

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 6, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday, February 6 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Paul Allain by Linda & Bob Columbus**

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

Monday - No Mass at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday - No Mass at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday - No Mass at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, February 12 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 13 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 13 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
John & Irene Gorski by Pat Gale & family**

Sunday, February 13 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

January 30 weekly collection: \$300

Second Collections next week: Fuel & Catholic Home Missions

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 13, 2022 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JEREMIAH 17:5-8 ♦ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20 • LUKE 6:17, 20-26

FR. PATRICK'S VACATION

Fr. Patrick is on vacation until February 13. We have visiting diocesan priests for weekend Masses. There will be NO 8 AM WEEK DAY MASSES at Holy Cross on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday while he is away.

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 atholic 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.



"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned." -Pope Francis, *World Day of the Sick* © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

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.

VOCATIONS REFLECTION

"They left everything and followed Jesus." If you sense that Christ may be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (508)630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one, an anniversary or any special intention, call the Rectory at 978-939-5588 and leave a message, or see Pat Gale after Mass on Sunday.

*Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."
When they brought their boats to the shore,
they left everything and followed him. — Lk 5:10-13.*



120 CLUB - NEW ROUND STARTS SOON

A new round of the 120 Club, which benefits the Parish Improvement Fund, will begin soon. Tickets are \$20 for the Club that runs 20 weeks. If you'd like to join for the next round, please contact Linda Columbus.

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE TALK - FEBRUARY 10

The Abandonment of Hippocratic Medicine, A talk by Dr. Mark J. Rollo, will take place on **Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 pm online**. It will stream at <https://bit.ly/abandonhippocratic>. Dr. Rollo is a Family Medicine Specialist, serving patients in Leominster and Fitchburg and a popular speaker on the dangers of the bill presently before the Massachusetts legislature to permit Physician Assisted Suicide, House Bill 2381, entitled "An Act Relative to End of Life Options."

"This bill is about assisted suicide. It is not about giving people the right to die," Dr. Rollo insists, "it is about giving doctors the right to kill. Sponsored by St. Cecilia Parish Pro-life Ministries.

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.

CELEBRATION OF WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK 2022

Thirty Years ago, Pope St John Paul II instituted the World Day of Prayer for the Sick on the day of the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11. There will be Mass on Friday, Feb. 11 at 9:00 am at Holy Rosary Church, Annunciation Parish with anointing of the sick within Mass for all our brothers and sisters suffering from any health condition within the parish community. We cordially invite any Catholics from surrounding parishes within the deanery and around the diocese to participate. Let's continue praying for all our sisters and brothers around the world, who suffer any cross of infirmity. May the good Lord give them comfort, strength and healing through their life journey.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT ...

Videos of two special pro-life events sponsored by the Diocese of Worcester in January are now available for viewing. Visit worcesterdiocese.org/january-events online to watch the videos!

A Morning for Life - "How Precious Life Is" (Jan. 15) presented by Monsignor James Moroney and **Mass for Life** (Jan. 20) with Bishop Robert J. McManus

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER SPONSORING VIRTUAL MARRIAGE EXPERIENCES

Some are on weekends or seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30 pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage & learn how to keep their relationship a priority.

Registration is limited, \$100 application fee is required. For information or to apply, visit <https://www.mema.org/>. Jesus is asking us to go out two by two and proclaim His good news. Learn how to make your Sacrament of Marriage shine on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



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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.