

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 1, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 31 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 1 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 1 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Mary & Henrik Arlig, by our parish family**

Sunday, September 1 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross, (no Mass at St. Vincent)

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, (no Mass at St. Vincent de Paul)

Wednesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, (no Mass at St. Vincent de Paul)

Thursday, Friday - no daily Mass

Saturday, September 7 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 8 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 8 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Joyce Hanks by Lucille Maillet**

Sunday, September 8 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Weekly collection, August 25: \$775 Religious Education: \$70

Second Collection next week is for Fuel

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Brenda Bourgeois, Anthony Strong, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Richard Roberge, Diane Lupaczyk, Priscilla Stacy, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is held the First & Third Tuesdays of the month, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm, in Holy Cross church. All are invited to spend a quiet hour with our Lord, with the next one being on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

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 8, 2019 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

WISDOM 9:13-18B • PHILEMON 9-10, 12-17 • LUKE 14:25-33

CCD BEGINS NEXT WEEK, SEPT. 8

We are so excited about our new year of CCD. We're moving all grades to the same time slot, Sundays 9:20 am - 11:45 am. We could use volunteers in classrooms as aides or substitute teachers. Please contact Elizabeth Schroeder 978-413-8833 if you are able to help us with this important endeavor! Classes for both Holy Cross and St. Martin's students are held at Holy Cross Church.

Please note: there will be a parent meeting during CCD Classes on the first day of class, September 8, at 9:20 am in the church.

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.

WORD OF LIFE

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Another Look at Abortion*"

COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS ON SEPTEMBER 8

A Coffee Hour will be held in the Rectory after the 9:15 Mass next Sunday, September 8. Stop in to enjoy breakfast pastries, coffee and juice — and some time visiting with your neighbors and fellow parishioners. This is a great opportunity to get to know those folks who sit in front of, beside, or behind you in the pews each Sunday!



"THE NOTICE ZONE"

**A quick reference to "Need to Know" and upcoming
Holy Cross & St. Martin Parish Events**

- CCD Begins Sept. 8, 2019
- H.C. Family Festival Sunday & BBQ, September 15, 2019 11 am - 3 pm

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
- Lk 14:13-14



LEGACY OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

Why the Legacy of Hope campaign?

From time to time, our local Catholic Church must take a moment to evaluate its present needs so as to move forward into the future. Our support of Legacy of Hope will allow our diocese and parishes to fund urgent needs like caring for our retired priests. These men have given their lives in the service of God and His people. It is our commitment to see to their medical needs in their old age and help them to live their remaining years with love, care and dignity.

Our parishes will benefit greatly from Legacy of Hope. In fact, most of the money raised during this campaign will positively impact all of our nearly 100 parish communities.

This fall our parish will be running the Legacy of Hope campaign. Fr. Ssekyole asks that we give this urgent effort our prayers and attention. Let us ask the Lord what he expects from us and respond with love and generosity to this call to extraordinary stewardship.

To learn more, please visit: legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Loving Father, our teacher in all things, we ask for your wisdom to begin this school year as students of your love and as teachers of your wisdom.

For you gave your law to our Jewish brothers and sisters to help them live in peace with each other. So, too, you give your wisdom to each of us to learn and grow in holiness and goodness in the world around us.

May this coming year of learning together about you and about the world you created offer each of us an opportunity to help us shine the bright light of learning into the darkness of this world. We ask all this through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

NEW 120 CLUB HAS BEGUN

The new 120 Club has begun. The first weekly winner was #10, Jeff Collins.

There are numbers available. If you'd like to join, with a chance to win the weekly drawings, or the final drawing (with a top prize of \$500), speak to Linda Columbus. Tickets are \$20. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund. You can see some results of these fund-raising efforts now — as the roof & siding on the rectory garage are being replaced after many, many years of use.

FALL FESTIVAL AT ST. EDWARD'S

On Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 am-6 pm, St. Edward the Confessor Fall Festival will take place at 10 Church St., Westminster. See www.stedwardconf.org for details.

HOLY CROSS CHICKEN BBQ

Holy Cross Church annual Chicken BBQ will be held from 11 am - 3 pm on Sunday, September 15, at the Otter River Sportsman's Club. Dinner \$10 & \$8 served 12- 2 pm. Bake sale, Lobster Raffle, bike raffles, 50/50, games and prizes.



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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.