

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 25, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 31 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 1 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 1 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Mary & Henrik Arlig, by our parish family**

Sunday, September 1 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Weekly collection, August 18: \$1,138 Assumption: \$192

Fuel: \$174

Second Collection this 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...

September 1 2019 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIRACH 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 • HEBREWS 12:18-19, 22-24A • LUKE 14:1,7-14

CCD REGISTRATION - CCD BEGINS SEPT. 8

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

"Within the 'people of life and the people for life', the family has a decisive responsibility. This responsibility flows from its very nature as a community of life and love, founded upon marriage, and from its mission to 'guard, reveal and communicate love' (The Gospel of Life, no. 92). *Citing John Paul II, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Familiaris Consortio (22 November 1981), 17: AAS 74 (1982), 100*

COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS ON SEPTEMBER 8

A Coffee Hour will be held in the Rectory after the 9:15 Mass on Sunday, September 8. Stop in to enjoy some breakfast pastries, coffee and juice — and some time visiting with your neighbors and fellow parishioners. This is a great opportunity to get to know those folks who sit in front of, beside, or behind you in the pews each Sunday!

"THE NOTICE ZONE"

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

- CCD Begins Sept. 8, 2019
- H.C. Family Festival Sunday & BBQ, September 15, 2019 11 am - 3 pm

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30



LEGACY OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

What's New?

The Catholic Church in Worcester County is on the move. Every day we do our best to live out the mission Jesus Christ left for us; "go out and make disciples" while caring for those most in need in our society and in our communities. In January of this year we began the Legacy of Hope campaign to help address important and urgent needs throughout our diocese: Caring for our retired priests, renovating our cathedral, providing financial help to families with children in our catholic schools and providing direct funding to our parishes and communities to help with evangelization and social outreach programs.

A portion of this campaign will directly benefit our parish and allow us to address urgent things around our parish campus. Legacy of Hope will be one of our main focuses as a parish family this coming fall. However, the potential positive impact of Legacy of Hope will be felt in our parish and in Worcester County for years to come.

To learn more or watch the campaign video, please visit:
legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org



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. You can see some results of these fund-raising efforts now — as the roof & siding on the rectory garage are being replaced after many, many years of use.

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.

FALL FESTIVAL AT ST. EDWARD'S

On Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 am-6 pm, St. Edward the Confessor Fall Festival will take place at 10 Church St., Westminster. Join them for a day of bargains in attic treasures, resurrected books, jewelry/gems room, baked goods, 10-15 craft/boutique vendors, games of chance, grocery wheel, Eddie's Auction(100+ items), Theme Baskets, raffles and a Kids Karnival. Full food court all day and Chicken BBQ at noon. See www.stedwardconf.org for details.

HOLY CROSS CHICKEN BBQ

Holy Cross Church annual Chicken BBQ will be held from 11 am - 3 pm on Sunday, September 15, at the Otter River Sportsman's Club. Dinner \$10 & \$8 served 12- 2 pm. Bake sale, Lobster Raffle, bike raffles, 50/50, games and prizes.

ST. DENIS FALL BAZAAR

Games for kids, great food, beer & wine, and many booths for those looking for unique treasures. Bring your family and come out for the day. St. Denis Paish, 85 Main St., Ashburnham, on Saturday, September 21, from 10 am - 6 pm.



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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.