

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2010

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 30 - 5:15 at Holy Cross

Sunday, January 31 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 31 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's**  
Roger Belliveau by the family

Sunday, January 31 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Special Collection for Haiti Earthquake Victims: \$376

Second Collection this week is for Home Missions

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Hannah Given, Chris Nolette, Frank Juliano, Claudette Yackowski, Nazaire Richard, Ed Hearn, David Odiome, 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 for grades 1-6 will not be held this Sunday, Jan. 24; evening class for grades 7 - 10 will be held as usual. A meeting for confirmation students will be held at 7:30 pm.

Classes for all grades will be held on January 31.

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

This 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..."

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you looking for a way to avoid the winter blahs? How about a special weekend, just the 2 of you? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends have been scheduled for Jan 29-31, Feb. 12-14, and Mar. 5-7. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-wwme or visit [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org).

### 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.

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*"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." -Luke 4:18b-19,21*

### RESPECT LIFE

Women who have had one abortion have a 36% increased risk of giving birth prematurely in a subsequent pregnancy. Women who have had more than one abortion have a 93% increased risk of premature birth.

-Prakesh Shah et al, "Induced termination of pregnancy and low birthweight and preterm birth" *An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, 116:11 (2009) 1425-1442

### HAM AND BEAN SUPPER

St. Joseph's Trotters, the Greater Gardner Relay for Life Team from St. Joseph's Church, will hold a Ham and Bean Supper from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Saturday, February 6, at the church, 358 Pleasant St., Gardner. Donation for the supper is \$5. All funds will go to the Greater Gardner Relay for Life. For more information or tickets, call Ellie Fleurant at 978-630-3079 or Mike Yablonski at 978-632-8457.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON FEB. 14

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, Feb. 14, from 7:30 am to 10:30 am at Holy Cross Church. All are welcome. \$4 adults, \$2 children. Put it on your calendar!

### 120 CLUB

The next 120 Club, benefiting the Parish Improvement Fund, will begin in February. There are two tickets available. If interested, see Linda Columbus.

### 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.

### HOSPICE VOLLUNTEERS NEEDED

Allegiance Hospice is looking for volunteers to visit patients under hospice care in nursing homes in Central Massachusetts for a minimum of 1 hour a week. Volunteers are formally trained and are a valued part of the interdisciplinary team in serving patients at end of life. Call Lisa Trudell 877-255-4623 or email [ltrudell@allegiancehospice.com](mailto:ltrudell@allegiancehospice.com).

### FAITH NIGHT

A Pre-Lenten FaithNight with Sean Forrest will take place on Monday, Feb. 15, from 7 – 9 pm at St. Anna Parish in Leominster. Pre-purchased tickets are \$10 (\$15 after Feb. 10). Seating is limited. All are welcome. Please call Pattie at 978-537-5293 ext. 14 or Brenda at 978-868-6120 for tickets.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

Find out everything you wanted to know about being a deacon. Come to the Information Session scheduled for 7 pm on Monday, Feb. 1, at Our Lady of Loreto Parish Center, 33 Massasoit Rd., Worcester. If you've ever thought about becoming a deacon and wanted to know more, now is your opportunity! There is no obligation. Wives are encouraged to attend. (Snow date 2/3/10).



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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.