

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 10 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 11 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 11 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Cosmo & Regina Albano by Tony & Sheila Brown**

Sunday, February 11 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am - Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Ash Wednesday - 8 am and 7 pm at Holy Cross

Ash Wednesday - Noon at St. Martin's

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, February 17 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 18 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 18 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
David Nowers by the Templeton Lions Club**

Sunday, February 18 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly, January 28: \$844 Souper Bowl: \$127

Second Collection This Week is for Fuel

Second Collecton Next Week is for the Church in Latin America

The Repair & Maintenance Collection will be taken up on Feb. 25

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Margaret Drewitz, Raymond Emond, Jennie House, Dianne Murray, 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.

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..

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...

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GENESIS 9:8-15 • 1 PETER 3:18-22 • MARK 1:12-15



On **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, the 8 am Mass will be at Holy Cross, Noon time Mass at St. Martin's and a 7 pm Mass at Holy Cross. At all Masses, ashes will be distributed.

Divine Chaplet will be prayed at Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm.

Confession will be held on Wednesdays during Lent at the host church of Deanery Pilgrimage at 6:30 pm, any time by appointment, and on Saturdays at 3:30 pm.

All Fridays during Lent at 7 pm, there will be **Stations of the Cross & Benediction**.

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown out of kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works.

Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Place on your calendars the Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage, five Wednesdays during Lent, with **Week 1 starting Feb. 21. Confessions will be held at 6:30 pm with service to begin at 7 pm. Week 1 will be at St. Vincent de Paul, Baldwinville. Fr. Fran Roberge will be the speaker.** The Deanery Pilgrimage will be completed on Sunday, April 8, Divine Mercy Sunday, at Annunciation Parish - Holy Rosary Church in Gardner.

The Notice Zone"

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

* Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage begins Weds., Feb. 21 at 6:30 pm -

* Soup Supper, Friday, February 23 at 5:30 pm, Stations of the Cross to follow

18TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 17. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass.

DIOCESAN FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Worcester Diocese has been studying the long term needs of our diocese and the financial challenges our parishes will be facing in the years to come. A diocesan-wide capital campaign for this benefit is being developed. As part of the planning, we have developed a survey available online and in the Catholic Free Press to give all households in the Diocese of Worcester an opportunity to participate in the process.

The Bishop invites all to complete the survey which will help develop a well-informed feasibility study. Please visit worcesterdiocese.org and click on the "Diocesan Plan-ning Study" link. Your input will be kept confidential. The Bishop's detailed letter can be found on the bulletin board and on the website.

MARDI GRAS DINNER

St. Vincent de Paul Parish will hold a "Mardi Gras" pasta dinner on Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 per person. The meal includes pasta, meatballs, salad, dessert and beverage. There will be a mini Chinese Auction as well. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Tickets are available in the vestibule after Mass today.

ANNUAL SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

Holy Cross Living Faith Team and Rosary Sodality invite you to come for an evening of food, fellowship and prayer during our Lenten journey. On Friday, February 23, we will share a meal of a variety of homemade meatless soups

made by the Rosary Sodality and bread beginning at 5:30 pm in the Holy Cross Church Hall. A free will offering will be taken for "Food for the Poor."

120 CLUB BEGINS

"Thank you" to all who support St. Martin's through the 120 Club, which benefits the Parish Improvement Fund. The next 120 Club will begin February 11 and end on June 24. There are numbers available. If you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus, 978-939-1095.



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Diary of a Little Soul
WEEK 20: February 12

I am about the size of a small eggplant and weigh almost as much. My mother sure can feel me moving these days as my legs and arms are gaining more and more strength. My activities fall into a pattern of sorts; I like to exercise, rest, explore, rest some more, then begin all over again. I am also adjusting to Mom's daily schedule and as our bodies become more and more in rhythm with each other, so do our hearts. Happy Valentine's Day, Mom!

I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me.

Philippians 4:13

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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.