

St. Martin's Catholic Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 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

Weekly collection, December 1: \$995

Christmas Flowers: \$115 **Fuel:** \$28

Second Collection this week is for Retirement Fund for Religious

Second Collection next week is for Fuel

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 15, 2019 - Third Sunday of Advent

ISAIAH 35:1-6A,10 • JAMES 5:7-10 • MATTHEW 11:2-11

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY - DEC. 9

December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation, Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The Feast celebrates the conception of Mary with-out any taint of Original Sin. This year, Masses will be celebrated Sun-day, Dec. 8, with our usual Sunday schedule at Holy Cross, and at St. Martin's.

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

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

OPLATEK

Parish has Oplatek available in the sanctuary and at the Rectory for a free will donation for those who would like to keep this tradition.

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.

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Mt 3:1



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 \$41,160 in the following amount categories:

\$6,000 x 1	\$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 2	\$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!

OUR HOLIDAY FAIR IS THIS WEEKEND!!

Our parish Holiday Fair continues this Sunday, 9 am - 1 pm, at the American Legion in Baldwinville.



Plan to stop by for coffee and a snack...stay for lunch ... and enjoy the great handcrafts, beautiful theme baskets, raffles, fresh wreaths, match game and more!

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.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #470, Barbara White

FESTIVAL OF TREES IN WINCHENDON

The Beals Memorial Library, 50 Pleasant Street in Winchendon, is holding its First Annual Toy Town Tree Festival, showcasing trees put up and decorated by businesses, groups, and families. This event will run through Saturday, December 14. Hours: Monday - Thursday, 1:00-8:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., with special extended hours of 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 14.

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.

Peace

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