

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 2016

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 3 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, September 4 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 4 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jeanette Hallock by parishioners**

Sunday, September 4 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - No Mass 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 10 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, September 11 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 11 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
George Murdock, 20th anniversary, by Barbara & Steve White**

Sunday, September 11 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$816 **Religious Education:** \$174

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 Bob Young, 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, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, 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

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



RESPECT LIFE

“God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world... Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign.” ~ Pope Francis, “Prayer of Remembrance”

CCD CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Religious Education Forms can be found in the vestibule for those of you 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, and grades 6-11 after the 10:45 am Mass of the first day of classes, September 11.

ASSISTANTS STILL NEEDED FOR GRADES 1, 3 & 4

Please consider helping out with this most important ministry, to teach our young ones. If interested please call Sandie, 978-939-8227.

RCIA- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Have you received all the sacraments of the Catholic Church? Are you interested in knowing more about what it takes to become Catholic? Do you know someone who might be interested? Do you want to know more about the teachings of the Catholic Church? Inquiry sessions are planned to begin soon after Sept. 19 to address these or other questions you may have. Come to the first few classes to see if it is for you! Call Stephen and/or Chris Schroeder, 978-410-5925 for information or to sign up.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, SEPTEMBER 6

The Knights of Columbus, Otter River Council will begin their monthly meetings, the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, in the hall. All men age 18 and over are invited to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or any special intention, call the rectory at 978-939-5588 and leave a message, or speak to Pat Gale after Mass.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the rectory when someone is moving to a nursing home, is confined to home or in need of prayers. Arrangements can be made to visit or take communion to the homebound. If you know someone who is going to be hospitalized, please call the rectory. The hospitals can not call the churches, so it is hard for us to know you are there. We continue to pray for all those who are sick and unable to attend Mass.

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Lk 14: 28, 33

NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Every Wednesday all are welcome to the 8 am Mass at Holy Cross Church and 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.

120 CLUB

Week Three winner was #80, Kathy Rupp. There are open numbers; if you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus.

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets at the rectory at 2 pm on Wednesdays to create items for St. Martin's Holiday Fair. All women are invited to attend. Crafting skill is not needed, but your ideas are always welcome!

HOLY CROSS FAMILY FESTIVAL

Save the date: September 18 - Holy Cross Family Festival and Chicken BBQ from 11 am to 3 pm. Fun for the whole family. Tom's Famous Chicken will be served from 12-2 pm. Tickets are now available. Adults tickets are \$9 and children are \$7.

ST. EDWARD'S FALL FESTIVAL

St. Edward the Confessor parish in Westminster will hold its Fall Festival on Saturday, September 17 from 10 am - 6 pm on the church grounds. Food, games, cash and basket raffles, auctions, crafts, baked goods and more. Early Bid Attic Treasures: Get in 30 minutes early for \$5.

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bible study with Deacon Jim will be held on Mondays in the hall at St. Vincent de Paul Church, starting September 19. Fellowship begins at 6:30 pm and class starts at 7 pm. All are welcome!

THANK YOU!

We thank Monique & George Krestyn and the parents who participated in chaperoning, driving and the planning of the summer field trips for our altar servers. Fun was had by all who attended!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is held on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm at Holy Cross Church. Everyone is welcome to stop by the church to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is always in need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry. Please help our neighbors in need.

The Food Pantry is now located at rear of the Templeton Senior Center in Baldwinville. Summer hours: **9 am - noon** on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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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.