

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 27, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

Friday, November 1 - All Souls day

8 am at Holy Cross, **noon at St. Martin's**, 7 pm at Holy Cross

Saturday, November 2 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, November 3 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, November 3 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Raymond Bushey by Doris Geyster**

Sunday, November 3 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Weekly collection, October 20: \$432 **World Mission Sunday:** \$62

The Second Collection next week is for Repair & Maintenance.

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.

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...

November 3, 2019 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

WISDOM 11:22-12:2 • 2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-2:2 • LUKE 19:1-10

ALL SOULS — NOVEMBER 1

**Friday, Nov. 1 is the Feast of All Saints. We will have Mass at 8:00 am, Holy Cross, Noon at St. Martin's, and 7 pm here at Holy Cross.

ALL SOULS

During the month of November, we observe the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. We pray for those who have gone before us in faith, those who have shared their faith with us, especially our relatives and friends. The special envelope in your packet has space for you to list the names of those you wish to remember. These envelopes will be placed on the altar for a special remembrance at every Mass celebrated here this month.

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them. O Lord, and
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.*

RESPECT LIFE

"An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her... Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?" *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting" www.respectlife.org/support-her*

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.





LEGACY OF HOPE

Last weekend was the start of our official 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 \$6,600 in the following amount categories:

\$5,000 x 1
\$1,000 x 1
\$500 x 1
\$100 x 1

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 continue our commitment drive. Thank You!

God our Father, you are the source of all goodness and of every blessing. We give you thanks and praise for the gift of our Catholic faith that is deeply rooted in your abundant love for us.

We ask your blessing upon our efforts to help secure the future of the Church in the Diocese of Worcester. May your people respond with faith and generosity to our Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign and may the sacrifices we make together today bear fruit in lives of faith, hope and love for generations to come.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

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 #112, Matthew Denette Sr.

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!

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.

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.