

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 27, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

Wednesday - Ash Wednesday - noon at St. Martin's

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, March 5 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 6 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 6 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Baby Provonsil by the family**

Sunday, March 6 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

February 20 weekly collection: \$475 Repair & Maintenance: \$77
Second Collection this 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 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...

March 6, 2022 - First Sunday in Lent

DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10 • ROMANS 10:8-13 • LUKE 4:1-13



“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

LENTEN SCHEDULE

On **Ash Wednesday**, March 2, 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.

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

Confession will be held on Wednesdays during Lent at the host church of Deanery Pilgrimage at 6:30 pm, any time by appointment.

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



DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

The Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage will resume this year and all are invited to attend. They will be held on Wednesdays during Lent with Week 1 starting March 9 at Holy Cross Church. Confessions will be held at 6:30 pm with the service to begin at 7 pm. Refreshments to follow. Preacher to be determined.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

Please support our retired priests this Ash Wednesday. We currently have 49 retired priests. In the next eight years, we estimate an additional 42 priests will reach our normal retirement age of 75. The annual costs for health insurance, housing and monthly stipends for retired priests have averaged between \$2.2 and \$2.6 million. Our retired priests have cared for us and our families throughout the decades. The Ash Wednesday collection was inaugurated last year to help in the care of diocesan priests, who do not benefit from the December collection for Retired Religious.

Please consider a donation to this Ash Wednesday Collection as a way to express your appreciation for the dedicated service of our retired priests to the people of our diocese.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” — Lk 6:43,45



120 CLUB - NEW ROUND HAS BEGUN

A new round of the 120 Club, which benefits the Parish Improvement Fund, has begun. Last week's winner was #97, Maryann Nurmi. Numbers are still available! Tickets are \$20 for the Club that runs 20 weeks. To join, 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.

CHOWDER AT ST. EDWARD'S

Eddy's Chowder House will be open the Fridays of Lent, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, and April 1 & 8, from 4 pm to 7 pm - Take Out Only. St. Edward's Church Hall, 10 Church St. Westminster. Menu: Clam Chowder, Corn Chowder, and Fish Chowder, by the Bowl, Pint or Quart. Made from scratch in house.

USCCB ACTION ALERT

On Monday, February 28, the Senate will vote on the Women's Health Protection Act, H.R. 3755. This deceptively-named, extreme bill would impose abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy through federal statute.

We need to send an unmistakable message to the Senate that this horrible bill must never be enacted. Join Archbishop Lori, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Cardinal Dolan, chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty in urging the Senate to oppose H.R. 3755.

Read the Conferencae chairmen's letter and fact sheet to learn more about this radical bill at the US Conference of Catholic Bishops website, www.usccb.org. The website also has an email link to send a letter.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SOUP & BREAD SUPPER RETURNS

The Lenten Soup Supper will be held in the hall at Holy Cross Church on Friday, March 25 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 can call the rectory at 978-632-2121 or Diane Kodys at 978-939-5532. A free will donation will be accepted and donated to "Food for the Poor."

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 condiments, laundry detergent, sugar and cereal.** Thank you for your support..

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.



St. Martin's Catholic Church

248 State Road, Otter River, MA 01436

Rev. Patrick Ssekoyole, Pastor • Dennis J. Cormier, Deacon
Telephone 978-939-5588 • www.saintmartinchurch.org

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.