

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday, February 4 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Norman Provonsil by the family**

Sunday, February 4 - 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

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

Weekly, January 28: \$889 **Home Missions:** \$60

Second Collection Next Week is for Fuel

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...

February 11, 2018 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-467 • 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31- 11:1 • MARK 1:40-45

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.

"SOUPER BOWL" COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

A "Souper Bowl" collection will be held this Sunday — Super Bowl Sunday — after Mass. Please consider placing a cash donation into the soup pots as you leave the church. All donations will benefit the Templeton Food Pantry.



BOOK EXTRAVAGANZA

The Religious Education Board & Rosary Sodality will be hosting their Third "Book Extravaganza" TODAY, February 4, 2018, during CCD Classes..

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.

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."

THE NOTICE ZONE"

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

- * Souper Bowl Collection, February 4 after 9:15 am Mass
- * Turkey Supper, February 10, 2018 at 6 pm, in the Holy Cross hall
- * 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

A THANK-YOU TO FR. MUDDUSE

Dear Parishioners,

Join me in thanking Fr. Lawrence Mudduse for accepting to come and cover for me while I am away on vacation for a month. We, indeed, are very grateful for his time and ministry with us for this full month. We appreciate his love and friendship. We hope to have him again in the future. Now, he is still here for one more week; and his last day with us is next Sunday, February 11th.

Thus, whoever wishes to give him a gift of any amount to help him in his ministerial needs when he gets back home in Uganda is very welcome and very much appreciated. And, please, plan on giving it directly to him at the end of the Masses next weekend. (If it is a check, please write it in his name: Fr. Lawrence Mudduse).

I thank you so much for your hospitality toward him. May God continue to bless our Parish in many ways.

— Fr. Patrick Ssekyole.

NEW 120 CLUB STARTS IN FEBRUARY

“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. The 120 Club runs for 20 weeks, with a \$20 prize drawn each week, and culminates in the “Big Drawing” with prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500. There are numbers available. If you’d like to join, speak to Linda Columbus, 978-939-1095.

TURKEY SUPPER

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a Turkey Supper on Saturday, February 10 at 6 pm in the Holy Cross church hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 & under, with a maximum charge of \$30 per family. Tickets are available after Masses on today or by calling Ernie or Sue at 978-939-8969. Proceeds will benefit the council’s scholarship fund.



Diary of a Little Soul

WEEK 19: February 5

This week it is all about my tongue. It is complete now. My new favorite thing to do is to practice swallowing and moving my tongue in and out. My taste buds are working well and I can even tell what Mom likes to eat best. When she eats something with a strong taste, it makes me scowl! All this helps me to get ready for the glorious day when I taste my first milk. Over halfway to my birthday now!

Taste and see how good the Lord is;
happy the man who takes refuge in him.

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Psalm 34:9

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.



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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.