

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24, 2022

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 23 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, April 24 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 24 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
George and Margaret Murdock by Steve & Barbara White**

Sunday, April 24 - 10:45 am at 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 30 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 1 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, May 1 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Beverly Bushey by Pat Gale**

Sunday, May 1 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**April 17 weekly collection: \$563 Easter Collection: \$2,585**

**Easter Flowers: \$175**

Second Collection This Week is for Repair & Maintenance

### SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Thomas Lupaczyk, Chris Scott, Mark Hanks, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Diane Lupaczyk, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Pola Yackowski, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc... and all those affected by the Corona virus.

*Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.*

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church 30 minutes before Mass to join in praying the Rosary each Sunday.

### "THE NOTICE ZONE"

*For Upcoming Holy Cross & St. Martin Parish Events*

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- 1st Communion, May 1, 2022 at 10:45 am Mass
- Confirmation, May 6, 2022 at 7 pm @ Holy Rosary, Gardner

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

May 1, 2022 - Third Sunday of Easter

**ACTS 5:27-32, 40B-41 • REVELATIONS 5:11-14 • PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11  
JOHN 21:1-19**

### THANK YOU

"Thank you" to all who assisted with the ceremonies of Holy Week; the liturgical ministers, altar servers, musicians, and sanctuary decorators. The beautiful memorial flowers that adorn our sanctuary are also very much appreciated, as are the new white frontal cloths for the altar and ambo, created by parishioner Carol Farrell. The liturgical environment provided a setting for a prayerful, spiritual atmosphere for all to join in the joy of Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Thank you also to C. M. Chartier Construction for repairing and re-installing the cross over the front entrance to the church, which was damaged during a heavy windstorm this winter.

### CCD REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2022-2023 CCD Program will be held this Sunday, April 24, which is this year's last class, after masses at Holy Cross. 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 also be filled out.

### DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The 2022 Pilgrimage concludes THIS Sunday, April 24, at Annunciation Parish at Holy Rosary, Gardner – Divine Mercy Sunday, beginning at 2 pm. Confessions will be heard from 2:00 until 3:00. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 3:00 p.m.

### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Looking for a method for eliminating debt and creating financial security for your family? Annunciation Parish will be hosting Financial Peace University Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m., beginning on April 25th in the church hall at Holy Rosary Church, 135 Nichols St., Gardner. This 9 part course is a Biblically based personal finance course by Dave Ramsey. It provides practical tools for building greater financial stability. You are welcome to "come and see" by attending the first session with no commitment. To learn more contact Frank Medlar at [frank.medlar@gmail.com](mailto:frank.medlar@gmail.com).

Then he said to Thomas, "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!" — *Jn 20:27-28*



## PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2022 UPDATE

Thanks to our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 Partners in Charity Appeal. **To date, \$4,625 has been received at the Diocese — representing 92.5% of St. Martin's 2022 goal of \$5,000.**

Gift envelopes are available in the pews and in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued support! We couldn't do it without you!



### 120 CLUB

The 120 Club, which benefits the Parish Improvement Fund, is underway. Last week's winner was #83, Molly Paine.

### 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)*

### DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

All high school youth and current 8th graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on May 20-22 at Anna Maria College! The theme for the retreat is Verso L'Alto (To the Heights). The retreat will offer fun & games, music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and an encounter with Jesus through Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Mass! Cost is \$100. Final deadline to register is Apr. 27. To sign up or to get more information, go to <https://neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat>. For questions contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at [tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MOTHER'S DAY DRIVE

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will collect new "baby shower" items such as diapers, infant clothes up to 1 year, personal baby care items, etc., starting next weekend and continuing through Mothers Day. These items will be brought to Care Net Pregnancy Center in Fitchburg to help new mothers. A collection basket will be set up in the vestibule to collect donations.

### 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 household cleaner, laundry detergent, Hamburger Helper, feminine products, sugar, canned beets, creamed corn.

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.

### BOWL IN SUPPORT OF GARDNER EMERGENCY HOUSING MISSION

Gardner Ten Pins, 569 W. Broadway, Gardner, Sunday, May 1, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. \$20/bowler (2 games & shoes). 5 bowlers/alley. Questions? Call 978-632-8671.



## 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.