SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 11 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 12 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 12 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's Patricia and Joseph Dembek by the family

Sunday, February 12 - 10:45 am, 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 18 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 19 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 19 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's Irene & John Gorski by Pat Gale

Sunday, February 19 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly: \$838 Home Missons: \$82 Souper Bowl: \$160 Second collection Next Week is for Fuel

Thank you to all who make up their envelopes for weekends missed due to vacation, illness or inclement weather.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Zachary Fleming, Ruth Alie, Bob Young, 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, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, Bob Brown, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLATIONS

When conditions warrant "Delays or No School" cancellations, there will be NO MASS also. Mass intentions can be transferred to another day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 978-939-5588, by emailing saintmartinchurch@mail.com, or by speaking to Pat Gale after Mass.

Respect Life

"A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk." –*Pope Francis, Address to the Joint Session of US Congress, 9/24/15*

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who supported the Souper Bowl of Caring last weekend. The \$160 that was donated will be used to help our neighbors in need through the Templeton Food Pantry.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 1

The schedule for Masses and distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday will be: 8 am at Holy Cross Church noon at St. Martin's

7 pm at Holy Cross

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE THEME: "LENT - A TIME OF REFLECTION"

Place on your calendars the Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage, five Wednesdays during Lent, with Week 1 starting March 8. Confessions will be held at 6:30 pm with service to begin at 7 pm.

Week 1 will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Winchendon. Fr. Michael Clements will be the speaker. The Deanery Pilgrimage will be completed on Sunday, April 23, Divine Mercy Sunday, at Annunciation Parish - Holy Rosary Church in Gardner. Come with us on our Lenten Retreat of Prayer and Devotion.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT WITH BISHOP MCMANUS

Have you thought of a vocation to the priesthood? Come and learn more. The Diocese of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held on April 7 & 8, fron 6 pm Friday until 6 pm Saturday.

It is for men high school age, college age, and older. The retreat center is only 30 minutes from Worcester at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, Connecticut. There is no cost, and transportation is provided if needed. Visit worcestervocations.com for more information. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net or by phone at 508-340-5788 to sign up.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

Find out everything you wanted to know about the Diaconate program for the Diocese of Worcester. If you are a male, college graduate (or have an equivalent to a degree) and are between the ages of 31 and 60 and have an interest, now is your opportunity to get some answers. Spouses are welcome and urged to attend with you. Saturday, February 11 at 10 am at St. Anne Parish Center, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury. For more information, contact Diaconate office: 508-929-4335 or visit worcesterdiocese.org.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.— Mt 5:21-22

17th Annual Catholic Men's Conference

All men are invited: to the 17th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference, this year at Assumption College on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Get your tickets early as ticket prices increase on Wednesday, March 15th. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Shawn Carney, Chris Stewart, Tony Brandt, Joe Dittmar, and Jeff Cavins. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear those confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. Visit website - www.firstmensconf.org.

CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

The Official Newspaper of the Diocese of Worcester is now taking subscriptions and renewals. Cost of 52 weekly editions is \$30. Subscription envelopes are available in the vestibule. Checks should be made out to St. Martin's Church.

120 Club

The new round of the 120 Club has begun. Week 1 winner was #89, Marion Gay. There are open tickets; if you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus.

ROSARY SODALITY - POTLUCK/MEETING

The Rosary Sodality of Holy Cross parish will meet this Tuesday, Feb. 14. An International Pot Luck Supper will be held at 5:30 pm followed by the monthly meeting. Spouses are welcome as well as new members. Please call Diane Kodys at 978-939-5532 if interested.

Mardi Gras Dinner

St. Vincent de Paul Parish will hold a Mardi Gras pasta dinner at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, February 28 in the church hall. Tickets are \$5 per person. Menu includes pasta, meatballs, salad, dessert, beverage. There will be a mini Chinese auction. Join in an evening of fun and fellowship. **Tickets are available in the vestibule after Mass.**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next WWME Weekend is March 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or go to www.WWMEMA.org.

HELP CATHOLIC CHARITIES WHEN YOU SKI AT WACHUSETT

When you order a lift ticket ONLINE at www.wachusett.com, not only will you save \$5 on your pass, Wachusett will also donate \$10 of your ticket to Catholic Charities Worcester County. Just enter the coupon code DON-CC and UPDATE your cart. Thanks to this generous offer from the Crowley Family, Catholic Charities could benefit by up to \$5,000 by the end of the season! Spread the word and enjoy skiing at Wachusett Mountain this winter.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is always in need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry.



St. Martin's Catholic Church

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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation Confessions are heard at 3:45 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church during the fall/winter season, 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.