

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 24 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 25- 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 25 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Michelle Russo by Sheila and Tony Brown**

Sunday, February 25 - 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

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

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Friday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, March 3 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, March 4 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 4 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Glenn Griffin by the Scheurer family**

Sunday, March 4 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly, February 18: 638 **Fuel:** \$32

Second Collection This Week is for **Repair & Maintenance**

Next Week: **Partners in Charity** weekend

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...

March 4, 2018 — Third Sunday of Lent

EXODUS 20:1-17 • 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25 • JOHN 2:13-25



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

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

Fridays during Lent, 7 pm, **Stations of the Cross & Benediction at Holy Cross**

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

The Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage is held on five Wednesdays during Lent. **Confessions are held at 6:30 pm with service to begin at 7 pm. Week 2, Feb. 28, is at Holy Cross Church. Preacher: Fr. Steve Lundrigan.**

Mar. 7, St. Edward the Confessor, Westminster, Preacher, Fr. Patrick Ssekoyole

Mar. 14, St. Dennis in Ashburnham, Preacher Fr. Joe Jurgelonis.

Mar. 21, St. Francis of Assisi, Athol, Preacher, Fr. Memo Ochoa.

The Deanery Pilgrimage will be completed on Sunday, April 8, Divine Mercy Sunday, at Annunciation Parish - Holy Rosary Church in Gardner.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

The Annual Partners in Charity Appeal supports 29 vital pro-grams of the charitable, educational and ministerial mission of our Diocese. Your gift to the appeal will provide assistance for the poor, the sick, the young, the aged, the disabled, families in crisis, and many more. Our appeal is an opportunity to provide for the needs of others who look to us for hope. Please reflect on the blessings you have received from God as you contemplate a pledged gift to the Partners in Charity Appeal on Pledge Sunday, March 4. We ask our patroness servant of God, Dorothy Day to pray for us.

PRAYER SPONSOR LIST

There are 13 students preparing for Confirmation. Parishioners are asked to please consider signing up to pray for one to be assigned to them. Basically you pray for that student and anonymously send notes or cards of encouragement to let them know someone is praying specifically for them. Then, plan to give or send them a card to congratulate them and identify yourself at Confirmation.

After you sign up, a letter OR email (your choice) will be sent to you with the name of the student assigned to you along with detailed instructions. Please see Sign – Up sheet at Holy Cross Church. Thank you!

The Notice Zone”

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

* Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage begins Weds., Feb. 28 at 6:30 pm - Holy Cross

* Stations of the Cross, March 2, at 7 pm - Holy Cross

COLD & FLU SEASON

The Office of the Bishop has received inquiries about the now-widespread flu, and offers the following guidelines: In place of the regular way of offering the sign of peace by shaking hands, a nod of the head and a verbal greeting of peace may be used.

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 Planning Study" link. Your input will be kept confidential. The Bishop's detailed letter can be found on the bulletin board and on the website.

EDDY'S CHOWDER HOUSE

Eddy's Chowder House open on Fridays of Lent, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm Eat in or Take out. St. Edward's Church Hall, 10 Church St. Westminster. Menu: Clam Chowder, Corn Chowder, and Fish Chowder, by the Bowl, Pint or Quart. Made from scratch in house.



Diary of a Little Soul
WEEK 22: February 26

Would you believe that I look almost exactly as I will at birth, only a lot smaller? My little world is really expanding and becoming more exciting because now I can hear sounds from the outside! Today I heard music and a dog barking. Last night I could hear Dad's deep voice even better when he was reading to Mom. This gift of hearing truly helps me begin to connect with God's creation. He thought of everything!

Sacrifice or oblation you wished not, but am open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come; in the written scroll it is prescribed for me. To do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"
Psalm 40:7-9

120 CLUB

Lat week's winner of the 120 Club was #115, Marie Jacques. There are numbers available - speak to Linda Columbus, 978-939-1095.

FR. MARCIN'S ADDRESS

For anyone wishing to write to Fr. Martin Novitzky (Fr. Marcin Nowicki), he has been assigned Chaplain at Ft. Bragg.

Here is his address:

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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.