

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2017

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 25 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 26 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 26 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's  
Michael Chagnon by Theresa Chagnon**

Sunday, February 26 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

**Weekly: \$492**

**Second collection This 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](mailto: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

### 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

**Divine Chaplet** will be prayed at Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays at 7:30 pm.

**Confession** will be held on Wednesdays during Lent at the host church of the Deanery Pilgrimage, at First Friday Devotions, any time by appointment, and on Saturdays at 3:45 pm at Holy Cross.

**All Fridays** during Lent at 7 pm, there will be Stations of the Cross & Benediction at Holy Cross Church.

**On the First Fridays** of the Month during Lent, March 3 & April 7, First Friday Devotions will include Stations of the Cross.

**Holy Thursday Liturgy** will be at St. Martin's at 7 pm and Good Friday Liturgy will be at Holy Cross at 7 pm.

### 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, from 6 pm Friday until 6 pm Saturday at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, Connecticut.

It is for men of high school age, college age, and older. There is no cost, and transportation is provided if needed. Visit [worcestervocations.com](http://worcestervocations.com) for more information. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at [jmazzone@charter.net](mailto:jmazzone@charter.net) or by phone at 508-340-5788 to sign up.

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*"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust" — Mt 5:44-46*

## 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](http://www.firstmensconf.org).

## TIME OF LENTEN REFLECTION

St. Denis Parish's Men's Group is sponsoring a Time of Lenten Reflection on Saturday, March 4, from 9 am to noon. It will begin at 9 am with Mass at St. Denis Church, Ashburnham. Visiting homilist will be Fr. Jonathan Stavinkas and confessions will follow. All are then invited to Father Lacey Hall for video, brunch and discussion. Program is free with donations accepted for their St. Vincent DePaul Society. Adult parishioners throughout our Deanery are cordially invited to attend.

## 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 2 winner was #77, Diane Lupaczyk. There are open tickets; if you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus.

## 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.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ANNUAL SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

The Living Faith Team and the Rosary Sodality of Holy Cross Church invite you to come for an evening of food, fellowship and prayer during our Lenten journey. On Friday, March 10, 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 Hall, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. A free will offering will be asked for, as all proceeds will be donated to Food for the Poor.



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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.