

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 18, 2007

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 17 - 5:15 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 18 - 8:00 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 18 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's**  
Patricia Dembek by the family

Sunday, February 18, 10:30 am, Holy Cross

Monday, Tuesday - 8:00 am, Holy Cross

Ash Wednesday - 8:00 am Mass & Ashes at St. Martin's

Ash Wednesday - 9:00 am Mass & Ashes at St. Vincent de Paul

Ash Wednesday - 4 pm Ecumenical Service/Ashes at Holy Cross

Ash Wednesday - 7:00 pm Mass & Ashes at Holy Cross

**Thursday, Friday - 9:00 am at St. Martin's**

Saturday, February 24 - 5:15 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 25 - 8:00 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 25 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's**  
Stella Yackowski by the family

Sunday, February 25, 10:30 am, Holy Cross

**Weekly Offering: \$556 Fuel: \$300**

**Second collection next week is for the Church in Latin America**

*Thank you to all who "make up" envelopes after vacations.*

*Your envelopes used at other local churches are returned to St. Martin's.*

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Michael Theriault, Janita Oullette, Dave Jacques, Philip Arseneault, Doug Young, Olga Zielinski, Robert Poirier, Mary Alger, Marie Quinlisk, Claire Quinlisk, Margaret Baczewski, Mitchell Pavlosky, Patricia Fougere, Tim Wilson, Linda Maker, Elizabeth Darcy, Jacquelyn Robichaud, Charlie Smith, Dorothy Fontaine, Raymond Bourgeois, Mary Bourgeois, Odella Arseneault, Joe Barrett, Genevieve Cummings, Chris Nolette, William Lemire, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc, Ruth Smith, Ruth Dubzinski, and Lillian Lawrence.

### WINTER WEATHER NOTE

If school is cancelled due to snow, weekday Mass is also cancelled.

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

On **Ash Wednesday**, the 8 am Mass will be held at St. Martin's and a 7 pm Mass will be held at Holy Cross. At both Masses, ashes will be distributed. A special Ecumenical Service will also be held at Holy Cross at 4 pm; ashes will be distributed.

Each Friday evening during Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** will be held at 7 pm at Holy Cross, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Each Sunday afternoon during Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** will take place at St. Martin's.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not 59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

### HOLY SEASON OF LENT

In a letter to the Diocese, Bishop McManus writes, "For Catholics, personal spiritual renewal during Lent is found in a number of ways: daily attendance at Mass; frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance; the reading of Sacred Scripture; praying the Stations of the Cross; and undertaking acts of charity and penance and... practices of fasting and abstinence. Lent presents an opportunity to examine the way we live with one another and to establish peace. Together, let us follow the Lord more closely this Lent ... Having done so, we will celebrate the joy of Easter with renewed faith and love." Copies of the full text of the Bishop's letters are available in the vestibule.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There are no classes this Sunday, February 18 due to school vacation. All grades meet on Sunday, February 25. CCD students recently made Valentine cards and candy favors for Meals on Wheels recipients.

### COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY

CCD students will serve coffee and donuts at the rectory after Mass this Sunday, February 18. Everyone is invited to stop by.

### CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

A collection for the Church in Latin America will take place next weekend. This collection continues to have a remarkable impact on the lives of millions of Catholics. Bishop McManus encourages us to be generous. Our participation gives us the opportunity to deepend Christian unity through-

out the American Hemisphere. Your generosity is appreciated.

## FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

Your diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Free Press*, costs just \$23 for 52 weekly editions, mailed to your home. If you are not familiar with the *Catholic Free Press*, copies are available in the vestibule; take one home and see what you've been missing.

### LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

All are welcome to participate in the 2nd annual **March with Christ**, a Lenten speaker series. This year, the Most Rev Bishop Robert J. McManus will kick off the speaker series on Thursday, February 22, with a talk on "*New Life in Christ — Morality in the Life and Death of Jesus Christ.*" **March with Christ** will run for six consecutive Thursdays, through March 29, at 7 pm at the Immaculate Conception Church, 59 Walnut St., Fitchburg.

### 120 CLUB

The new 120 Club has begun. Ticket holders may pay for their tickets in the vestibule after any Mass. Week 2 winner was #80, Kathy Rupp. Three open tickets are available, #46, #77, and #83.

### PARISH FAMILY DINNER

Join us next Saturday, February 24, after the 5:15 pm Mass at Holy Cross for a delicious Roast Turkey and Virginia Ham dinner with all the fixings in the church hall. Gather with old friends and make new friends. Proceeds will benefit the 2007 Confirmation Class Retreat. Tickets are on sale now at \$6.50 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Vincent de Paul Church will hold a Mardi Gras dinner, hosted by the Women's Guild, on Tuesday, February 20. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread, dessert and beverage, at a cost of \$5 for adults, \$2 for children, or \$10 per family. Advance tickets (recommended) are available in the vestibule.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Plan to attend daily Mass during the upcoming Lenten season:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 am at Holy Cross, E. Templeton  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 am at Immaculate Heart, Winchendon  
Wednesday, 9 am, St. Vincent de Paul, Baldwinville  
Thursday and Friday, 9 am at St. Martin's, Otter River

### NARRAGANSETT COMMUNITY BAND

The free Narragansett Community Band concert scheduled for Feb. 14 has been re-scheduled for 7:30 pm on Feb. 21 at the middle school.

### ST. VINCENT PARISH COIN CLUB

The next meeting of the Coin Club will be held at 11 am on Monday, February 19, in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend!



## *St. Martin's Catholic Church*

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### *Rosary*

20 minutes before weekend Masses

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Confessions are heard at 4:45 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church in East Templeton, 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.