

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 29, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

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
Lawrence Fleming by Linda and Bob Columbus**

Sunday, September 29 - 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 5 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, October 6 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, October 6 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Leon Konstantynowicz by our parish family**

Sunday, October 6 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Weekly collection, September 22: \$799

The Second Collection this 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...

October 6, 2019 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

HABAKKUK 1:2-3; 2:2-4 • 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-8, 13-146 • LUKE 17:5-10

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process will be available beginning soon. 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.

PRO-LIFE INITIATIVE- RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - OCTOBER 6

Abortion kills an innocent human life and we, as Catholics (Christians), are called by God to protect His precious gift of life.

Did you know your tax dollars are being used to pay for abortions in Massachusetts? Fortunately, there is something each of us can do to stop this.

Next weekend, volunteers from the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions, will be collecting signatures on a petition to amend the state constitution so that taxpayer sub-sidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. Please stop by and sign this petition to help save the lives of unborn babies. For more information see web-site: www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org

There will be Eucharistic Adoration for Life on Sunday, Oct. 6, from noon until 4 pm at Holy Cross Church. Please sign up on a sheet in the vestibule.

"But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'" - Lk 16:29-31





LEGACY OF HOPE

We thank all who have kindly responded for the parish receptions for the Legacy of Hope Campaign. We especially thank all who were able to attend. We ask all to prayerfully determine what you can give over a period of 4 years, and pray for the success of this campaign. We will begin our commitment drive next weekend.

WORCETER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to this exciting Conference, to be held at Assumption College, Sat. Nov. 23. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S.; Michelle Schmidt; Mother Miriam of the Lame of God, O.S.B.; and Tim Francis. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. The Bishop and priests will hear confessions. Cost is \$45, \$25 for students ages 16-22. For more information call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969 or go to worcestercatholic-wormensconference.com. Seating is limited, register today!

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #67, Blanche Kinney. 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.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE FAIR

Our Lady Immaculate parish in Athol will hold a fair from 9 am - 3 pm on Saturday, October 5, at the CCD Center. Baked goods, crafts, quilt and other raffles, food and 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 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..

INDOOR YARD SALE AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul parish will hold an indoor Yard Sale from 8 am to noon on Monday, October 14, in the church hall.



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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.