

# St. Martin's Catholic Church

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 30 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, December 1 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's**  
**John Lempart by Pat Gale and family**

Sunday, December 1 - 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, 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**  
**Desire Poirier by our parish family**

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

Weekly collection, November 24: \$682

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$39

Second Collection next week is for Retirement Fund for Religious

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Rick Tanzi, Brenda Bourgeois, Anthony Strong, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Richard Roberge, Diane Lupaczyk, 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.*

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

December 8, 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent

ISAIAH 11: 1-10 • ROMANS 15:4-9 • MATTHEW 3:1-12

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY - DEC. 9

When December 8th falls on a Sunday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9. While the day remains a solemnity, the faithful are not obligated to attend Mass on Monday.

### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

#### Christmas

December 24: 4 pm at Holy Cross

December 24: Midnight @ St. Martin's

December 25: 10:00 am at Holy Cross

#### New Year's

December 31: 5:30 pm at Holy Cross

January 1: 8:00 am at Holy Cross, 10:00 am @ St. Martin's

### FIRST PENANCE

Please pray for our 2nd graders as they experience the sacrament of God's forgiveness for the first time on Dec. 7.

### PARISH FAMILIES IN NEED

We encourage families of Holy Cross & St. Martin Communities to call the Holy Cross rectory 978-632-2121 to let us know if we can be of assistance to your family this Christmas. Hardships hit one time or another and the Giving Tree Committee would love to help.

### BABY FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE CONTINUES

Remembering that Jesus came to the world as an infant, each year we collect baby food, clothing, blankets and other baby care items, and donate them to the Healthy Families program of the Gardner VNA. A bassinet is set up in the vestibule to accept donations.



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Those of you who desire to do so may make an offering for our Christmas Altar Flowers and decorations. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the vestibule. They may be given in memory of loved ones, whose names will appear in our Bulletin and who will have a special remembrance at Masses here during the Christmas Season.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is held the First & Third Tuesdays of the month, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, in Holy Cross church. All are invited to spend a quiet hour with our Lord, with the next one being on Tuesday, December 3.



### LEGACY OF HOPE

We are in the midst of our pledge drive. Our goal of \$62,989, is attainable if we all pitch in with our contributions. To date, we GRATEFULLY report the following pledged gifts, totaling 36,560 in the following amount categories:

\$6,000 x 1	\$1,200 x 1
\$5,000 x 2	\$1,000 x 1
\$3,200 x 1	\$800 x 2
\$3,000 x 2	\$500 x 1
\$2,500 x 1	\$100 x 1
\$1,500 x 2	\$20 x 1
\$1,440 x 1	

We ask you all to prayerfully determine what you can give over a period of four years, and pray for the success of this campaign, as we continue our commitment drive. Thank You!

### OUR HOLIDAY FAIR IS NEXT WEEKEND!!

*Our parish Holiday Fair will be held next Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm, and Sunday, 9 am - 1 pm, at the American Legion in Baldwinville.*



**Baked goods are needed to help make the Fair a success!** Please help by baking your favorite goodies for the fair.

We will be setting up the fair at the Legion Hall on Friday, December 6. Your help with the set up, as well as manning tables at the fair, is welcome and appreciated. If you can help in any way, please speak to Linda Columbus or Pat Gale.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT ST. PETER'S

St. Peter's Church in Petersham will hold its Christmas Bazaar from 10 am - 2 pm on Saturday, December 14 in the church hall. Homemade cookies, fudge, baked goods, Christmas Greens, gifts and more.

### HOLIDAY FEAST IN WESTMINSTER

A Holiday Feast will be held on Saturday, December 7 at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Menu: Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert. Cost of the dinner is \$10 adult, \$5 child under 12, under 6 eat free. Tickets are available at the door.

### CHESTNUT STREET CHURCH HOLIDAY FAIR

The Chestnut Street United Methodist Church in Gardner will hold its Holiday Fair from 9 am - 2 pm on Saturday, December 7.

### 120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #49, Fr. Fran Roberge

