

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 22, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 21 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, September 22 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Joyce Hanks by the family**

Sunday, September 22 - 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, September 28 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 29 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 29 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Leon Konstantynowicz by our parish family**

Sunday, September 29 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Weekly collection, September 15: \$1,184 Fuel: \$30

The Second Collection next week is for the Catholic Schools Appeal

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.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the Rectory when someone is moving to a nursing home, in the hospital, or in need of prayers. Arrangements can be made for Communion or a visit. Please pray for all those who are sick.

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...

September 29 2019 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AMOS 6: 1A, 4-7 • 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16 • LUKE 16:19-31

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process will be available beginning in September. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and its teachings or is ready to explore joining the Catholic Church or would like to complete the sacraments of initiation, (Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion) please talk with Fr Patrick or call Steve or Chris Schroeder at 603-831-6173, or 603-831-6241.

NEW LECTORS WELCOME

Have you ever thought about becoming a Lector? If you are interested in this ministry at St. Martin's, please speak to Fr. Patrick.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 3 pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register no later than October 11 so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

MASS OF HEALING

There will be a Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, September 22, at Holy Rosary Church in Gardner. This Sacrament is suitable for anyone with an illness of the body or of mind, or those of advanced years.

OREMUS (LET US PRAY)

A Guide to Catholic Prayer an 8 part video-assisted series on Prayer will be led by the priests and staff of Annunciation Parish in the lower hall at Holy Rosary, 135 Nichols St. Gardner on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. beginning Sept. 25 and ending Nov. 20. The suggested donation is \$25 for the participant guide and other handouts, but no one will be turned away due to financial concerns.

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other; or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13





LEGACY OF HOPE RECEPTIONS THIS WEEK

There is still time to RSVP to learn more about our parish participation in Legacy of Hope Campaign. Any one unable to make it last week is welcome to come on this day as well. Please call 978-632-2121 or email saintmartinchurch@mail.com.

Choose either time,

12:00 pm or 6:30 pm, on Tuesday • Sept. 24th

All receptions will be hosted in the Holy Cross Parish Hall and last approximately 45 minutes – one hour. Refreshments will be served.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #34, Lynn Murray. There are numbers available. If you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus. Tickets are \$20.

THEME BASKETS - 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.

ST. BONIFACE FAIR

St Boniface Church, 817 Mass Ave. in Lunenburg, will hold an Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 28, from 10 am - 7 pm. German & craft beer, wine, German food all day, 9-piece Bavarian band, craft tables, more..

FIDDLER CONCERT

The Prince Edward Island Musicians, Richard Wood & Gordon Belsher will be back with a concert on Fri., Oct. 18, at Kamaloht, to benefit our Holy Cross Parish. Doors will open at 7 pm with concert beginning at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15, and will be available soon. Call Bob Oliva 978-632-2499..

PHILLIPSTON LIONS CLUB FAIR

The Phillipston Lions Club will hold its first Craft & Vendor Fair from 9 am - 3 pm on Saturday, October 5, on The Common in Phillipston. The fair will feature crafts, vendors, kids activities, food and more.

OKTOBERFEST IN WESTMINSTER

An Oktoberfest Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, 10 Church Street, Westminster from 5 to 7 pm. Pot Roast with vegetables, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert. \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 12 and children under 6 eat free. Tickets are available at the door.

FALL BAZAAR AT HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

The annual Fall Bazaar will be held at Annunciation Parish/Holy Rosary Church in Gardner on October 18-20.

WORD OF LIFE

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’” —USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Suicide is Tragic”



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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.