

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 2 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, September 3 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 3 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Darrick and Rebecca Boale by daughter, Julia Boale**

Sunday, September 3 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Wednesday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Saturday, September 9 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, September 10 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 10 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Leon Konstantynowicz by our parish family**

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

Weekly, August 27: \$760 Fuel: \$144 African Mission: \$584
Second Collection this week: Parish Religious Education
Second collection next week: Hurricane Harvey

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.



HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

In order to assist in the humanitarian and recovery efforts related to Hurricane Harvey through Catholic Charities and the many parishes in the affected area, **Bishop McManus has asked that a second collection be taken up next weekend.**

“We join our efforts with many thousands of Catholics around the country who are being asked to demonstrate that those impacted by the storm are not forgotten,” the Bishop said. “We are called by faith to bring hope to those in need. This is an immediate opportunity to thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on us by sharing our blessings with others less fortunate than ourselves.

“Please keep the people of the Gulf Coast in your prayers in the weeks and months ahead as we ask God to extend comfort and hope to those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, and all those whose lives have been shattered by this storm.”

NEW EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

My Dear Spiritual Family at Holy Cross Parish and St. Martin Mission,

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 at least on one of the two designated Tuesdays of every month.

Yes, for one reason or another, each one of us has a busy weekly schedule. But may each one of us endeavor to spare some time for at least one more day in a month, besides the regular weekend Sunday Masses, to show our God that we are really dedicated to Him.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, may this new Eucharistic Adoration schedule help us to show that without God we can do nothing on our own.

Your loving pastor,

Fr. Patrick Szebyala

CCD CLASSES START NEXT WEEK

Religious Education Forms can be found in the vestibule for those who have not registered yet. Please return forms with registration fee of \$25 per child/ \$40 per family, as soon as possible. Please note that there will be a parent meeting during CCD classes with students in grades K-5 after the 7:45 am Mass at Holy Cross Church, and grades 6-11 after the 10:45 am Mass on the first day of classes, September 10.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

September 10, 2017 — Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9 • Romans 13:8-10 • Matthew 18:15-20

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

Save the date — September 17 — for 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.

BBQ tickets are on sale in the vestibule after Mass: \$9 for 1/2 Chicken Adult meal and \$7.50 for 1/4 Chicken, child's meal.

ST. EDWARD FALL FESTIVAL

St. Edward the Confessor Parish, 10 Church St, Westminster will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 am to 6 pm on the church grounds. The festival features abundant food, games for children and adults, a large "Attic Treasures" flea market, cash raffle, silent auction, specialty booths, and more. Plenty of free parking. Early Bird to Attic Treasures – get in a half hour before the crowd for \$5.00 per person.

NEW 120 CLUB HAS BEGUN

The new round of the 120 Club has begun. The first week's winner was #102, Sylvia Erickson. There are numbers available — if you'd like to join, please call Linda Columbus at 978-939-1095. If you have had a ticket in the past but do not want to keep it, please let Linda know.

EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION

EWTN Global Catholic Network invites all to the Family Celebration at the DCU Convention Center, Worcester, Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 9 & 10 for an inspiring weekend for your entire family. Admission is free. See www.ewtn.com/familycelebration for more information.

MASS OF ANOINTING

A Mass of Anointing will take place at 2 pm on Sunday, September 10 at Holy Rosary Church, 105 Nichols St., Gardner. All are welcome.

"THE NOTICE ZONE"

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

- * CCD Sign-up — see registration forms in the vestibule
- * CCD begins *next week*, Sept. 10, 2017, NEEDED: 3 TVs, DVD players, TV Stands on rollers & technical setup help
- * Opening Meeting for new year for Holy Cross Rosary Sodality, Sept. 12, new members welcome
- * Holy Cross Family Festival & BBQ, Sept. 17, 11 am to 3 pm
- * RCIA sessions to begin soon. Please call rectory for more info



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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.