

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 24 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 25 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 25 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Baby Provonsil, 5th anniversary, by Steve Provonsil**

Sunday, February 25 - 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 de Paul

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

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, March 2 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 3 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 3 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Charles P. Kelly by Lauren Chartier**

Sunday, March 3 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

February 18 weekly collection: \$510 Repair & Maintenance: \$246

Second Collection This Week is for the Church in Latin America

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Jim O'Malley, Jennifer Strong, Jason Hamel, Diane Lupaczyk, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, and Donald Leblanc.

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

PRAY THE ROSARY

Plan to come to church early, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.



WILL YOU NOT SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME?

Eucharistic Adoration will be held this Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 to 8:00 pm at Holy Cross Church. All are welcome to come and spend an hour of prayer.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

MARCH 3, 2024: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

EXODUS 20:1-17 OR 20:1-3,7-8,12-17 • 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25 • JOHN 2: 13-25

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Our parish has begun conducting the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. The goal this year for St. Martin's is the same as last year, \$5,000.

As you may know, this appeal is a lifeline for more than two dozen agencies and ministries which provide charitable, pastoral and educational services that complement what we can provide at the parish. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed or circumstance, to find hope. Please consider making a pledge or gift to this year's Appeal. Visit partners-charity.net and you can make your donation securely online; note that your parish is St. Martin's, so that it is counted towards our target. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you! We couldn't do it without you

World Wide Marriage Encounter

World Wide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatelle at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwmema.org/>.

WORD OF LIFE

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent* usccb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

LENTEN SCHEDULE



THE WAY OF THE CROSS will be held every Friday at 7:00pm during Lent at Holy Cross Church.

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE will be held Wednesdays during Lent. The Pilgrimage will be held at Holy Cross Church this Wednesday, February 28. Confession at 6:00 pm and Mass at 7:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON TOUR

Please join young adults throughout the Diocese for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, they will be coming to Templeton, at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1 Forest St., Baldwinville on March 15 at 6:30 pm. The six-church Tour began in Worcester on February 16. For a complete list of churches and times visit: <https://www.neworchester.org/>

EASTER FLOWERS

Offering envelopes are available in the vestibule and may be given in memory of loved one whose names will appear in our Easter Remembrance listing and a special remembrance at our Masses during this Easter Season.

2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Tickets are available for the 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday, March 16, at Worcester's DCU Center. Tickets are \$50-Adults & \$30-Students. Purchase online at www.catholicmenworc.com or call 978-537-3016. Speakers include Jim Wahlberg (brother of actors Mark & Donnie Wahlberg), Deacon Harold Burk-Sivers, "The Dynamic Deacon," and other Catholic Thought Leaders. Tickets include Lunch, the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation, all-day Adoration, and to visit 50+ relevant vendors, in the spacious & ultra professional surroundings of the DCU Center.

NEW 120 CLUB HAS BEGUN

A new round of the 120 Club has begun. The first weekly winner was #57 Phil Denette. There are open numbers; see Linda Columbus if you would like to join. Tickets are \$20. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund.

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, broth, shelf-stable milk, salad dressing, pasta, jam/jelly, kids cereal, dishwashing soap. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated, as the Pantry is facing difficulty in keeping the shelves stocked.**

The Pantry, at Senior Drive in Baldwinville, is open on Tuesdays from 9 am to noon; Thursdays from noon to 3 and 5 to 7 pm; and Saturdays from 10 am to noon.

FISH FRY-DAY IN GARDNER

Annunciation Parish offers a Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent from 5:00 p.m.—7:00p.m. at Holy Spirit Hall in South Gardner. Meals can be eat-in or take-out. Menu: Baked or Fried Fish, Baked Potato or French Fries, Clam Chowder, Dessert, Drink ... All this for the fantastic price of \$13 per adult and \$6 per child 12 and under! Dessert donations are always welcome!

THANK YOU

A BIG thank you to all who attended the **Bread and Soup supper** at Holy Cross Church last week. Special thanks to our soup makers and those who donated items to this event. Through your generous giving we were able to send a donation of \$102 to "Food for the Poor," <https://foodforthe poor.org/>. Blessings.

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all who came and supported the **pancake breakfast** last Sunday. Approximately 70-75 people were fed. The gross total was \$592; the overhead cost was \$249, with some product left for the next breakfast. Thanks again.

CLOTHING BINS

Bins for donations of clothing to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society are available in the parking lot at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville. Donations of good condition clothing and shoes will support individuals and families in need in our community. Visit www.svdpworcester.org to learn more about the Society.



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Rosary
30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm and anytime by 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.