

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

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**

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

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

**Ash Wednesday - 8 am and 7 pm at Holy Cross Church**

**Ash Wednesday - Noon at St. Martin's**

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, February 25 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, February 26 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Leona DeGrace by Priscilla and Peter Valliere**

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

**February 12 weekly collection: \$518 Catholic Home Missions: \$38**

**Second Collection this week is for Fuel**

**The Collection at the Ash Wednesday Mass is for Priests' Retirement**

**Earthquake Relief in Turkey/Syria: Basket is in Vestibule this week**

### PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Philip Lefebvre, Thomas Lupaczyk, 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.



## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

February 26, 2023 - First Sunday of Lent

**GENESIS 2:7-9, 3:1-7 • ROMANS 5:12-19 • MATTHEW 4:1-11**

**On Ash Wednesday, February 22, the 8 am Mass will be at Holy Cross, Noon Mass at St. Martin's and a 7 pm Mass at Holy Cross. At all Masses, ashes will be distributed.**



### LENTEN SCHEDULE - AT HOLY CROS CHURCH

**Divine Chaplet** will be prayed at Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm.



**Confession** will be offered on Saturdays at 3:30 pm, and any time by appointment.

**ALL FRIDAYS** during Lent at 7 pm, there will be The Way of the Cross.

### 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)

### 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 THIS WEEKEND

Bishop McManus has asked that parishes take a second collection this 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 is set up in the vestibule at St. Martin's Church this weekend for all who wish to donate to this cause.**

*"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." — Mt 5:43-45a*



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

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.

### 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 has begun. The Week 1 winner was #98, Pat Gronroos.. 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.

### WORD OF LIFE

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*  
*"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" respectlife.org/navigating-infertility*

### 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 jams/jellies, vinegar, oil, olives, pickles, 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>.



## 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.