

# HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

December 31, 2017

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, December 31 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, December 31 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's  
Mary White by Steve & Barbara White**

Sunday, December 31 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

**Monday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary**

8 am - Holy Cross

**10 am - St. Martin's**

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, January 6 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 7 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 7 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's  
Robert Charland by the Rosary Sodality**

Sunday, January 7 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

**Weekly, December 24:** \$883   **Fuel:** \$250   **Christmas:** \$805  
**Christmas Flowers:** \$40

**Second Collection Next Week:** Catholic University of America

## PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Raymond Emond, Jennie House, Dianne Murray, Gianna Howlett, 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 30 minutes before Mass each Sunday.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

January 7, 2017 — The Epiphany of the Lord

**ISAIAH 60:1-6 • EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6 • MATTHEW 2:1-12**

## A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, You make all things new.  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen

## WOMEN'S GUILD POUND AUCTION

The St. Vincent parish Women's Guild will meet at Holy Cross Church at 7 pm on Tuesday, January 9 for their annual "Pound Auction." The combined event with Holy Cross is a fundraiser. All women are welcome to attend this evening of fund and excitement. Please bring a wrapped item to be auction off and your bidding money. If you are able, please bring a refreshment to be served. All money raised will benefit the Templeton Food Pantry.

## POLICY FOR DAILY MASS IN WINTER

If school is cancelled or delayed on a day that daily Mass is scheduled, that Mass will be cancelled for the safety of all.

## 2018 ENVELOPES

Boxed sets of collection envelopes for 2018 are available in the vestibule. If you have used envelopes in the past two years, a set with your name has been prepared. If you would like to begin using envelopes, blank sets are available.

## TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

Non-perishable food items can be brought to the church any weekend. The food will be picked up and delivered to the food pantry at 16 Senior Drive in Baldwinville. The pantry is open from 9 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays.

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the rectory when someone is moving to a nursing home, confined to home or in need of prayers. Arrangements can be made to visit or take communion to the homebound. Please pray for all who are sick.

---

## THE NOTICE ZONE"

A quick reference to "Need to Know" and upcoming Holy Cross  
& St. Martin Parish Events

\* Holy Cross Book Extravaganza, Feb. 4, 2018 see future bulletin for details!

## MY THANK-YOU AND NEW YEAR'S WISHES

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you all had a lovely, Merry Christmas during the liturgy and at your homes or elsewhere you gathered for the pleasantries in its celebration.

I now pass on my heart-deep thanks to you all for the prayers you offered for me as well as the Christmas cards and gifts you gave me as you wished me a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, 2018. May God's graces be with you in all you do.

I also extend the same thanks to all who played the different roles to make our Christmas liturgical celebrations very beautiful. May God's graces always be felt in your hearts and recognized in the course of your lives.

At this juncture, then, I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, 2018. I wish you and all your dear ones an abundance of God's blessings. And in you and in what you do, may God bless our Parish with continued growth in every sector in the year 2018. May you not grow weary in witnessing to God's love and care for every human being and the whole world.

I assure you of my prayers always.

*Fr. Patrick Ssekya*

### WINTER FEST DINNER

A Winter Fest Dinner will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6, at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 10 Church St., Westminster from 5 - 7 pm. Menu will be Pork Loin, applesauce, meatloaf, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, tangy 4 bean salad, rolls, tapioca pudding and cookies. Cost of dinner is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 12 and children under 6 eat free. Tickets are available at the door. For more info, call 978-874-2362.



### BOY SCOUTS SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Boy Scouts will have a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, Jan. 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Holy Cross parish hall. Cost is \$8 for adults and children 6 and under are \$6. All proceeds benefit Templeton Boy Scout Troop 27.

### 120 CLUB

The "Big Drawing" will be held at the end of this month. All tickets must be paid in full to be included in the drawing.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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



## St. Martin's Catholic Church

248 State Road, Otter River, MA 01436

Rev. Patrick Ssekya, Pastor

Richard J. Tatro, Deacon

Telephone 978-939-5588 • [www.saintmartinchurch.org](http://www.saintmartinchurch.org)

Office email: [info@saintmartinchurch.org](mailto:info@saintmartinchurch.org)

### Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard from 3:30 to 4:15 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church or by appt.

### 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.