pro-life team from St. Patrick Catholic Church in Jaffrey, New Hampshire. Supported by corresponding scripture quotes for each entry, the "Little Soul" delightfully conveys the truth that every child conceived is a gift from God.

The diary notice will be included in our parish bulletin beginning the 1st weekend in October for the next 38 weeks and conclude on Father's Day.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, BALDWINVILLE

Bible Study with Deacon Jim will open with a "Welcome Meal" at 6 pm on Monday, Sept. 25 at St. Vincent de Paul church hall. The topic is "Sacrifice and Praise: an Introduction to the Psalms. Join us on Mondays with fellowship at 6:30 pm followed by Bible study from 7 - 8 pm.

CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC FAMILIES OF BETHLEHEM

Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be here this 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!

BABY BOTTLE SPARE CHANGE DRIVE

The Pro-Life Committee of Holy Cross will be conducting a baby bottle drive during the Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign (Oct. 1 - Nov. 5). Empty baby bottles will be distributed next weekend, to be filled with your spare change to help support the work of Care Net, a pregnancy resource center for North Central Mass. All donations will be collected at Masses on Nov. 4 & 5 and go directly to this ministry of loving women in the crisis of unplanned pregnancies. Our mission is to love them with gentle compassion and understanding.

120 CLUB

The new round of the 120 Club has begun. Last week's winner was #69, Bob Columbus. There are numbers available — if you'd like to join, please call Linda Columbus at 978-939-1095.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE FAIR

Our Lady Immaculate church will hold its fall fair from 9 am - 3 pm on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Athol/Orange Elks Club. Raffles, baked goods, fudge, lunch and more will be available.

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

This week, 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.

OKTOBERFEST DINNER

An Oktoberfest Dinner will be held on Sat., Oct. 7, 2017 from 5 to 7 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, 10 Church St., Westminster. Cost is \$10 per Adult and \$5 Children under 12, children under 6 eat free.

"THE NOTICE ZONE"

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

*RCIA sessions to begin soon. Please call rectory for more info

*Respect Life Sunday, Oct 1 Eucharistic Adoration 12-4 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.