

JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 23 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, November 24 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, November 24 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Kevin Hamilton by Barbara & Steve White**

Sunday, November 24 - 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 - Thanksgiving Day - 9 am at Holy Cross

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

Weekly collection, November 10: \$639

The Second Collection this week: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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 Kulvette, 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.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

December 1, 2019 - First Sunday of Advent

ISAIAH 2:1-5 • ROMANS 13:11-14 • MATTHEW 24:37-44

RESPECT LIFE

"There can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person's dignity and without respect for his or her rights. Nor can there be true peace unless life is defended and promoted." *Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 90*

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people, a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others, ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you. We ask this through

Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - DECEMBER 1

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will be holding a pancake, sausage, eggs and coffee breakfast on Sun. Dec. 1st at Holy Cross Church Hall from 8 to 11am. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under with children 6 and under are free. Proceeds are to help with Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

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.

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God."—Luke 23:35



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 \$28,340 in the following amount categories:

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

SAVE THE DATE: HOLIDAY FAIR - DECEMBER 7 & 8

Our parish Holiday Fair is less than a month away! Thank you to all who contributed to our theme baskets, Chinese auction and craft booth.



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.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Templeton Council on Aging Board is in need of two members. The Board serves as an advisory board in identifying the needs of the elderly population in town, educating the community, enlisting support and participation to meet those needs, and more. If you care about Templeton and its elderly, please consider becoming a member. Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Applications are available on the town website, www.templetonma.gov.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #108, Jim Alie



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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.