

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, December 8 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, **December 8 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Pepe Provonsil, 5th anniversary, by the Family**

Sunday, December 8 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8 am and 7 pm at Holy Cross, noon at St. Martin's

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, December 14 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, December 14 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, **December 15 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Claude LaBatt by Cathy Bourn**

Sunday, December 15 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

November 24 weekly collection: \$427 **Human Development:** \$48

December 1 weekly collection: \$607

Second Collection this week: Retirement Fund for Religious

Second Collection next week: Fuel

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Steve White, Dino Poudrette, John DeMalia, Barbara White, Jim O'Malley, Jennifer Strong, Jason Hamel, Diane Lupaczyk, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Anne Marie Beliveau, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, and Donald Leblanc.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Plan to come to church early, and join in praying the Rosary, 30 minutes before Mass.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of parishioner Jim Alie, and for his family. The funeral will be held at 11:30 am Tuesday, December 10, here at St. Martin's



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

DECEMBER 15, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18A • PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 • LUKE 3:10-18

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 9 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at Holy Cross Church at 8 am and 7 pm, and at St. Martin's at noon.

HOLY CROSS PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Cross Prayer Group will meet Tuesday, December 10 at 5:30pm in the Church Hall. Adults and young adults 13 years and older accompanied by a parent/adult are welcomed. "And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." *1 Matthew 21:22*

DIOCESE OF WORCETER JUBILEE YEAR & 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Save the Dates: Please note the following dates for major celebrations during the Jubilee Year. Additional celebrations and dates will be shared once confirmed. Visit worcesterdiocese.org/jubilee for updated information/online resources. The first event will be held on **Sunday, December 29** at 3:30pm-Feast of the Holy Family: Opening Liturgy for the Jubilee Year. Cathedral of St. Paul with a Procession from St. John Church to the Cathedral. Mass and reception along with distribution of diocesan materials for the Jubilee Year.

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 13

The 52nd annual March for Life in Washington DC will be held on Friday, January 24, 2025! Registration deadline is December 13. Buses leave from St. Paul Cathedral, Worcester on Thursday, January, 23 following the 7:30pm Respect Life Mass and return Saturday, January 25 about 1:00am. Cost is \$150 per seat. For more information and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you wish to make an offering for our Christmas flowers and decorations, an envelope is available in the vestibule. Offerings may be given in memory of loved ones whose names will appear on our Christmas Flower listing and who will have a special remembrance at Masses during our Christmas Season. We ask these offerings be returned by December 15 to allow enough time for printing. Thank you!



MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to schedule a Mass for a special intention or remembrance, speak to Pat Gale after Mass or call the parish office at 978-939-5588.



ST. MARTIN'S HOLIDAY FAIR -THIS WEEKEND!

St. Martin's Holiday Fair is being held this weekend, Saturday, Dec. 7 and Sunday, Dec. 8 at the American Legion hall in Baldwinville.

The Fair will be open from 9 am until 1 pm on Sunday — so plan to stop by after Mass, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, a donut or a snack from the Baked Goods table ... check out the raffles, pick out a wreath for your front dor — and support St. Martin's!

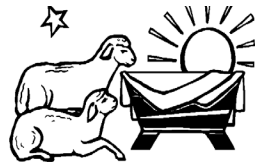
If you will a raffle prize, pick up will be available at the Rectory from 3 to 6 pm on Wednesday, December 11, and after Mass next Sunday, Dec. 15, until noon..

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this important parish fund-raising event a success!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

No 8:00 am Mass
4:00 pm Vigil at Holy Cross
Midnight Mass at St. Martin's



Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

No 8:00 am Mass
10:00 am at Holy Cross

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve Day

No 8:00 am Mass
4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross

Wednesday, January 1

No 8:00 am Mass
10:00am Mass at Holy Cross

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #28, Melody Phelps.

BABY GIFTS DRIVE

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we have an opportunity to help young women prepare for the birth of their babies. A collection bassinet is available in the vestibule to collect new clothing, blankets, diapers and other items that will be donated to CareNet pregnancy resource center in Fitchburg. Here are items which CareNet always needs: clothes size birth to three years, for boys and girls; Digital thermometers for babies; Nail clippers for babies; Toys; Shampoo; Baby wipes; Diapers.



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Rosary
30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm and anytime by appointment.

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.