

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 13 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, April 14 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 14 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Michael J. Cranston by Steve & Babara White**

Sunday, April 14 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

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

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

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

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, April 20 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, April 21 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
George and Margaret Murdock by Steve & Babara White**

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

**April 7 weekly collection:** \$753    **Good Friday:** \$32    **Easter:** \$30

### PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Barbara White, Jim O'Malley, Jennifer Strong, Jason Hamel, Diane Lupaczyk, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, and Donald Leblanc.

*Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.*

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Plan to come to church early, and join in praying the Rosary, 30 minutes before Mass.



### PASTORAL MINISTRIES

There are many opportunities for ministry to our fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the Pastor.

### MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to schedule a Mass for a special intention or remembrance, speak to Pat Gale after Mass or call the parish office at 978-939-5588.

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Get more out of Sunday Mass, by reading ahead...*

**APRIL 21, 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 4:8-12 • 1 JOHN 3:1-2 • JOHN 10:11-18**

### KOFC MOTHER'S DAY "BABY SHOWER"

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus is holding a Pro-Life Baby Shower to benefit the CareNet Pregnancy Center now through Mother's Day, May 12. Donations of new clothing and diapers (up to age 2) can be placed in the collection basket in our vestibule. Collected donations will be brought to The CareNet Pregnancy Center in Fitchburg to assist young mothers with their baby's needs. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your support.

### CATHLIC SCOUTING AWARDS MASS

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is pleased to announce our annual awards Mass on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. Bishop Robert McManus will present to those scouts and adults receiving recognition from the DCCS.

### 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

A small group retreat to prepare for Marian Consecration will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning April 24 at 6:30pm, Annunciation Parish Center, Holy Rosary Campus, 135 Nichols Street, Gardner. Meetings include video presentations by Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, prayer and discussion. Participants will be invited to consecrate themselves to Mary at the 9am Mass at Holy Rosary on Saturday June 1. There is no cost to attend. Participants may wish to purchase Fr. Gaitley's book 33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do It Yourself retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration to enrich their experience but are not required to do so. To learn more or register go to <https://annunciationgardner.org/33-days-to-morning-glory> or contact Maura Sweeney, 978-632-0253 by April 17.

### WORD OF LIFE

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (Spe salvi 31)." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

*"Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.*



He said to them,

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things." *Lk 24:46-48*

## PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. St. Martin's has received **\$3,650, which is 73% of our goal of \$5,000.** If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews and at the church entrance. Or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it online. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you!



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, this Sunday, April 14 at Holy Cross Church, Templeton. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee & juice will be served from 8:00-11:00am. The price is \$7 for adults & \$3.50 for children with a maximum of \$25/ family. All proceeds are for scholarships.

## 120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #45, Steve & Barbara White in memory of George Murock. There are open numbers; see Linda Columbus if you would like to join. Tickets are \$20. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund.

## TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include, Gluten-free foods (any), chicken or beef broth, kids' cereal, Chef Boyardee pastas, mayonnaise, and jam/jelly. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated, as the Pantry is facing difficulty in keeping the shelves stocked.** The Pantry, at Senior Drive in Baldwinville, is open on Tuesdays from 9 am to noon; Thursdays from noon to 3 and 5 to 7 pm; and Saturdays from 10 am to noon.

## GREATER GARDNER YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Join us and pray the St. Michael Chaplet! 7 pm every 1st and 3rd Thursday at Annunciation Parish Center, located behind Holy Rosary in Gardner. For more information, please reach out to Jonah Kattau, @ [jdkattau@gmail.com](mailto:jdkattau@gmail.com)

## POUTINES & RAPPE

Poutines and Rappe will be sold from the back of Holy Rosary Church in Gardner on Friday, April 19, and Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. until sold out. \$6 each.

## CLOTHING BINS

Bins for donations of clothing to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society are available in the parking lot at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville. Donations of good condition clothing and shoes will support individuals and families in need in our community. Visit [www.svdpworcester.org](http://www.svdpworcester.org) to learn more about the Society.



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*Rosary*  
30 minutes before Sunday Mass

*Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm and anytime by appointment.

*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.