

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 2010

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 16 - 5:15 at Holy Cross

Sunday, January 17 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, January 17 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's

Souls in Purgatory, by a parishioner

Sunday, January 17 - 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

Saturday, January 23 - 5:15 at Holy Cross

Sunday, January 24 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, January 24 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's

People of the Parish

Sunday, January 24 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Second Collection next week is for Home Missions

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Hannah Given, Bruce Strong, Chris Nolette, Frank Juliano, 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, Dorothy Fontaine, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to schedule a mass in memory of a loved one, call the rectory at 978-939-5588 or speak to Pat Gale after Mass.

CCD CLASSES

Classes will be NOT held for all grades this Sunday due to the Martin Luther King holiday. Classes for grades 1-6 will not be held next Sunday, Jan. 24; evening class for grades 7 - 10 will be held as usual. All classes will be held on Feb. 7.

CCD students will hold a "Souper Bowl" fund drive after Mass on Feb. 7, Super Bowl Sunday, to benefit the Templeton Food Pantry.

INTRODUCTION TO CREED COURSE

Catechists and any one interested will have the opportunity to take an Introduction to the Creed Course at Holy Cross Church. It is a series of classes to be held on Tuesdays, 7 pm to 9 pm, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9 & 23. Cost is \$25, text included. If interested call the rectory for an application.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Next week's collection supports missions here in the United States. As Bishop McManus states, "This helps the most financially-strapped dioceses in the United States carry out their work of preaching the Gospel. ...I encourage you to be generous to the 2010 Catholic Home Missions Appeal....Through our personal generosity in this important appeal, we will all share in the work of evangelization."

DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE

Our parish recognizes, Friday, Jan. 22, as a Day of Prayer and Penance for sins against Human Rights and Dignity. Holy Cross church will be open for prayer all day.

RESPECT LIFE MASS IN WORCESTER

All are invited to the Respect Life Mass on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul to unite in prayer with those attending the National Prayer Vigil for life in Washington, DC.

BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP

A bible reflection will be offered during Lent at Holy Cross Parish on Monday evenings in the religious education center from 7-9 pm. This group will last for 8 weeks starting on Feb. 8th and conclude on the Monday of Holy Week. It will utilize "The Word Among Us" Press bible study on Jesus' passion entitled The Seven Last Words of Christ. You are asked to call the rectory or speak to Fr. Joe or Deacon Dick to express your interest in the group so enough books can be ordered. Come and explore the messages that Christ was sending us in his last words during the crucifixion!

HEALING SERVICE IN ASHBURNHAM

Richard Bingold, known for his miraculous Pilgrim Rosary, is coming to St. Denis, Ashburnham on Monday, Jan. 25 at 7 pm to conduct a healing service. All are welcome.

RESPECT LIFE

“Those who are active in the production and dissemination of new media content, therefore, should strive to respect the dignity and worth of the human person. If the new technologies are to serve the good of individuals and of society, all users will avoid the sharing of words and images that are degrading of human beings, that promote hatred and intolerance, that debase the goodness and intimacy of human sexuality or that exploit the weak and vulnerable.”

-Pope Benedict XVI, “Message of the Holy Father for the 43rd World Communications Day,” 5/24/09

STOP ABORTION FUNDING IN HEALTH CARE BILL

On Nov. 7, the House passed a health care reform bill that opposed federal funding of abortion. On Dec. 24, the Senate rejected this policy and passed a measure that requires the use of tax payer dollars to fund abortions. Now, as Congress continues to debate health care reform and attempts to combine the two bills, the U.S. Bishop’s Conference is asking us to please contact our congressional representatives immediately asking them to oppose abortion funding and improve conscience protection. Visit www.usccb.org/action to send an instant email to Congress. Additional information can be found at www.worcesterdiocese.org and www.usccb.org/healthcare.

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Our Lady of Life, please hear this prayer and, through the Love of Your Divine Son, intercede for these urgent and holy petitions:

Our Lady of Life, ask Your Son, Jesus, for the conversion of Planned Parenthood and of everyone involved in promoting the Culture of Death.

Our Lady of Life, ask your Son, Jesus, to send the courage and graces of the Holy Spirit for our consecrated religious, priests and of course, our Holy Father to proclaim the fullness of Truth.

Our Lady of Life, ask Your Son, Jesus, to send the courage and graces of the Holy Spirit for all people of God to counter the Culture of Death and proclaim the fullness of Truth.

Our Lady of Life, ask Your Son, Jesus, to provide healing for mothers and fathers of aborted children.

Our Lady of Life, ask Your Son, Jesus, to bless America by restoring our nation to its founding principles of law respecting the inalienable right to life for every person, born and unborn.

“...for nothing is impossible with God.”-Luke 1:37

BIBLE STUDY COURSE

An eight week Bible Study Course – topic “Saint Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians,” will be held at St. Cecilia’s Parish Center, Mechanic St., Leominster, Wednesday Evenings Jan. 27 to March 17, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Instructor is Monsignor Francis Goguen. Course is open to all.



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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.