

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 10, 2009

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 9 - 5:15 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 9 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 10 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Mary Sharron Martin Cramer by Jackie Robichaud

Sunday, May 10 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross

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

Thursday - 9 am St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, May 16 - 5:15 pm at Holy Cross

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

Sunday, May 17 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Rachel (Henrie) Kacian, third anniversary, by the family

Sunday, May 17 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$553 **Fuel:** \$193

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Nazaire Richard, Ed Hearn, David Odiorne, Gary Whitney, Doris Whitney, Bermon Henrie, Alex Allain, Norma Conley, Norman Leblanc, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, Michelle Smith, Mason Jandris, Phyllis Brown, 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 Smith, Ruth Dubzinski, Lillian Lawrence.

PRAY THE ROSARY

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the tabernacle and statue of Mary this weekend are in memory of Mary Sharron Martin Cramer, donated by Jackie Robichaud.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Risa Connors and Jason Dennis, who received the Eucharist for the first time last Sunday. Please keep these youngsters in your prayers.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY PLEDGES REACH HALF-WAY POINT

Thank you, all who donated or pledged to the Partners in Charity drive last weekend. Through the in-pew collection and advance gifts, we have reached 54% of our goal of \$8,000. The appeal will continue for the next few weeks as we strive to reach — or exceed — our parish goal. Please be as generous as you can to help support the important charities funded by this appeal.

CONFIRMATION

We offer our prayers and congratulations to Aaron LeBlanc, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Tuesday evening, conferred by Bishop George E. Rueger at Holy Cross Church.

RESPECT LIFE

[Recently] startling advances in reprogramming adult cells into embryonic-like cells – hailed by the journal Science as the scientific breakthrough of the year – are said by many scientists to be making embryonic stem cells irrelevant to medical progress. [Also], adult and cord blood stem cells are now known to have great versatility, and are increasingly being used to reverse serious illnesses and even help rebuild damaged organs.

- Cardinal Francis George, OMI, Letter to President Barack Obama, 1/16/09

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

The Saturday Mass will return to St. Martin's for the months of June and July. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 pm. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, contact Pat Gale. There is no change to the Sunday Mass schedule.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The Diocese of Worcester has pledged to provide a safe place for our children and others who visit us, worship with us and build community with us.

Volunteers who donate their time and talent to parish life are being asked to fill out CORI requests and become familiar with the policies regarding ministerial conduct towards others. Parents, too, will be an important part of the effort to provide and insure a safe environment for all. More information will be forthcoming. Watch the bulletin.

MOTHER'S DAY

On this Mother's Day, we make special our efforts to honor, to thank, and to pray for our Mothers. Their love, care and concern for us are unsurpassed. May they be blessed with the choicest of God's graces.

The Church sets aside the month of May to honor our Blessed Mother, Mary for she truly is, indeed, 'blessed among women.'

May Mary be the model for all Mothers!



SUMMER FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING!

Our Summer Festival will take place on Saturday, July 18. A brief meeting to begin planning the festival will be held in the rectory next Sunday, May 17, immediately after the 9:15 am Mass. Please stop by for a cup of coffee and to lend your support for this crucial parish fund-raising event.

PARISH CRAFT GROUP - CHANGE IN MEETING DAY THIS WEEK

Due to the Town Meeting on May 12, the Craft Group meeting has been changed to Monday for this week. All women of the parish are invited to stop by the rectory at 6:30 pm to work on craft items for the Holiday Fair. No crafting experience is required. Come enjoy a night out with the "craft ladies."

WE ARE A LIGHT - CHRISTIAN MUSICAL

The Immaculate Heart of Mary & St. Vincent de Paul Youth Choir presents a Christian Musical "We Are a Light," a musical journey of faith by Ken Canedo, at 7 pm on Sunday, May 17, at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Admission is free. This musical production is set within the time frame of the days between Ascension and Pentecost and is the story of Peter's relationship with Jesus. Utilizing flashback interactive storytelling, Peter relays to Matthias, and to the audience, his impressions and love for Jesus. Mary Magdalene guides the story, both as herself and as Narrator. The townspeople join in singing and dancing, making this a delight for all ages!

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church will hold a full spaghetti supper from 5:30 - 7 pm on Saturday, May 16 in the parish hall. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale now. Your ticket includes a wine tasting for anyone over 21, sponsored by Event Wines. All proceeds benefit the Immaculate Heart of Mary Centennial Fund.

ROAST PORK DINNER

East Templeton United Methodist Church will hold a Roast Pork dinner at 5:30 pm on May 16. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, free for under 4 years. For reservations call 978-257-9193 or 978-632-8816.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #13, T & D Howard.

ANNUAL \$10,000 RAFFLE

On Saturday, May 30, St. Denis Parish, Ashburnham, will sponsor their 3rd Annual Spring Giveaway: Grand Prize is \$10,000; 2nd Prize is \$1,000, 3rd & 4th Prizes are \$500; 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Prizes are \$250. Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Partial tickets will be available. Tickets will sell fast so don't wait. Call Deacon Rich at 978-343-6367, Dorene at 978-827-4857 or Kim at 978-827-5428.

CLASSIC CAR CRUISE

The Otter River Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Classic Car Cruise at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, May 17 from 1 pm to 3 pm. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, and classic cars. Will not be held in the event of rain.



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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.