

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 8 - Easter Vigil - 7:30 pm at Holy Cross
Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday - 7:45 am at Holy Cross
**Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
People of the Parish**
Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday - 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 15 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross
Sunday, April 16 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross
**Sunday, April 16 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Geroge & Margaret Murdock by Steve & Barbara White**
Sunday, April 16 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

April 2 weekly collection: \$743 Easter Flowers: \$80
Second Collection Next Week is for Fuel

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.



PASCHAL CANDLE

Our thanks to Steve and Barbara White for their donation of our new Paschal Candle, given in memory of Edward & Mary White and George & Margaret Murdock.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

April 16, 2023 - Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

ACTS 2:42-47 • 1 PETER 1:3-9 • JOHN 20:19-31

*JESUS HAS RISEN!
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!*



PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 16 in the hall at Holy Cross Church, from 8:00 until 11:00 am. The breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice & coffee. The cost will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 & under with a maximum charge of \$30.00 per family. All proceeds will be for the benefit of Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16, there be a Divine Mercy Service at Holy Rosary Church, Nichols Street in Gardner, beginning at 2 pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for confessions. There will be several confession stations set up. Confessions will be heard in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

At 3 pm there will be a sung recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet led by a choir, and conclude with Benediction. Please note that there will not be an Extraordinary Form Mass that day.

WORD OF LIFE

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).” — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life”

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.

He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” — Mt 28:5b-7





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 \$3,200 has been received toward our goal of \$5,000.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #2, Liz 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 Toothpaste, Sugar, Ranch or Italian salad dressing, diapers. 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

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. The theme for the retreat is *Mysterium Fidei* (Mystery of Faith). Join for a relaxing and recharging weekend that will include fun & games (with prizes!), music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and an experience into the ultimate mystery of Christ in the Sacraments through Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and Mass! The retreat will start Friday evening and will conclude Sunday around noon. If you have any questions contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcederdiocese.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The scriptures say "Love on another." Valentine's Day is approaching. Give your spouse the gift of a loving relationship by applying for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: June 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY. For more information call Joe & Ginny Vatelle at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.

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Alleluia! He Is Risen!