

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday, February 12 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Ruth Alie by Linda and Bob Columbus**

**Sunday, February 12 - 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

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

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, February 18 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, February 19 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Baby Provonsil by the family**

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

**February 5 weekly collection: \$572**

**Second Collection this week** is for Catholic Home Missions

**Second Collection next week** is for Fuel

### PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Philip Lefebvre, Thomas Lupaczyk, Mark Hanks, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc... and all those affected by the Corona virus.

*Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.*

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church 30 minutes before Mass to join in praying the Rosary each Sunday.

### WINTER WEEKDAY MASSES

When conditions warrant Delays or School cancellations, there will be NO MASS also.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration while Fr. Patrick is away. It will resume when he returns.

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

February 19, 2023 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 17-18 • 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23 • MATTHEW 5:38-48**

### 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

### FEBRUARY 22 - APRIL 2: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

Volunteers are needed and welcome to participate in prayerful, peaceful vigil for an end to abortion during the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign which begins on Feb. 22. Your prayers make a difference and save lives! For more information visit [www.40daysforlife.com/worcester](http://www.40daysforlife.com/worcester)

### HELY FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

Holy Family Academy will be holding their open house on Wednesday, February 15th from 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Plan on attending to see what Holy Family Academy has to offer! HFA provides quality Catholic education for children preschool to 8th grade. Financial Aid and Scholarships, before & after school care and a variety of extracurricular activities are offered.

Holy Family Academy, 99 Nichols Street, Gardner, MA 978-632-8656  
[aaro@holyfamilyacademy.org](mailto:aaro@holyfamilyacademy.org)

### 22ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Tickets are now on sale for the 22nd Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference taking place on Saturday March 25, beginning at 8:00 am at Assumption Univ., 500 Salisbury St. Worcester. Visit <https://catholicmenworc.com> for speakers and more information. Adult tickets are \$50 / Student tickets are \$30. After March 13 or at the door, Adult tickets will be \$65. (Buy early and save 25%!) Student tickets are always \$30. Lunch is included with all tickets.

### EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Bishop McManus has asked that parishes take a second collection next weekend, February 18 & 19, to assist with the earthquake relief efforts which are already underway. Parishioners can make their checks payable to their parish, with "Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief" in the memo. Our diocesan website also has a form for online donations as an option.

**A special "Earthquake Relief" basket will be set up in the vestibule at St. Marti's Church next weekend for all who wish to donate to this cause.**

*"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 5:21-22a*



### SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

Holy Cross Church will have a Lenten Soup Supper in the church hall, Friday Feb. 24 at 5:30 pm, followed by The Way of the Cross at 7 pm. Any parishioner wishing to bring a meatless soup or bread, crackers, butter, or cold drinks etc., is asked to sign up on the sheet at the main door entrance at Holy Cross. A free will donation for the meal will be accepted and donated to "Food for the Poor."

### 120 CLUB

A new round of the 120 Club begins this week ... and there are still open numbers available. If you are interested in a ticket for this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 19 at Holy Cross Church in East Templeton from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice & coffee. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 & under with a maximum charge of \$30 per family. All proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MARDI GRAS DINNER

St. Vincent de Paul parish in Baldwinville will hold a Mardi Gras afternoon/dinner on Tuesday, February 21. Entertainment and a small Chinese Auction will be offered starting at 3 pm, with the dinner to be served at 5 pm. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the church next weekend. Please join St. Vincent's for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

### 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, Taco dinner kits, jelly, and diapers. Grocery store gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.** Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Pantry to help our neighbors in need.

The Templeton Food Pantry is located at the rear of the Templeton Senior Community Center, off Bridge Street in Baldwinville. It's open from 9 am - noon on Tuesdays; noon - 3 pm and 5 - 7 pm on Thursdays; and from noon - 3 pm on Saturdays. Anyone in need of food is welcome to visit this community resource.

### VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Might God be calling you to the priesthood? Join us for our annual priestly vocation discernment retreat with Bishop McManus. This free retreat is for High School aged boys and older. It will take place March 31, 6 pm -April 1, 6 pm at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT 06260. To register, go to <https://www.worcestervocations.com/retreat>.

### DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

All high school youth and current 8th graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on May 19-21 at Anna Maria College! Cost is \$125/person. Deadline to register is April 25. To sign up or to get more information, go to [neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat](http://neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat).



## St. Martin's Catholic Church

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#### Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

During this pandemic, please contact the rectory at Holy Cross Church, 978-632-2121, for an 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.