

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 11, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 10 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, August 11 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 11 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Bertha Gonet by Pat Gale**

Sunday, August 11 - 10:45 am at 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, August 15 - Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
8 am & 7 pm at Holy Cross, noon at St. Martin's**

Saturday, August 17 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, August 18 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 18 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Jane Lempat by Pat Gale & family**

Sunday, August 18 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Weekly collection, August 4: \$778

Thank you

**Second Collection this week is for Aid to Church in Eastern Europe
Second Collection next week is for Fuel**

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Anthony Strong, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Richard Roberge, Diane Lupaczyk, Priscilla Stacy, Joseph Seamans, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

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

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come early, and join in praying the Rosary 30 minutes before Mass each Sunday. Don't have a rosary? No problem! Extra rosaries are available in the vestibule.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the Rectory when someone is moving to a nursing home, in the hospital, or in need of prayers. Arrangements can be made for Communion or a visit. Please pray for all those who are sick.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

August 18, 2019 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JEREMIAH 38:4-6, 8-10 • HEBREWS 12:1-4 • LUKE 12:49-53

CCD REGISTRATION

Parishioners of St. Martin's and Holy Cross can register their children for the next CCD Year. Please pick up a form from the table in the vestibule. The fee to cover the cost of books and materials is only \$30 per child and \$45 per family (this includes the \$5 late fee). Checks may be made payable to Holy Cross Church. For new parishioners, a census card must also be filled out.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY - AUGUST 15

On Thursday, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, one of the principal feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It celebrates both the departure of Mary from this life and the assumption of her body into heaven. It is a holy day of obligation. Feast Masses will be celebrated Thursday 8:00 am at Holy Cross, noon at St. Martin's, and 7:00 pm at Holy Cross.



WOMEN'S MINI-RETREAT - OCTOBER 19

Save the Date! The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester will be having a Mini-Retreat for Women entitled "A Spiritual Path for Healing our Woundedness" on Saturday, October 19 at St. Mary Parish Hall, Main Street, Shrewsbury. Our speaker will be Sr. Kathryn Hermes, FSP, MTS. She is a Daughter of St. Paul and currently directs the Acquisitions Office for Pauline Book and Media Centers.

EWTN "ON DEMAND"

A new online service giving you access to EWTN shows, whenever and wherever! No memberships, no fees! Just go to www.ewtn.com/ondemand for more than 12,000 videos of your favorite Catholic shows - from Mother Angelica Live to At Home with Jim and Joy, The Journey Home, and Fr. Spitzer's Universe.

"THE NOTICE ZONE"

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

- H.C. Family Festival Sunday & BBQ, September 15, 2019 11 am - 3 pm

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
- Lk 12:39-40



LEGACY OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners,

In January of this year, our Diocese began a Capital Campaign, themed "LEGACY OF HOPE." This Capital Campaign, like the one conducted about 20 years ago, themed "FORWARD IN FAITH," is for the purpose of strengthening our Diocese's financial future by endowing four sectors: Priests' Retirement/Custodial Care, Catholic Education, Parish Based Charitable Outreach, and Parish Based Evangelization; plus addressing some major repair issues at the Cathedral and in the parishes across the diocese.

The Diocese aims at achieving \$32 million by the end of the Campaign after 4 years. But our St. Martin Community's target is \$62,989; of which 40% will come back to the parish and help us handle some projects which we will mention in subsequent communications.

This Capital Campaign is being conducted in 4 blocks. Our parish is in block 2, which we began with a Preparation Phase in July. Now we are about to begin the Active Phase that will run from September through December of this year. During the active phase of this Campaign, each one of us (either as individuals or families) is asked to think of a gift size that we can pledge and pay off in a maximum period of 4 years. The gift we are asked to think of is a "Good Faith Sacrifice" gift for the good of our diocese, parish, and glory of God. More details about this Campaign in our parish will be coming soon.

Please, all I ask of you is to be positive about it and think of being as generous as your means can allow. Just remember that whatever we give back to God comes back to us in abundance, even though many times in subtle but real ways.

And please pray for the success of this Capital Campaign both in our parish and in our diocese.

Fr. Patrick Ssekyole

WORD OF LIFE

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. ... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"*

WALK IN SUPPORT OF THE GARDNER EMERGENCY HOUSING MISSION

Sunday, August 25, 1-5 pm at the North Central Pathway (start at the Veterans' Skating Rink). The mission of the GEHM is to provide short-term emergency shelter for families with children. GEHM's unique structure works to keep families in their local community with the same school support and employment in their time of need. Any donations accepted. If you have questions, call 978-632-8671.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Discover how much your marriage matters to God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA and Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org>



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Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

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.