

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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, May 6 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, May 7 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Ruth Alie, One Year Anniversary, by the family**

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

April 23 weekly collection: \$721

Repair & Maintenance: \$371

### 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...

May 7, 2023 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

**ACTS 6: 1-7 • 1 PETER 2: 4-9 • JOHN 14: 1-120**

### 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.

### FOOD FOR THE POOR

Fr. James M Steuterman will be joining us next weekend, May 6 and 7, to speak about Food For The Poor, a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Please join us in welcoming Fr. Steuterman.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (508)-630-4473 or email: [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).

### 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).

*"I am the gate.*

*Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."— Jn 10:9-10*





### COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY

You are invited to stay after Mass this 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!

*As of April 26, \$3,600 (72%) has been received toward our goal of \$5,000.*

### CRAFT GROUP MEETINGS

This week, the parish Craft Group meets 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 #1, Matt White. 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.

### WORD OF LIFE

"People often say, "I could never handle a child with a disability." But the beauty of parenting is that you aren't given a child with a disability. You are given your child with a disability. Your child enters the world in a relationship with you, and that changes everything. You are not called to 'handle' a disability. You are called to love a particular person, and caring for him or her grows out of that love."

*~USCCB Secretariat of ProLife Activities, "A Perfect Gift"*

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

1 Peter 2:45: "Beloved: Come to Him, a living stone, ejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house..." God has chosen you and your spouse to be living stones. You are precious. Come build a spiritual house within your marriage by signing up or a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. There you and your spouse will come together to learn how to build the best relationship and strengthen your marriage. The experiences are: June 24 in Upton, MA; June 23-25 and Sept 22-24 in Huntington NY; August 11-13 in CT; October 2022 in VT



## 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.