

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 and 7 pm at Holy Cross Church

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Friday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

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

Sunday, March 5 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 5 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Ruth Alie by James Alie**

Sunday, March 5 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

February 19 weekly collection: \$445 Fuel: \$355

Earthquake Relief: \$275

Second Collection this week is for Repair & Maintenance

Second Collection Next Week is for the Church in Latin America

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

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Jim Alie, 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, and Donald Leblanc.

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...

March 5, 2023 - Second Sunday of Lent

GENESIS 12:1-4A • 2 TIMOTHY 1:8B-10 • MATTHEW 17:1-9

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 began Feb. 22. Your prayers make a difference and save lives! For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/worcester

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF CONTINUES

Bishop McManus has asked that parishes take a special collection this month 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.

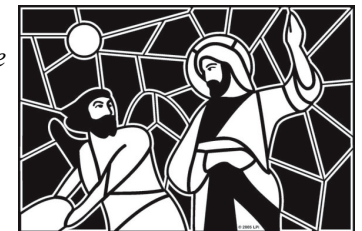
NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

Annunciation Parish in Gardner will be offering a series by Ascension Press and Dr. Edward Sri reflecting on the mystery of Christ's passion and death, on Wednesday evenings, beginning March 1st, from 6:30 to 8 pm, in the Parish Center on the Holy Rosary Campus. The Parish Center is located at 142 Regan St., Gardner. To register, visit website at annunciatingardner.org or call Maura Sweeney at 978-632-0253.

*The tempter approached and said to him,
"If you are the Son of God, command that these
stones become loaves of bread."*

*He said in reply, "It is written: One does not
live on bread alone, but on every word that
comes forth from the mouth of God."*

— Mt 4:3-4



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.

120 CLUB

A new round of the 120 Club has begun. Last week's winner was #2, Beth Hamilton. 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

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's im-age and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished." — *USCCB*

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.

BAKED FISH DINNERS IN WESTMINSTER

St. Edwards will have a Baked Fish Dinner Fridays during Lent at their church hall, 10 Church St., Westminster. Dates are March 3,10,17,24 and 31, from 4 pm to 7 pm, Take out or Eat in. Price is \$12 each meal. Please call ahead with your order 978-874-2362 or email: office@stedwardconf.org by Thursdays 1pm.

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>.

FISH FRYDAYS ARE HERE!

On Fridays during Lent, Annunciation Parish will be having its Fish Fry from 5:00 p.m.7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Hall. 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 \$12.50 per adult and \$6 per child 12 and under!



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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.