

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 2, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 1 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, April 2 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 2 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Roger Belliveau by the family**

Sunday, April 2 - 10:45 am, 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

Friday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, April 8 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, April 9 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 9 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jaylin Rose Johnson by the family**

Sunday, April 9 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly: \$775 Fuel: \$110

Second Collection this week is for Catholic Relief Services

Thank you to all who make up their envelopes for weekends missed due to vacation, illness or inclement weather.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Nissa Lempart, Gianna Howlett, Ruth Alie, Bob Young, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Marie Jacques, Trey Niles, Margaret Murdock, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLATIONS

When conditions warrant "Delays or No School" cancellations, there will be NO MASS also. Mass intentions can be transferred to another day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 978-939-5588, by emailing saintmartinchurch@mail.com, or by speaking to Pat Gale after Mass.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Divine Chaplet will be prayed at Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays at 7:30 pm.

Confession will be held any time by appointment, and on Saturdays at 3:45 pm at Holy Cross.

Fridays during Lent at 7 pm, Stations of the Cross & Benediction at Holy Cross

On the First Friday of the Month, First Friday Devotions will include Stations of the Cross.

Holy Thursday Liturgy will be at St. Martin's at 7 pm and **Good Friday Liturgy** will be at Holy Cross at 7 pm. The Easter Vigil Mass is at Holy Cross.

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

THEME: "LENT - A TIME OF REFLECTION"

Join the pilgrimage to the different churches of our Deanery. Take the opportunity to go to Confession, pray and reflect on a Lenten theme. Confessions available starting at 6:30 pm, Service is at 7 pm.

April 5 - St. Vincent de Paul, Baldwinville. Preacher, Fr. Fran Roberge

The Deanery Pilgrimage will be completed on **Sunday, April 23, Divine Mercy Sunday**, at Annunciation Parish - Holy Rosary Church in Gardner. Come with us on our Lenten Retreat of Prayer and Devotion.

FIRST FRIDAY

Please come and join us with First Friday Devotions on Friday, April 7 beginning at 7 pm. It will begin with Mass followed by Stations of the Cross, with Respect Life Intentions and Taize Music and Confession.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Those of you who desire to do so, may make an offering for our Easter Altar Flowers. Envelopes for this purpose are available in the vestibule. They may be given in memory of loved ones whose names will appear in our bulletin and who will have a special remembrance at Masses during the Easter Season. Please have your envelope in by Sunday, April 9, as time is needed for printing. Thank You!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2017-2018 CCD Program will be held next Sunday, April 9, at Holy Cross Church while CCD is in session and after Masses that day. The fee to cover the cost of books and materials is still only \$25 per child, \$40 per family. A \$5 late fee will apply after May 15. Checks may be made payable to Holy Cross Church. For new parishioners, a census card must be filled out.

"PONDERING MARY" EXHIBITION

The Museum of Russian Icons, 203 Union St., Clinton, presents "Pondering Mary: Her Story Through Icons," an exhibit exploring Mary's life as portrayed in icons; how her relationship with her Son has defined her; and how the Russian people have viewed her complex role in salvation. The exhibition runs through May 21. Visit museumofrussianicons.org.

SPRING CLEANING

Due to the recent storm, the pre-Easter cleaning of the church may not be finished. If the work was not completed, we'll try again from 10 am - noon on Saturday, April 8. If you're interested in helping out, please speak to Pat Gale after Mass (or call 978-939-8858) about those cleaning plans.

EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the front lawn of the Rectory immediately after Mass on Easter Sunday, April 16. Parishioners are invited to donate filled plastic eggs for the hunt. Eggs may be brought to church next Sunday.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY DRIVE

The 2017 Partners in Charity Appeal has begun. Every member of St. Martin's parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus, made possible through the annual appeal.



Our parish goal is \$5,000. To date, St. Martin's has received donations and pledges totaling \$2,985, or 60% of our goal.

Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge, and place it in the regular collection basket. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous

as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2017 appeal we thank you. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!
Blessed Mother Teresa, pray for us.

120 CLUB

Week 8 winner was #8, Margaret Murdock. There are open tickets; if you'd like to join, speak to Pat Gale or Linda Columbus after Mass.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - APRIL 9

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a breakfast of pancakes, eggs & sausage on Palm Sunday, April 9, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Winchendon, at 9:30 am. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under with a limit of \$20 for a family. Tickets available at the door.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

41st annual Spaghetti & Meatball Supper, 5 - 7 pm on Wednesday, April 5, at Holy Rosary Church Hall, Gardner, to benefit Holy Family Academy. Adults, \$8, children \$5.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is always in need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry. Please help our neighbors in need. The pantry is located at the rear of the Senior Center, 16 Senior Drive in Baldwinville, and is open from 9 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard at 3:45 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.