

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 31, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

Monday, January 1 - 10 am at St. Holy Cross
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday - No Mass at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday - No Mass at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent

Thursday - No Mass at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent

Saturday, January 6 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, January 7 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Maryann Nurmi by Steve and Barbara White**

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

December 24 weekly collection: \$624 Christmas: \$513

The Second Collection Next Week is for Catholic University

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Jim O'Malley, Jennifer Strong, Jason Hamel, Diane Lupaczyk, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, 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

Plan to come to church early, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.



MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to schedule a Mass for a special intention or remembrance, speak to Pat Gale after Mass or call the parish office at 978-939-5588. The 2024 Mass book is now open and dates are available.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

JANUARY 7, 2024: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

VACATION

Fr. Patrick will be on vacation January 1 – February 9. During this time, visiting priests will be covering weekend Masses and there will be no weekday Masses at Holy Cross Church. Mass is celebrated at 9 am on Monday through Thursday at St. Vincent de Paul church in Baldwinville.

Please pray and wish for Fr. Patrick to have a safe and restful vacation.

PRO-LIFE MORNING OF REFLECTION - JANUARY 13

All are invited to attend a Pro-Life Morning of Reflection & Enrichment, Saturday, January 13, 9:00am–1:00pm, Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High Street, Worcester. The day will include reflections by Msgr. James Moroney, Mass, and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.

2024 PARISH ENVELOPES

Boxed sets of weekly offertory envelopes for 2024 are now available in the vestibule. If you have been using personalized envelopes, there should be a set prepared for you. If you have not been using them, but would like to, extra boxes are available; just jot your name and address on them so we can add you to our envelope list.

WORD OF LIFE

“Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.” — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life* (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Tickets are available for the 2024 WORCESTER Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday, March 16, 2024, Worcester's DCU Center. Tickets are \$50-Adults & \$30-Students. Purchase online at www.catholicmenworc.com or call 978.537.3016. Speakers include Jim Wahlberg (brother of actors Mark & Donnie Wahlberg), Deacon Harold Burk-Sivers, “The Dynamic Deacon,” and other Catholic Thought Leaders. Tickets include Lunch, the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation, all-day Adoration, and to visit 50+ relevant vendors, in the spacious & ultra professional surroundings of the DCU Center. Sound, lighting, seating, comfort and convenience will be a huge upgrade for 2024, in addition to our usual great slate of speakers.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES

There are many opportunities for ministry to our fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the Pastor.

THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary,
bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity,
peace, and mutual love that you found in your own
family in the little town of Nazareth.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our
family with your faith and your love. Keep us close
to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

Joseph, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse
of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in
all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with
you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that
love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than
all the weaknesses and trials through which our
families sometimes pass.

May we always have God at the center of our hearts
and homes until we are all one family, happy and at
peace in our true home with you. Amen.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #115, Marie Jacques

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 ketchup, mustard, sugar, Hamburger Helper, brownie mix, mayonnaise, and kids cereal. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated, as the Pantry is facing difficulty in keeping the shelves stocked.**

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Bible Study with Deacon Jim is held on Monday evenings in the hall at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville. Join us for fellowship at 6:30 followed by Bible study at 7 pm. The topic is the Book of Isaiah. Bring your Bible with you.

YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Worcester Youth & Young Adult Ministry has many activities, opportunities and events schedule this year to engage middle and high school students. For a calendar of events and more information visit their webpage at: <https://neworchester.org/>.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING BINS

Bins for donations of clothing to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society are available in the parking lot at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville. Donations of good condition clothing and shoes will support individuals and families in need in our community. Visit www.svdpworcester.org to learn more about the Society.



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