

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 8 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 9 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 9 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
James Alie by Janice Lefebvre**

Sunday, February 9 - 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

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

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, February 15 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 16 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 16 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Joseph Mason by Cathy Bourn**

Sunday, February 16 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

February 2 weekly collection: \$532

The Second Collection this week is the Home Missions Appeal

The Second Collection next week is for Fuel

If you do not have a boxed sets of contribution envelopes for 2025 but would like one, extra sets are available in the vestibule. To receive personalized sets in the future, speak to Pat Gale after Mass.

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Steve White, John DeMalia, Barbara White, Jim O'Malley, Jennifer Strong, Jason Hamel, Diane Lupaczyk, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, 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, 30 minutes before Mass.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

FEBRUARY 9, THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ISAIAH 6:1-2A, 3-8 (75C) • 1 COR 15:1-11 OR 15:30-8, 11 • LUKE 5:1-11

“MISSION OF THE FAMILY”

Mission of the Family, a series of five short free videos produced by The Knights of Columbus for men and women, young and old, is designed to help you strengthen and grow in your faith for your families. The videos can be found on the Knights of Columbus website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html> You can also find the original “Into The Breach” video series which is also free of charge and is sure to help you grow in your faith.

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*

REGISTER EARLY FOR THE MEN'S CONFERENCE ON APRIL 5

The Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held Saturday, April 5 at the DCU Convention Center, 50 Foster Street, Worcester. Registration begins at 7:30 AM with the first speaker beginning at 9:00 AM. Men of all ages are invited to hear inspiring talks from Fr. Donald Callaway, MIC; Retired US Navy SEAL Sam Blair; Fr. Derek Mobilio; Dr. Edward Sri; and Mr. Artie Boyle. The day will feature an all day adoration chapel; dozens of priests will be available for confessions at the lunch break; and over 50 relevant vendors will be present. The closing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert McManus at 4:00 PM. Tickets and further information are available at: www.catholicmenworc.com Any questions may be directed to catholicmenworc@gmail.com.

VENERINI ACADEMY OPEN HOUSES

Discover the Venerini Academy Difference at an Open House Event! All interested families are welcome to visit the Academy, a leading PreK-Grade 8 private Catholic school in Worcester on Feb. 13, Feb. 26, March 4 or March 12. Visit veneriniacademy.com for times and other details.

When you have come into the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you as a heritage, and have occupied it and settled in it, you shall take some first fruits of the various products of the soil which you harvest from the land which the Lord, your God, gives you, and putting them in a basket, you shall go to the place which the Lord, your God, chooses for the dwelling place of his name. There you shall go to the priest in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I acknowledge to the Lord, my God, that I have indeed come into the land which he swore to our fathers he would give us.' The priest shall then receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord, your God. Deuteronomy 26:1-4



COFFEE HOUR NEXT SUNDAY

A Coffee Hour will be held next Sunday, February 16, immediately following Mass at St. Martin's. Plan to stop by the Rectory to enjoy coffee, tea, juice, pastry, and conversation with your fellow parishioners and neighbors!

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY TO SENIORS

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact Mary Higgins, (413) 552-7231 or email: DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com

NEW 120 CLUB COMING SOON

A new round of the 120 Club will begin soon. There are a few open numbers. If you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus. Tickets are \$20. Each week for 20 weeks, a number is drawn and the winner receives \$20. After 20 weeks, the Big Drawing is held, with nine prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 16 from 8:00 to 11:00 am at Holy Cross Church, 26 Lake Avenue, Templeton. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee will be served. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children. All proceeds will benefit scholarships.

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 sugar, vegetable oil, mayonnaise, shampoo and laundry detergent. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated. Thank you to all who support the Food Pantry, and local families in need.

The Food Pantry is open to all residents of Templeton and Phillipston; there are no income restrictions for receiving food from the pantry. Proof of residency is required. The Food Pantry is open from 9 am to noon on Tuesdays; noon to 3 pm and 5 to 7 pm on Thursdays; and from 10 am to noon on Saturdays. It is located behind the Senior Community Center on Senior Drive in Baldwinville.

YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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/>.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's ministry of healing and reconciliation to those wounded by a past abortion. Services are free and strictly confidential. Call 508-791-HOPE(4673) to begin your healing journey. Learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.com.



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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.