

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2010

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 20 - 5:15 at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 21 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 21 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Roger Belliveau by his friends

Sunday, February 21 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Wednesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Friday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, February 27 - 5:15 at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 28 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 28 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Dorothy Fontaine, month's mind, by Lamoureux Fletcher Funeral Home

Sunday, February 28 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Second collection this week is for the Church in Latin America

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Hannah Given, Chris Nolette, Claudette Yackowski, Nazaire Richard, Ed Hearn, David Odiorne, Doris Whitney, Bermon Henrie, Alex Allain, Norma Conley, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, Michelle Smith, Mason Jandris, Michael Theriault, Janita Oullette, Doug Young, Olga Zielinski, Mary Alger, Claire Quinlisk, Patricia Fougere, Tim Wilson, Linda Maker, Jacquelyn Robichaud, Joe Barrett, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc, Ruth Dubzinski, and Lillian Lawrence.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Join in praying the Rosary, starting 20 minutes before Mass on weekends. Don't have a rosary? Extras are available in the vestibule.



BAPTISM

Our parish community welcomes Jordan Cash Boucher-Provonsil, who received new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism last weekend at St. Martin's.

CCD CLASSES

All grades meet this Sunday, February 21, and next week, February 28.

COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY

CCD students will serve coffee and donuts in the rectory immediately after Mass this Sunday. Stop by to chat with your fellow parishioners.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

This weekend a collection for the Church in Latin America will be taken. Bishop McManus states, "Your generous support provides evangelization in rural and poverty-stricken areas, religious training and catechesis and formation programs. ... Your support is essential. Please be assured of my appreciation for your support."

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

What will you do this year to prepare for the death and resurrection of Christ? As children growing up, Lent was a time of sacrifice, giving up something. We are proposing that you make a change this year—instead of giving up something—do something more. This does not need to involve a lot of time.

Some suggestions: Say a rosary every day for a special intention; attend daily Mass; attend weekly Stations of the Cross; attend a Prayer Group; attend a Bible Reflection Group; volunteer at a soup kitchen; conduct a food drive for the town food pantry; or do something spiritual on your own.

Make Lent a positive experience this year—do something more!

"COME HOME TO GOD'S MERCY"

How long since your last confession? Have you ever experienced the wonderful feeling of unburdening yourself from all the everyday faults and failings that keep us from loving God as fully as we should?

Join us **each Tuesday evening during Lent beginning at 7 pm to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation** (confession). This week we will have two priests hearing confessions. (One hears confessions in French as well as English). Jesus is available to us in his merciful love.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each **Sunday afternoon** at 3 pm, the Stations of the Cross will take place at St. Martin's. This Sunday will include Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Each **Friday evening** during Lent at 7:00 pm, the Stations of the Cross, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Holy Cross.

Each **Wednesday evening** at 7 pm, Stations of the Cross will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville.



LENTEN GUIDELINES

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.

CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

Your Catholic newspapers, magazines and books spread the Word! Where do you turn for guidance? Subscribe to our Diocesan newspaper today!

St. Martin's is responsible for payment of 54 subscriptions, no matter how many — or how few — we sell. Please support the diocesan newspaper and renew your subscription, using the envelope in your packet or in the vestibule.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

If you are a senior in high school, single, married, discerning a ministry in the Church or currently involved, plan to attend a day of fellowship with your peers at the first Young Adult Conference on March 6 beginning at 9 am, at Assumption College Hagan Center. Walk-in registration \$25 (\$20 before March 1), lunch is included. For information visit www.ymworcester.org.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #36, Jan Duplessis. Ticket-holders may pick up their tickets in the vestibule. There are a couple of tickets available.

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POOR MAN'S SUPPER

A "Poor Man's Supper" of soup and bread will be held at 6 pm on Wednesdays during Lent in the church hall at St. Vincent de Paul. Free will offerings will be taken for Relief in Haiti.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Phillipston Cub Scout Pack 39 will sponsor a Murder Mystery Dinner by The Comical Mystery Tour, with a complete Roast Turkey dinner prepared by Tom Royer at the Kamaloht on Sat. Mar. 20. Cocktail Hour will be from 5 to 6 pm. with dinner and show from 6 to 9 pm. There will be raffles and prizes. Cost is \$35 per person. Open to all adults. For tickets and or information call Christine Bennett at 978-939-4274.

MEAT RAFFLE

The Templeton Lions Club will hold a Meat Raffle from 7-10 pm on Friday, March 5, at the Otter River Sportsman's Club. Ten to 15 meat prizes per round. Three free tickets to adults arriving before 7 pm, and for each pair of eyeglasses (up to 5 per person).

2010 DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

All parish men, as well as their sons, brothers, fathers and friends are invited to the 10th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference, Sat., March 20 at the Worcester DCU Center. For further information, or registration, call 508-929-4345 or visit www.firstmensconf.org.



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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 during the fall/winter season, 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.