

# St. Martin's Catholic Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2019

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 14 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, December 15 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, December 15 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Our parish family**

Sunday, December 15 - 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 21 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, December 22 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, December 22 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Our parish family**

Sunday, December 22 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**Weekly collection, December 8: \$821 Religious Retirement: \$124**

**Christmas Flowers: \$30 Immaculate Conception: \$66**

**Second Collection this week is for Fuel**

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Kate Nicholson, Rick Tanzi, BrendBourgeois, 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 22, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

**ISAIAH 7:10-14 • ROMANS 1:1-7 • MATTHEW 1:18-24**



### 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, Dec. 17.

### 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 - Solemnity of Mary

December 31: 5:30 pm at Holy Cross

January 1: 8:00 am at Holy Cross

January 1: 10:00 am at St. Martin's

### OPLATEK

St. Martin's has Oplatek available in the vestibule for a free will donation for those who would like to keep this tradition.

### SEMINARIAN GIFTS

Did you notice the tags hanging on our Advent Wreath in the Sanctuary? Please consider taking a tag to provide a gift for a seminarian with his day to day expenses by donating a gift card in any amount to the following stores: CVS, Amazon, Staples, Walmart, or VISA or Mastercard.

### BABY FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE CONCLUDES

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 until this Sunday.



### 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.

*This is the one about whom it is written: behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." Mt 11:10*



### 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 \$45,660 in the following amount categories:

\$6,000 x 2	\$1,440 x 1
\$5,000 x 2	\$1,200 x 1
\$3,600 x 1	\$1,000 x 2
\$3,200 x 1	\$800 x 2
\$3,000 x 2	\$500 x 1
\$2,500 x 1	\$100 x 1
\$1,500 x 1	\$20 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!

#### HOLIDAY FAIR — “THANK YOU”

Thank you to all who helped with our parish Holiday Fair last weekend ... with donations, setting up, working a table or cleaning up the hall on Sunday. A financial report on the fair will be available soon.

#### A CONCERT OF CAROLS IN GARDNER

Join us for “From Advent to Christmas: A Concert of Carols” presented by Magdalen College Polyphony Choir on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in Holy Rosary Church, 135 Nichols St., Gardner.

#### 120 CLUB

Last week’s winner was ##79, Sue Turcotte

#### NORTH COUNTY MUSIC FREE CONCERT

A Fall Concert will be held at the First Congregational Church, 28 Green St., Gardner, at 2 pm this Sunday, Dec. 15. All are welcome!

#### MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION

Plan now to attend the 47th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020! Cost is \$80 per seat for registrations postmarked by Dec. 31, and \$95 thereafter. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis until all seats are full, or until Jan. 13, whichever comes first. For more details and to download registration forms, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life). Buses will leave from St. Paul’s Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 23 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March.

#### PARISH CALENDARS

Calendars for 2020 are available in the vestibule. Thank you to Norman and Andrew Boucher, who make these calendars available each year.

