

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 1, 2007

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 30 - 5:15 pm at St. Martin's
Mary (Sharron) Martin Cramer by Col. Frederick & Pat Siebert

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

Sunday, July 1 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Helen Pietrusiak, Month's Mind, by Pat Gale & Family

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

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 8 am at Immaculate Heart

Wednesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, July 7 - 5:15 pm at St. Martin's
Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

Sunday, July 8 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

Sunday, July 8 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Genevieve Cummings by Georgie Waskiewicz

Sunday, July 8 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$446 **Peter's Pence:** \$64

Second Collection next weekend: Fuel

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Fr. George O'Brien, Michael Theriault, Janita Oullette, Philip Arseneault, Doug Young, Olga Zielinski, Robert Poirier, Mary Alger, Marie Quinlisk, Claire Quinlisk, Margaret Baczewski, Mitchell Pavlosky, Patricia Fougere, Tim Wilson, Linda Maker, Jacquelyn Robichaud, William Robichaud, Charlie Smith, Dorothy Fontaine, Joe Barrett, Chris Nolette, William Lemire, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc, Ruth Smith, Ruth Dubzinski, and Lillian Lawrence.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of David Jacques, who died last weekend, and for Dave's family.



VACATION TIME

Rest and relaxation are part of maintaining a healthy outlook on life, and during the month of July, I am planning for a little "R & R".

Parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass during the week at a neighboring parish during the times I am away. On the weekend of July 7 and 8, Father Richard Trainor will be our guest. Have a peaceful summer.

— Father Joe

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is located in the Religious Education Center at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, 142 Regan Street, Gardner. You are welcome to stop in to spend some quiet time with Jesus, and encouraged to make a commitment to spend an hour a week in adoration.

CHOOSE LIFE

"I thought I would feel less guilt [over my abortion] as time went on. Instead, the guilt turned into anger, the anger to sadness, and it just seems to get worse with time. I need your help God! I don't want to feel alone anymore. I don't want to take revenge on myself for what I've done. I have to change! ... It still hurts so bad inside when I think about [my baby]. I can sometimes hear my soul breaking when I cry. I would not wish this experience on my worst enemy. But I know that I have to get better for my baby. Be a better woman. A good role model. And maybe one day, if I'm lucky, a good mother. I can assure you I will try."

-- A grieving mother. Prepared by the
USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities

PRAYER FOR FREEDOM

So many today misunderstand freedom, believing that it is the ability to do whatever we want. Help us always to remember that freedom, true freedom, is being able to do what we ought to do. That freedom, true freedom, is not indulging our every want and whim, but instead is the ability to rise above any desires that are wrong, disordered, dangerous or excessive. Give us the grace to always remember that true freedom makes us the people you wish us to be, that true freedom brings us closer to you, and reshapes our world in the likeness of your kingdom. Amen.



PARTNERS IN CHARITY UPDATE

The annual Partners in Charity appeal continues. **Thus far, we have raised a total of \$6,500 in gifts and pledges, or 81 percent of our parish goal of \$8,000. We will need many generous donors to meet our goal.**

Every gift helps to meet that goal. Please be as generous as you can as you open your heart to the needs of the diocese and join in supporting Partners in Charity.

GET READY FOR THE FESTIVAL!!

Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend our annual Festival and BBQ on Saturday, July 21 at the Otter River Sportsman's Club! Gifts for our raffle tables are already coming in from local businesses, and it promises to be a great, fun-filled day.



How can you help?

- Tickets for the Barbecue Dinner are available in the vestibule. Get yours early, as a limited number will be available at the Festival.
- Tickets are also available now for the summer quilt and matching throw pillows crafted by Dot McKellick and Theresa Kasper. Consider taking some home to sell to your friends and neighbors.
- Theme baskets: Lists of items needed are posted in the vestibule. Your help in filling these popular baskets is appreciated.
- CHARCOAL: With BBQ season here, stores will be having sales on charcoal. Donations of Kingsford brand charcoal for our festival & bbq are appreciated, and help to keep the cost of our dinners down.

CRAFT GROUP MEETS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

The Craft Group meets at 6:30 pm each Tuesday at the Rectory to create items for the Holiday Fair. All women of the parish are invited to attend; crafting experience is not necessary. Join the ladies for a relaxing, enjoyable night out!

120 CLUB

The next 120 Club will begin July 22. A few tickets are available for the next club; see Linda Columbus if you'd like one.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

A Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, July 31, from 2 - 7 pm in St. Vincent de Paul Church Hall. Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or log on to www.givelife.org to schedule an appointment. The blood need is still critical, so please donate.

CALENDAR CLUB

The St. Vincent de Paul Calendar Club resumes in July. A \$10 entry in the calendar club offers a chance to win every day of the month. Forms are available in the vestibule.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

An Ice Cream Social will be held from 2 to 3:30 pm on Sunday, July 22, at St. Joseph's Church, 358 Pleasant St., Gardner. Ice cream is donated by Soda Fountain of Youth. Proceeds benefit the Greater Gardner Relay for Life.

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The reading of the Declaration of Independence will be held at noon on July 4 at the First Church of Templeton on the common. Music and an ice cream social will follow. Sponsored by the Narragansett Historical Society and by First Church. All are welcome!



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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 in East Templeton, 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.