

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 20, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 19 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, October 20 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, October 20 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Anna Henrie by people of the parish**

Sunday, October 20 - 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, October 26 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, October 27 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, October 27 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Our Parish Family**

Sunday, October 27 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Weekly collection, October 13: \$1,180 **Fuel:** \$310

The Second Collection this week is for Propagation of the Faith.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for 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.

CONFIRMATION 2020

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Robert J. McManus on Friday, May 1 at 7 pm at Holy Rosary Church, Gardner.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - THANK YOU!

The Otter River Council of Knights of Columbus wish to thank all who gave to the Tootsie Roll Drive. Your generosity will help the Knights continue supporting challenged and handicapped children with the equipment they need..

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

October 27, 2019 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIRACH 35:12-14, 16-18 • 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18 • LUKE 18:9-14

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to this exciting Conference, to be held at Assumption College, Sat. Nov. 23. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. The Bishop and priests will hear confessions. Cost is \$45, \$25 for students ages 16 -22. For more information go to worcestercatholic-wormensconference.com.

RESPECT LIFE

"This year's theme, Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life, is particularly suited for the times in which we live. The attacks against human life seem to grow more numerous and callous by the day. Despite these challenges, we know that Christ has conquered sin and death once and for all. Through our Christian hope in the Resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith. Our sacrifices on behalf of the Gospel of Life can contribute to the redemption of this current culture of death." -Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

PAST YEAR'S DECEASED PARISHIONERS

On Saturday, Nov. 2, during the 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross, we shall have a special lighting of memorial candles and reading of names of all parishioners of Holy Cross and St. Martin's who died between October 15, 2018 and October 15, 2019. We also want to include any former parishioners who moved to other places and died there between the same dates. So, if you know of someone who was not buried from our parish but was a parishioner, please call the Holy Cross rectory by October 28 so that we can have their names in time and prepare candles for them as well. The memorial candles will be lit in all Masses for them throughout the month of November.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Our annual Winter Coat Drive honoring our patron saint, Martin of Tours, is under way and will run through November 10. St. Martin is known for cutting his cloak in half and sharing it with a beggar; that night, he dreamed that Jesus came to him and he heard Jesus say to the angels: "Here is Martin, the Roman soldier who is not baptised; he has clad me." When Martin woke, his cloak was restored.

New or gently-used winter coats, hats, and gloves for children and adults may be brought to church any Sunday and placed in the collection box in the vestibule. The coats will be delivered to the Gardner CAC around November 11, St. Martin's feast day.

And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.' - Lk 18:3-4b,5





LEGACY OF HOPE

This weekend begins our official pledge weekend. Our goal of \$62,989 is attainable if we all pitch in with our contributions. Updating the fire alarm system will help protect our historic church for the benefit of future generations of St. Martin's parishioners. We ask you all to prayerfully determine what you can give over a period of 4 years, and pray for the success of this campaign, as we begin our commitment drive.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 22nd "40 Days for Life" prayer campaign is taking place in Worcester from Sept 25-Nov 3. 40 Days for Life is a coordinated, international pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, and peaceful vigil outside abortion facilities. Our parish will join with Fr. Pagan & Annunciation parishioners to pray at the vigil site (outside Planned Parenthood at 470 Pleasant Street, Worcester) on Tuesday, Oct 29th from 10am-4pm. If you would like to pray with us that day, please contact Diane Kodys 978-939-5532. To learn more about 40 Days for Life, please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/worcester.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #66, Linda Columbus.

HOLIDAY FAIR - DONATIONS WELCOME

Fall is here...can the Holiday Fair be far behind? Lists of items needed to fill the theme baskets at our fair are posted in the vestibule. Please take a look, and see if you can help out with an item, or two ... or an entire basket. Donations for the Chinese Auction, major prize table and craft booths are also appreciated!

CUB SCOUT BREAKFAST

Cub Scout Pack 27 will have a Pancake Breakfast, Sat., Oct. 26 from 8 - 11 am at Holy Cross Church hall. Cost is \$7 for Adults and \$5 for kids 6 & under.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HARVEST FAIR

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 1 Forest St., Baldwinville will hold its **Harvest Fair** on Saturday, October 26, from 9 am to 3:30 pm in their church hall, featuring theme baskets, major raffle, lunch, auctions, baked goods, crafts, 50/50 and more! The fair will conclude with a turkey dinner at 5 pm.

BIBLE STUDY IN BALDWINVILLE

Bible Study with Deacon Jim Connor is held on Monday evenings at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Fellowship at 6:30; class begins at 7 pm. This season's topic is "The Letters of Peter, James, John and Jude" by Brant Pitre.

HARVEST SUPPER IN PHILLIPSTON

The Congregational Church of Phillipston will hold a Harvest Supper on Saturday, October 26. Turkey with all the fixings, dessert and fellowship. Two seatings 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm; 5:30 pm take outs available. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children aged 6-10. Contact Karen Gallant at 978-894-6322.

2020 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Calendars for the new year are available in the vestibule. Thank you to Boucher Funeral Home for again providing the calendars. Please take one home.



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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.