

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2017

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 22 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, April 23 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's  
Patricia Dembek by the family**

Sunday, April 23 - 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

Saturday, April 29 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, April 30 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 30 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's  
Rev. William G. O'Brien by parishioners, first anniversary**

Sunday, April 30 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

**Weekly: \$ 671    Easter: \$198    Fuel: \$310    Good Friday: \$ 80**  
**Second Collection this week is for Repair & Maintenance**

*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 Gianna Howlett, Ruth Alie, 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, Alicia Wieszorek, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Come early, and join in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each Sunday.



## DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE CONCLUDES ON APRIL 23

THEME: "LENT - A TIME OF REFLECTION"

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.



### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated in the ceremonies of Holy Week; the liturgical ministers, altar servers, musicians and singers, and decorators. The beautiful memorial flowers and church cleaning by volunteers was also very much appreciated. The liturgical environment provided the setting for a prayerful, spiritual atmosphere for all to join in the joy of Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 23

We will have a service at Holy Cross Church for Divine Mercy Sunday. It will begin at 2 pm with Adoration and Confession. At 3 pm, Divine Mercy Devotions will begin. There will be no Mass at this time.

### CCD REGISTRATION

Parishioners may now register their children for the next CCD Year. Please pick up a form on the table in the vestibule. The fee to cover the cost of books and materials is still only \$25 per child and \$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](http://museumofrussianicons.org).

### HIGHEST HEAVEN EXHIBITION AT WAM

You are invited to experience a stunning private collection of religious art at the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) during its only New England visit. Highest Heaven explores a time when art, spirituality, and religious devotion flourished in Spanish and Portuguese South America in the 1600s and 1700s. These exquisite works of art have rarely been shown in public, so don't miss this chance to see them! WAM is holding special "Parish Days" on select Sundays -- May 14, June 11 and July 9. Parishioners who bring their church bulletin to WAM on those days will receive \$2 off admission for up to 4 people. For more information about Highest Heaven and for WAM hours and admission, visit [worchester-art.org](http://worchester-art.org).

## REPAIRS, RENOVATIONS AND ENHANCEMENTS

Over the course of its 164 years, St. Martin's Church has undergone many changes — from the construction of the Sanctuary and bell tower to the installation of stained glass windows, padded kneelers, and Stations of the Cross. And as with any building, repairs, small and large, are an ongoing part of life.

In the months ahead, St. Martin's will be undergoing repairs and renovations — both to enhance our worship space and protect the church structure for many years to come. A capital campaign will be conducted to help finance the cost of this work. Details about the renovations, repairs and fund drive will be announced soon.

## PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

The 2017 Partners in Charity Annual Appeal is still in progress. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider supporting 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 \$3,660, or 73% of our goal.



## 120 CLUB

Week 10 winner was #91, Priscilla Paul; Week 11 winner was #76, Linda LeBlanc.

## ROSARY SODALITY YARD SALE/VENDOR SALE

April 29, 9 am - 2 pm, in Holy Cross Hall. Household Treasures, Crafts and Home Based Business Products will be featured. There will also be a Bake Sale and Chinese Auction. Lunch will be served!

## SPRING BUFFET IN WESTMINSTER

A Spring Buffet will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 5 – 7 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, 10 Church St., Westminster. Menu includes Pulled pork, hot dogs, sausage and pepper, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans and dessert. \$10/adult; \$5 per child under 12 and children under 6 eat free. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information call Wendy at 978-874-0767.

## 59TH ANNUAL SILVER TEA

Women of the parish are invited to attend the 59th annual Silver Tea at the Congregational Church of Phillipston on Thursday, May 11 at 1:30 pm. We are suggesting a \$5 per person donation to help defray cost of the entertainment. Please reply by May 1st to Jean Marshall at 978-249-3164. While wearing hats and gloves is optional, with the program this year, they would be very becoming.

## PRAYER VIGIL/RALLY TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Pro-lifers across the country will hold rallies, marches, prayer vigils against Planned Parenthood. All are welcome to join in Saturday, April 29 from 10 am to noon at Planned Parenthood, 470 Pleasant St., Worcester. Contact is Sandra 508-799-7337.



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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.