

PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 8 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, April 9 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 9 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jaylin Rose Johnson by the family**

Sunday, April 9 - 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 - 7 pm - Last Supper Liturgy at St. Martin's,
followed by Adoration until 10 pm**

Friday - 7 pm - Good Friday Liturgy at Holy Cross,
followed by Adoration until 9 pm

Saturday, April 15 - 7:30 pm - Easter Vigil at Holy Cross

Sunday, April 16 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 16 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 16 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly: \$826 Catholic Relief: \$66 Flowers: \$95

Second Collection next week is for Fuel

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY

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



SWIECONKA – BLESSING OF THE FOOD BASKETS HOLY SATURDAY – NOON AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH

The tradition of blessing of the food at Easter has early-medieval roots in Christian society in Austria, Southern Germany, Slovakia and Poland. The tradition is said to date from the 7th century in its basic form. The more modern traditions are said to date from the 12th century, containing eggs as a symbol of resurrection, bread and lamb as a symbol of Christ. Salt represents purification, horseradish is symbol of the bitter sacrifice of Christ and ham and sausage are symbols of joy and abundance.

Baskets containing Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. The basket is traditionally lined with white linen and decorated with sprigs of boxwood, the typical Easter evergreen. The food blessed in the church remains untouched until Sunday morning. Then before the main meal people give thanks to God for all His gifts and each person eats a piece of blessed food at the very beginning of the meal

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

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 during the Easter Season. Please have your envelope in by Sunday, April 9, as time is needed for printing. Thank You!

GOOD FRIDAY: DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

In addition to choosing their own penitential practices, Catholics are also asked to observe the practices of fast and abstinence. On Good Friday, April 14, **Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older; **asting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age.

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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.

SEDER MEAL

A Seder Meal will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 12, at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville. The Seder customs include telling the Passover story, discussing the story, partaking of symbolic foods and relecting in celebration of freedom. Tickets are \$5 and are available in the vestibule today.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

LAST WEEK OF CCD CLASSES FOR THE YEAR

Sunday: Grades K-5 at 8:30 am, Grades 6-11 at 11:30 am
Parents & students in 1st Communion & Confirmation Classes will be informed for ceremony rehearsals.

We would like to congratulate our all students for completing another CCD School year. The parish community is proud of all of you, and hope to see you in church because Mass nourishes our faith and keeps us connected to God and our parish family.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2017-2018 CCD Program will be held this Sunday, April 9, at Holy Cross Church while CCD is in session and after Masses. 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 be filled out.

EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the front lawn of the Rectory immediately after Mass on Easter Sunday, April 16. Parishioners are invited to donate filled plastic eggs for the hunt. Eggs may be brought to church next Sunday.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY DRIVE

Every member of St. Martin's parish is called upon to support 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 \$3,235, or 65% of our goal.



120 CLUB

Week 9 winner was #112, Matthew Denette Sr. There are open tickets; if you'd like to join, speak to Pat Gale or Linda Columbus after Mass.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - APRIL 9

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a breakfast of pancakes, eggs & sausage on Palm Sunday, April 9, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Winchendon, at 9:30 am. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under with a limit of \$20 for a family. Tickets available at the door.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Cub Scout Pack 27 is having a spaghetti supper on April 22 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the Holy Cross Church hall. Adults are \$8 kids are \$6.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is always in need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry.



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