

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday, February 11 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Michael C. Scheurer by Lauren Chartier**

Sunday, February 11 - 10:45 am at 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

**Ash Wednesday - 8 am and 7 pm at Holy Cross,
Noon at St. Martin's**

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent

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

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

**Sunday, February 18 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Edward White by Steve & Barbara White**

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

February 4 weekly collection: \$610

Special Collection on Ash Wednesday is for Priests Retirement Fund

Second Collection This Week is for Fuel

Special Collection Next Weeks is for Repair & Maintenance

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.



EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Adoration at Holy Cross Church will resume on Tuesday, February 27.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

GENESIS 9: 8-15 • 1 PETER 3: 18-24 • MARK 1: 12-15

World Wide Marriage Encounter

1 Corinthians 10:31-33: "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God-even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved." As St. Paul says, Do it all for the glory of God. God also wants us to seek the good of our spouse. Learn the five tools for a better marriage by signing up and attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA and April 26-28, 2024 (non-residential weekend) in Connecticut.

WORD OF LIFE

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together." — USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*

SOUP & BREAD SUPPER - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The Lenten Soup Supper at Holy Cross Church will be held, Friday, February 16 at 5:30 pm. Any Parishioner wishing to bring a meatless soup, bread, crackers, butter, or cold drinks etc. please sign-up on the sheet at the main door entrance at Holy Cross or call Diane Kodys @ 978.939.5532. A free will donation will be accepted and donated to "Food for the Poor."

LENTEN GUIDELINES

Lent begins on February 14, with Ash Wednesday. Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

- Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

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.



COFFEE AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY

You are invited to stay after Mass this Sunday, February 11, to enjoy a coffee hour at the Rectory. Please join your fellow parishioners, friends and neighbors for coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship.

2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Tickets are available for the 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday, March 16, at 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.

PRO-LIFE AWARDS NOMINEES SOUGHT

The Respect Life Office, Diocese of Worcester seeks nominations for two annual pro-life awards to be presented by Bishop McManus at the Mass for Life on April 8, 2024, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Information and nomination forms are available at www.worcesterdiocese.org/mass-for-life-annunciation. Completed nomination forms must be received no later than February 15.

NEW 120 CLUB TO BEGIN SOON

A new round of the 120 Club will begin soon. There are open numbers; see Linda Columbus if you would like to join. Tickets are \$20. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund.

K OF C BREAKFAST

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast from 8 am to 11 am on February 18 at Holy Cross Church, East Templeton. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, and coffee will be served. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. The maximum for a family is \$25.

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 mayonnaise, Chef Boyardee pasta, Kleenex/tissues, pastoa (other than spaghetti) and kids cereal. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated, as the Pantry is facing difficulty in keeping the shelves stocked.** The Pantry, at Senior Drive in Baldwinville, is open on Tuesdays from 9 am to noon; Thursdays from noon to 3 and 5 to 7 pm; and Saturdays from 10 am to noon.

THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to all who supported the Knights of Columbus Food drive at St. Martn's parking lot last weekend. The drive filled half of a pickup truck bed, along with cash donations, to benefit the Templeton Food Pantry.



St. Martin's Catholic Church

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Rosary
30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm and anytime by appointment.

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.