

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, April 7 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Philip Lefebvre by Patricia and Robert Feeley**

Sunday, April 7 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - No Mass 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 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

**March 31 weekly collection:** \$447

**Easter Offering:** \$252

### PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for 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 14, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 3:13-15, 17-19 • 1 JOHN 2:1-5A • LUKE 24:35-48**

### MASS FOR LIFE

The annual Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Monday, April 8 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. All are invited to join students from our Catholic schools who will be our special guests. The Diocese of Worcester's annual Pro-Life Awards will also be presented at this Mass. All are welcome to attend!

### DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

The final Pilgrimage service of this year will be held April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. at Annunciation Parish, Gardner. Please join us at Holy Rosary Church for this beautiful Divine Mercy Sunday service.

### PRO-LIFE "BABY SHOWER"

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus is holding a Pro-Life Baby Shower to benefit the CareNet Pregnancy Center now through early May. Donations of new clothing and diapers (up to age 2) can be placed in the collection basket in our vestibule. 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.

### WORD OF LIFE

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. —USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion" [www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)



Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

*Jn20:24-26*





### COFFEE HOUR TODAY

A Coffee Hour will be held this Sunday, April 7, at the Rectory, immediately after Mass. All are welcome! Plan to stop by for coffee, pastry and conversation!

### 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 **\$3,600 which is 72% 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!



### 120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #49, Fr. Fran Roberge. 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, @jkdattau@gmail.com

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, next 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.

### 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



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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.