

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, February 5 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 5 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
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Sunday, February 5 - 10:45 am, 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, February 11 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 12 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 12 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Irene & John Gorski by Pat Gale**

Sunday, February 12 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

January 29 weekly: \$437

Second collection This Week is for Catholic Home Missions

Thank you to all who make up their envelopes for weekends missed due to vacation, illness or inclement weather.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Zachary Fleming, Ruth Alie, Bob Young, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Marie Jacques, Trey Niles, Margaret Murdock, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, Bob Brown, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLATIONS

When conditions warrant "Delays or No School" cancellations, there will be NO MASS also. Mass intentions can be transferred to another day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 978-939-5588, by emailing saintmartinchurch@mail.com, or by speaking to Pat Gale after Mass.

RESPECT LIFE

"Our relationships on earth are meant to help us and others grow in perfect love. We are meant to depend on one another, serve each other in humility, and walk together in times of suffering." ~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Program Flyer

'SOUPER BOWL' OF CARING COLLECTION TODAY

This week — Super Bowl Sunday — we will be conducting the annual "Souper Bowl" Collection to benefit the Templeton Food Pantry.

While many of us today will celebrate a football game with ample snacks and meals, others in our community will be longing for something as simple as a hot bowl of soup. With the awareness of this reality, we ask parishioners to help stock the food pantry, to feed our neighbors in need.



Students will be at the doors after Mass today with soup pots to collect financial donations for the pantry. Your generosity toward our neighbors in need is appreciated.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Robert Karris from the Food For the Poor Organization. He will inform us of how our contributions will help feed the poor in 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

No money will be collected today. There will be brochures at the church entrances that explain how we can send in a payment through the mail. We are encouraged to be generous.

WEEKLY COLLECTION ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The boxed sets of collection envelopes for 2017 have arrived and are available in the vestibule. Please pick yours up after Mass. If you used envelopes in 2016 and would like a statement of contributions for your tax purposes, call the rectory at 978-939-5588, drop a note in the collection basket, or speak to Pat Gale after Mass.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

Find out everything you wanted to know about the Diaconate program for the Diocese of Worcester. If you are a male, college graduate (or have an equivalent to a degree) and are between the ages of 31 and 60 and have an interest, now is your opportunity to get some answers. Spouses are welcome and urged to attend with you. Saturday, February 11 at 10 am at St. Anne Parish Center, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury. For more information, contact Diaconate office: 508-929-4335 or visit worcesterdiocese.org.

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." — Mt 5:16



17TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

All men are invited: to the 17th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference, this year at Assumption College on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Get your tickets early as ticket prices increase on Wednesday, March 15th. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Shawn Carney, Chris Stewart, Tony Brandt, Joe Dittmar, and Jeff Cavins. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear those confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. Visit website - www.firstmensconf.org - for information and ticket purchases.

120 CLUB

Thank you to all who participate in the 120 Club, a parish fund-raiser. A new round of the 120 Club will begin in February. There are open tickets; if you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus.

HELP WANTED

It's been a relatively easy winter so far, but it's unlikely we'll escape without more snow. St. Martin's needs a worker to shovel the church stairs and the back stairs at the rectory after snowstorms. If you're interested, speak to Linda Columbus or Pat Gale.

ROSARY SODALITY - POTLUCK/MEETING

The Rosary Sodality will meet next Tuesday, Feb. 14. An International Pot Luck Supper will be held at 5:30 pm followed by the monthly meeting. Spouses are welcome as well as new members. Please call Diane Kodys at 978-939-5532 if interested.

TURKEY SUPPER

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a Turkey Supper at 5:30 pm on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Holy Cross Church. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Please call Ernie or Sue Turcotte at 978-939-8969 for reservations.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

St. Vincent de Paul Parish will hold a Mardi Gras pasta dinner at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, February 28 in the church hall. Tickets are \$5 per person. Menu includes pasta, meatballs, salad, dessert, beverage. There will be a mini Chinese auction. Join in an evening of fun and fellowship..

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next WWME Weekend is Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or go to www.WWMEMA.org.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is always in need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry. Please help our neighbors in need. The pantry is located at the rear of the Senior Center, 16 Senior Drive in Baldwinville, and is open from 9 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard at 3:45 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church during the fall/winter season, or by appt.

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.