

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 8, 2019

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 14 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 15 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, September 15 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
George Murdock by Babara & Stephen White**

Sunday, September 15 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**Weekly collection, September 1:** \$1,020

**Second Collection this 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.*

### 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...*

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**EXODUS 31:7-11, 13-14 • 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17 • LUKE 15:1-32**

### 2019-2020 CCD

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!

Coordinator: Elizabeth Schroeder      Assist. Coordinator: Krissiauna Chartier  
Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Ruth Cheffers      Second & Third Grades: Teresa Valliere  
Fourth Grade: Keri Rousseau      Fifth & Sixth Grades: Dr. John Worden  
Seventh & Eighth Grades: Lauren Chartier & Michaela Cheffers  
9th, 10th, & 11th Grades: Nathan Schroeder & George Krestyn

We are truly grateful for our coordinators, teachers, assistants, board and all who help us in this important ministry.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO CCD classes next week, due to the Holy Cross Parish Family Festival BBQ. COME & ENJOY the day with family & friends!**

### EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASS AT HOLY ROSARY

The Mass we celebrate daily and each Sunday is the ordinary or normal way that Mass is celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church (the "Ordinary Form"). However, it is permitted to celebrate Mass as it was prior to the Second Vatican Council's reform of the liturgy. This Mass is celebrated in Latin. This form of the Mass has been named the "Extraordinary Form" ("extra" is the prefix that means "outside of" - so this means essentially "outside the ordinary/normal"). Holy Rosary Church in Gardner will offer this Mass at 2 pm on Sunday, Sept. 8 and Sept. 15.

### 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 more than simply a means to provide comfort to the sick. In the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick the individual is touched by the supernatural power of God and by a special grace is either granted healing of the illness, the strength and courage to endure the difficulties of their illness, or forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God in preparation for meeting the Lord in death. It is suitable for anyone with an illness of the body or of mind, or those of advanced years.

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*"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33*



## COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY

A Coffee Hour will be held in the Rectory after the 9:15 Mass this 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!



### HAVE YOU RSVP'D?

If you received a letter for the September 17th Reception, and have not RSVP'd yet, please respond soon so we can prepare for the reception accordingly. \*All receptions will be hosted in the Holy Cross Parish Hall and last approximately 45 minutes – one hour.. Refreshments will be served.



You may RSVP by returning your site card via offertory basket, calling the Parish Office at (978) 939-5588 or emailing [saintmartinchurch@mail.com](mailto:saintmartinchurch@mail.com). Your response is appreciated, as it will save dedicated volunteers time and effort.

### NEW 120 CLUB HAS BEGUN

The new 120 Club has begun. Last week's winner was #116, Denise Merriam. 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.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.stedwardconf.org) for details.

### HOLY CROSS CHICKEN BBQ NEXT SUNDAY

Holy Cross Church annual Chicken BBQ will be held from 11 am - 3 pm NEXT 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.

### ST. DENIS FALL BAZAAR

Games for kids, great food, beer & wine, and many booths for those looking for unique treasures. Bring your family and come out for the day. St. Denis Paish, 85 Main St., Ashburnham, on Saturday, September 21, from 10 am - 6 pm.



## St. Martin's Catholic Church

248 State Road, Otter River, MA 01436

Rev. Patrick Ssekoyole, Pastor • Dennis J. Cormier, Deacon

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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.