

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2007

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 20 - 5:15 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 21 - 8:00 am, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 21 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Roger Poirier by the Henrie family

Sunday, January 21, 10:30 am, Holy Cross

Monday, Tuesday - 8:00 am, Holy Cross

Wednesday - 8:00 am, Holy Cross; 9:00 am, St. Vincent de Paul

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

Saturday, January 27 - 5:15 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 28 - 8:00 am, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 28 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Conrad & Mildred Pouliot by Russ & Carol Clark

Sunday, January 28, 10:30 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$474 **Fuel:** \$274

Second Collection next week is for Catholic Home Missions

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Janita Oullette, Dave Jacques, Bob Stone, 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.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Join in praying the Rosary, starting 20 minutes before Mass on weekends.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All grades meet this Sunday, January 21. Grades 7 - 10 are reminded to bring candy for treat bags for Meals on Wheels. The next class for all grades is next Sunday, January 28.

COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER MASS NEXT WEEKEND

CCD students will serve coffee and donuts at the rectory after Mass next Sunday, January 28. Everyone is invited to stop in for refreshments and to chat with fellow parishioners.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Next week's second collection supports missions here in the United States. As Bishop McManus reminds us, "We need to protect and preserve the entire Catholic community in our homeland by supporting this vital annual appeal... I encourage you to be generous to the 2007 Catholic Home Missions Appeal." The full text of the Bishop's letter is in this week's *Catholic Free Press*, and copies of the letter are available in the vestibule.

DAY OF PENANCE AND PRAYER

January 22, 2007 marks the 34th anniversary of *Roe v Wade*, the Supreme Court decision, which with its companion case, *Doe v Bolton*, legalized abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy in every state in the nation. In a letter to Catholics of the Worcester Diocese, Bishop Robert J. McManus reminds us that January 22 is "a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life." ...

"Clearly we see what the tragedy of abortion has done to our nation. Each year, an estimated 1.3 million lives are lost through abortion, leaving in its wake countless grieving women and men ... As Catholics, we must heed the Lord's call to life and pray for the strength, determination, and ability to continue working to reverse *Roe v Wade*. We must also continue to work diligently to proclaim the message of the merciful and reconciling love of Christ to our brothers and sisters who are suffering from abortion's devastating aftermath."

MARCH FOR LIFE 2007

A bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Monday, Jan. 22, will leave following a Respect Life Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral this Sunday, January 21, at 7:30 pm. All are invited to attend the Mass.

Prayer for the Dignity of Human Life

Lord and giver of all life, help us to value each person, created in love by You. In Your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

HOPE: HOUSE OF PEACE AND EDUCATION

If you care about making a difference, enjoy seeing a child smile, being part of a great team, and sharing your talents, HOPE is the place to be. Volunteers are needed to work with children in the HOPE for Kids, Pals, and teen groups. Adults, college students or junior/seniors in high school are welcome. Please call Fran Longton at 978-630-4752.

KOF C BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST

All boys and girls aged 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition of the 2007 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at 9 am this Sunday, January 21 at the Narragansett Middle School gym. Prizes will be awarded for every age group. Winners will progress to regional, state and international competition. Parental permission slips are required.

120 CLUB

The next 120 Club will begin on February 4.

ST. VINCENT CALENDAR CLUB FOR JANUARY WINNERS

January is all \$50 winners: 8) Thomas Jankauskas; 9) Ann-Marie Geyster; 10) Bruce Koziol; 11) Dick Carpenter; 12) Dick Chase; 13) Dale Belliveau; 14) Suzie Cormier.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

Find out everything you wanted to know about being a deacon, at the information session scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, Feb. 7, at Our Lady of Loreto Parish Center, 33 Massasoit Road, Worcester. If you've ever thought about becoming a deacon and wanted to know more about what it would involve, now is your opportunity! There is no obligation.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Gardner Visiting Nurses Association hospice program is looking for volunteers throughout the area. There is a great need for volunteers to serve families and patients in 16 cities and towns from Gardner to Orange. The only requirements are a caring heart, dependability, compassion, and a willingness to serve patients from diverse backgrounds. A free, comprehensive training program is required to prepare volunteers for hospice work. The training is a ten session program that meets once a week from 6 to 8 pm starting February 13 and concludes on April 17. For more information or for an application, please contact Rev. Brenda Casavoy at 978-632-1230 ext. 3040.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

Phillipston Cub Scout Pack 39 will sponsor a Murder Mystery Dinner by the Comical Mystery Tour, with a complete Baked Stuffed Chicken dinner prepared by Tom Royer at the Kamaloht on Saturday, Feb. 10. Cocktail hour is from 5 to 6 pm, with dinner and show from 6 to 9 pm. There will be raffles and prizes. For tickets and/or information, call Christine Bennett at 978-939-4274 or Michael Mosher at 978-249-5367.



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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.