

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 15 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, April 16 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 16 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Geroge & Margaret Murdock by Steve & Barbara White**

Sunday, April 16 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - 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 22 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, April 23 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 23 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Helen Vanasse by Christine Ravish**

Sunday, April 23 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

April 9 weekly collection: \$631 Easter: \$316 Good Friday: \$73

Second Collection This Week is for Fuel

Second Collection Next Week is for Repair & Maintenance

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Diane Lupaczyk, Philip Lefebvre, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, 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

Come to church early on Sundays, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.

THANK YOU!

We thank all who assisted with the services of Holy Week: the liturgical ministers, altar servers, musicians, sanctuary decorators. The beautiful memorial flowers adorning our sanctuary are also very much appreciated.

The liturgical environment provided a setting for a prayerful, spiritual atmosphere for all to join in the joy of Easter, Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

April 16, 2023 - Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

ACTS 2:42-47 • 1 Pt 1:3-9 • Jn 20:19-31

PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast this Sunday, April 16 in the hall at Holy Cross Church, from 8:00 until 11:00 am. The breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice & coffee. The cost will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 & under with a maximum charge of \$30.00 per family. All proceeds will be for the benefit of Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

This afternoon, April 16, there be a Divine Mercy Service at Holy Rosary Church, Nichols Street in Gardner, beginning at 2 pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for confessions. There will be several confession stations set up. Confessions will be heard in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

At 3 pm there will be a sung recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet led by a choir, and conclude with Benediction. Please note that there will not be an Extraordinary Form Mass that day.

K OF C BABY SHOWER

The Knights of Columbus are holding a "baby shower" to benefit The Care Net Pregnancy Center in Fitchburg. A bassinet has been set up in the vestibule to collect baby care items such as diapers, wipes, new clothing for up to age 2, and pregnancy supplies. The "shower" will run through Mothers Day, May 14. Items may be brought to church any Sunday. Thank you for your support.

LEARN ABOUT BECOMING A DEACON

The Office of the Diaconate is accepting applications from married and single men between the ages of 31 and 60 for this fall's beginning formation process. Applications will be accepted through May 1, with classes to begin in September. Inquiry sessions will be held on request with those who are interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. To schedule a session, email your request to diaconate@worcesterdiocese.org or submit an inquiry form at worcesterdiocese.org/diaconateinquiry.

"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." — Jn 20:27b-29



PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Our parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual Partners in Charity appeal. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. Gift envelopes are available in the pews and in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued support! We couldn't do it without you!

At the time of print \$3,300 has been received toward our goal of \$5,000.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #9, "The Boys"/Jim Alie. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund. There are open numbers; if interested, contact Linda Columbus.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The need continues year-round in our community. Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include kids' cereals, Ranch dressing, toothpaste, sugar, and Taco meal kits. Grocery store gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.**

The Templeton Food Pantry is located at the rear of the Templeton Senior Community Center, off Bridge Street in Baldwinville. It's open from 9 am - noon on Tuesdays; noon - 3 pm and 5 - 7 pm on Thursdays; and from noon - 3 pm on Saturdays. Anyone in need of food is welcome to visit this community resource.

DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

All high school youth and current 8th graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on May 19-21 at Anna Maria College! Cost is \$125/person. Deadline to register is April 25. To sign up or to get more information, go to neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat. The theme for the retreat is *Mysterium Fidei* (Mystery of Faith). Join for a relaxing and recharging weekend that will include fun & games (with prizes!), music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and an experience into the ultimate mystery of Christ in the Sacraments through Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and Mass! The retreat will start Friday evening and will conclude Sunday around noon. If you have any questions contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcederdiocese.org.

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 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*

Cursillo Weekends

Women's Weekends April 27-30, or September 7-11; Men's Weekends June 8-11, or December 7-11. Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT and a Sponsor will bring you and pick you up. For additional information, please contact Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 or phamilton1284@gmail.com OR Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.



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Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During this pandemic, please contact the rectory at Holy Cross Church, 978-632-2121, for an 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.