

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 3, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 2- 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, April 3 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 3 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Kyle Berger, by Ruth and Jim Alie**

Sunday, April 3 - 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

Friday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, April 9- 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, April 10 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 10 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Kyle Berger, by Denise Meriam**

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

March 27 weekly collection: \$741

The second collection this week is for Catholic Relief Services.

Second Collection next week is for Fuel

SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or special intention, see Pat Gale after Mass or call the Rectory at 978-939-5588 and leave a message.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

April 10, 2022 - Palm Sunday

LUKE 19-28-40 • ISAIAH 50:4-7 • PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

1 LUKE 22:14-23:56 OR 23:1-49

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Divine Chaplet will be prayed at Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm at Holy Cross.

Confession will be held on Wednesdays during Lent at the host church of Deanery Pilgrimage at 6:30 pm, any time by appointment.

ALL FRIDAYS during Lent at 7 pm, there will be The Way of the Cross at Holy Cross Church

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

The Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage is held on Wednesdays during Lent.

This week, April 6, will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary Winchendon. Confessions will be held at 6:30 pm (**Penitents must wear a mask**) with the service to begin at 7 pm. The Pilgrimage ends on Sunday, April 24 at Holy Rosary Church, Gardner (Divine Mercy Sunday).



EASTER FLOWERS



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 here during the Easter Season. Thank You!

WORD OF LIFE

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life ... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

"The Veil Removed"

A short film titled, "The Veil Removed" (~7 Mins.) presents the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics, revealed by scripture and in the catechism of the Catholic Church. It theatrically reintroduces the sense of awe to those who are at Mass. Consider sharing the link to view on-line: <https://theveilremoved.com/watch>.

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger.

But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." — Jn 8: 6b-7



PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2022 UPDATE

Thanks to our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 Partners in Charity Appeal. **To date, \$3,475 has been received at the Diocese toward our 2022 goal of \$5,000.**

Text giving is an easy and a secure way to give. If you know how to send a text message, you can make a gift to Partners in Charity in seconds on your phone. St. Martin's will receive credit. Text donate to 84576. You can also make your gift online at partners-charity.net, where one can view the 2022 appeal video. Gift envelopes have been mailed and are also 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 #54, Claude LaBatt.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE APRIL 9

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a food drive to benefit the Templeton Food Pantry next Saturday, April 9, from 8 am to noon in St. Martin's parking lot. Non-perishable foods and cash donations are greatly appreciated.

Current items on the Pantry "wish list" include cooking oil, pancake mix and syrup, Taco Kits, vinegar, Hamburger Helper, salad dressings and feminine products.

UKRAINE REFUGEE RELIEF - THANK YOU

Thanks to all who supported the Knights of Columbus Pasta Supper at St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday March 26th. A total of \$2,375 was raised for Ukraine Refugee Relief. The Knights will put this money to work immediately by purchasing needed supplies in Europe and trucking them right into Lviv as well as other border crossings. Thanks again for your compassion.

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

TIME FOR A SPIRITUAL CHECKUP?

Covid has made the last 2 years spiritually and physically challenging for many. All are welcome to join Annunciation Parish on Saturday, April 9th from 10 to Noon, at Holy Spirit Chapel, 50 Lovewell St. in Gardner to reflect on the challenges (and possible blessings) of the past 2 years and prayerfully consider how God is inviting you to follow Him into the future. The morning will include prayer, an opportunity to share our stories and quiet reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. Please RSVP by contacting Maura Sweeney at 978-632-0253 or religiously@annunciationgardner.org.



St. Martin's Catholic

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Rev. Patrick Ssekoyole, Pastor • Dennis J. Cormier,
Deacon

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.