

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 29 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, April 30 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Margaret Murdock by Barbara & Steve White**

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

**April 16 weekly collection: \$596      Fuel: \$371**  
**Second Collection This 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.

### 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](mailto:diaconate@worcesterdiocese.org) or submit an inquiry form at [worcesterdiocese.org/diaconateinquiry](http://worcesterdiocese.org/diaconateinquiry).

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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**ACTS 2:14A 36-41 • 1 PETER 1: 20B-25 • JOHN 10: 1-10**

### 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.

### THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Please join us Wednesday evening April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Denis Parish in Ashburnham for a teaching on the holy face of Jesus, followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### 40-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN ASHBURNHAM

Starting at 9 am with a Mass on Friday, April 28, followed by Adoration until Sunday morning, April 30, at 3:00 am. This 40-hour Eucharistic Adoration is in response to the upcoming satancom event in Boston on the 28th, 29th, and 30th as we pray and ask for protection for our families, our state, and our country. All are welcome to join Adoration at any time, or please feel free to sign up for a time slot if you wish. Call Antonette Comeau at 978-618-6946.

### DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Lord Jesus Christ, who by the gift of your Body and Blood, are really present in our lives, hear the prayers of the Church in Worcester. Give us the faith of your Church, confident in your presence in our Masses, our tabernacles and our lives. Give us the faith to offer our lives to you, joined with the perfect sacrifice, which you offered on the altar of the Cross.

Good and loving Shepherd, teach us how to lead your children home, that we might long together to glorify your name at the Supper of the Lord. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen

### POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY

Pope St. John XXIII Seminary in Weston, MA, asks and encourages single men who feel an agitation by the Holy Spirit to enter priesthood in the Catholic Church to consider it an excellent option for their formation in pursuit of that vocation. This asking and encouragement goes to any man who is of college age and above. In case of questions, one should contact the Seminary for guidance and answers. Website: [www.psjse.edu](http://www.psjse.edu).

*They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.— Lk 24:33-35*





### COFFEE HOUR NEXT SUNDAY

You are invited to stay after Mass next Sunday, April 30, to enjoy a coffee hour at the Rectory. Please join your fellow parishioners, friends and neighbors for coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship.

### 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 \$3,500 has been received toward our goal of \$5,000.*

### CRAFT GROUP MEETINGS RESUME!

This week, the parish Craft Group will begin meeting at 2 pm on Wednesday afternoons at the rectory. All women are invited to join us for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship as we create items for our Holiday Fair. Got ideas, patterns, or samples? Bring them and let's see what we can create!

### 120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #95, Tom Berry. 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 laundry detergent, 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: REGISTER BY APRIL 25

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](http://neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat). The theme for the retreat is *Mysterium Fidei* (Mystery of Faith).

### WORD OF LIFE

“Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.” — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe”*



## St. Martin's Catholic Church

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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.