

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 20, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 19 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 20 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 20 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Edward White by Steve & Babara White**

Sunday, February 20 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - No Mass 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 26 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 27 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 27 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Baby Provonsil by the family**

Sunday, February 27 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

February 13 weekly collection: \$571 Fuel: \$308

Home Missions: \$52

Second Collection next week: Repair & Maintenance

We are very thankful to all parishioners who continue to send in their weekly offertory envelopes, whether they are away on vacation or being safe at home due to weather or to prevent the spread of illness. All your continued sacrifice to support the running of our parish is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Carol Clark, Ray Poirier, Mark Hanks, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Diane Lupaczyk, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Pola Yackowski, Deb Nichols, 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 27, 2022 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SIRACH 27:4-7 • CORINTHIANS 15:54-58 • LUKE 6:39-45

ANNUAL WORCESTER DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important inperson conference, scheduled for Assumption University on Saturday, April 2, 2022. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle. For further information call Msgr. Tom Sullivan at 508-450-2556. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 21; afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.



"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of concep-tion 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

THINKING ABOUT RELIGIOUS LIFE AS A SISTER?

Want to discern if God is calling you to pursue this vocation? The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite you to TWO events in March to assist you in your discernment: At the beginning of the month, March 4-6, 2022, is our Come and See Discernment Retreat. You can join us either in person at our Motherhouse in St. Catherine, Kentucky or virtually via Zoom. Come to learn about the discernment process and what a life of prayer, study, community, and ministry feels like. Give yourself the gift of time to pray and to share with our Sisters and other discerning women. Click here to register. Or, if you have questions about this retreat, please call or text Sr. Bea Tiboldi at 614-400-1255 or email her: Bea.Tiboldi@oppeace.org.

At the end of the month, on Sunday, March 27, 2022 from 2-5pm EST, we are offering a virtual Lenten Discernment Retreat. The theme of this retreat is "pray with clay." We will share a presentation on some meanings of clay/dust in the Bible, walk with God through a Gospel message, and participate in a guided meditation on clay. You will have time also for personal reflection to consider and meditate on how God is calling you. You will also have an opportunity to participate in group faith sharing.

If you have any questions about this program, please call or text Sr. Maidung (pronounced "My-zung") Nguyen at 405.248.7027 or via email at Mai-dung.Nguyen@oppeace.org. You can also visit our congregation's website at <https://oppeace.org> to register for these events.

Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." — Lk 6:38



WELCOME BACK, FR. PATRICK!

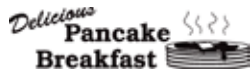
We hope you had a nice break! We extend our thanks, for weekend Mass coverage to Fr. John Hamm, Fr. Edward Hanlon, Fr. Donato Infante, Fr. Joe Jurgelonis, Fr. Jude Kaggwa, and Fr. John Bosco Lugonja while you were away!

120 CLUB - NEW ROUND HAS BEGUN

A new round of the 120 Club, which benefits the Parish Improvement Fund, has begun. The first week's winner was #38, Ruth Alie. Numbers are still available! Tickets are \$20 for the Club that runs 20 weeks. If you'd like to join this round, please contact Linda Columbus.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - FEBRUARY 27

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 27th at Holy Cross Church in East Templeton from 8 am until 11 am. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee & juice will be served. The cost is \$5.00 for adults \$2.50 for children 12 & under. Proceeds to benefit the NHRS scholarship fund.



MARCH 2 - APRIL 10: 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 March 2. Your prayers make a difference and save lives! For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/worcester.

LIFE OF ST. JOSEPH DOCUMENTARY

The Knights of Columbus has produced a documentary on the life of St. Joseph and The Holy Family. This documentary is now available on UTube by searching "St. Joseph Documentary". You can see how St. Joseph has been an inspiration to many especially to family leaders as he quietly guided his family to safety during difficult times. Men can be inspired to be stronger fathers and husbands by following the example of St. Joseph. The documentary is also available online at kofc.org/stjoseph.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Office for Vocations will host the annual priestly discernment retreat for men high school aged or older from 6 PM on Friday April 8 until 6 PM on Saturday, April 9 at Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. There is no cost for this retreat which will consist of prayer, witness talks from priests and seminarians, and a presentation from Bishop McManus on discerning a priestly vocation. To register, please contact Father Donato Infante at donato.infante@gmail.com or by phone at 508-630-4473.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church on Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **The current "wish list" includes Beefaroni, instant mashed potatoes, meat spaghetti sauce, cereal, laundry detergent, paper towels.**

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.



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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.