

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 18, 2019

### MASS SCHEDULE

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 Lempart by Pat Gale & family**

Sunday, August 18 - 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 - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, August 24 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, August 25 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, August 25 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Margaret Drewitz, first anniversary, by Tony & Sheila Brown**

Sunday, August 25 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Weekly collection, August 11: \$1,135 Eastern Europe: \$77

Second Collection this week is for Fuel

Second Collection next week is for Religious Education

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Brenda Bourgeois, 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 25, 2019 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ISAIAH 66:18-21 • HEBREWS 12:5-7, 11-13 • LUKE 13:22-30**

### 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.

### 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.

### WORD OF LIFE

"The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"*

### 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](http://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

*"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three" - Lk 12:50-52*



## 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 Ssekoyole*

### NEW 120 CLUB BEGINS SOON

The new 120 Club will begin soon, and will run until January. There are numbers available. If you'd like to join, with a chance to win the weekly drawings, or the final drawing (with a top prize of \$500), speak to Linda Columbus. Tickets are \$20. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund.

### RUMMAGE SALE AT ST. FRANCIS

A Rummage Sale will be held from 9 am - 2 pm on September 7 in the hall at St. Francis Church, Athol. Clothes, shoes, bedding knick-knacks, and more.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Discover how much your marriage matters to God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sept. 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.