

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 20 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 21 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 21 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Robert Vancellette by Sarah & Rob Welch**

Sunday, January 21 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am - 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, January 27 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 28 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 28 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Anna Henrie by parishioners**

Sunday, January 28 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly, January 14: \$941 **Fuel:** \$257 **Solemnity of Mary:** \$15

Second Collection Next Week is for Catholic Home Missions

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Margaret Drewitz, Raymond Emond, Jennie House, Dianne Murray, Gianna Howlett, 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, Alicia Wieszorek, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of parishioner Philip Smith, who died last week, and for his family.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come early, and join in praying the Rosary 30 minutes before Mass each Sunday.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

January 28, 2018 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20 • 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35 • MARK 1:21-28

A NOTE OF THANKS

Elijah Hill extends a Note of Thanks to all who contributed in any manner in support of his goal to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. In particular, he is thankful for the donations received to aid in the success of his Chemo Care Project. Please see full "thank you" note on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

"SOUPER BOWL" COLLECTION

A "Souper Bowl" collection will be held on Sunday, February 4 — Super Bowl Sunday — after Mass. Please consider placing a cash donation into the soup pots as you leave Mass. All donations will benefit the Templeton Food Pantry.

Donations of non-perishable food for the Food Pantry can be made any Sunday. A basket for donations is available in the vestibule; volunteers pick up the food and deliver to the Pantry each week.

BOOK EXTRAVAGANZA

The Religious Education Board & Rosary Sodality at Holy Cross will be hosting their Third "Book Extravaganza" February 4. We are in need of gently used books for ages: Preschool - Gr.11. We will also have an Adult section for our Adult parishioners. Please mark donations for which age group, to help with sorting and leave the books on the stage in the church hall. We will be collecting books until Feb. 3.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the rectory when someone is moving to a nursing home, confined to home or in need of prayers. Arrangements can be made to visit or take communion to the homebound. Please pray for all who are sick.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be a bible study on the Gospel of St. John on Sunday Mornings (after the 10:45 am Mass) 11:45 am - 1:00 pm (during CCD) on the stage in Holy Cross Hall, from Jan. 21 to Mar. 25. It is a nice opportunity for parents while waiting for your children! Call Mark Connery 978-928-4750.

POLICY FOR DAILY MASS IN WINTER

If school is cancelled or delayed on a day that daily Mass is scheduled, that Mass will be cancelled for the safety of all.

THE NOTICE ZONE"

**A quick reference to "Need to Know" and upcoming Holy Cross
& St. Martin Parish Events**

- * Souper Bowl Collection, February 4 after 9:15 am Mass
- * Book Extravaganza, February 4, during CCD class times at Holy Cross
- * Turkey Supper, February 10, 2018 at 6 pm, in the Holy Cross hall

BIBLE STUDY AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bible Study with Deacon Jim is held on Mondays at St. Vincent de Paul church, Baldwinville. Fellowship at 6:30 pm, Bible Study from 7 - 8 pm. The focus of this season's study is the Psalms. All are welcome.

NEW 120 CLUB STARTS IN FEBRUARY

"Thank you" to all who support St. Martin's through the 120 Club, which benefits the Parish Improvement Fund. The next 120 Club will begin February 11 and end on June 24. The 120 Club runs for 20 weeks, with a \$20 prize drawn each week, and culminates in the "Big Drawing" with prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500. There are numbers available. If you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus, 978-939-1095.

VALENTINE DINNER

A Valentine Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 3, at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, 10 Church Street, Westminster from 5 to 7 pm. Menu: Apricot glazed chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, peas, soup, cranberry sauce, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child under 12; children under 6 eat free. Tickets will be available at the door.

TURKEY SUPPER

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a Turkey Supper on Saturday, February 10 at 6 pm in the Holy Cross church hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 & under, with a maximum charge of \$30 per family. Tickets will be available after Masses on Feb. 3rd. & 4th or by calling Ernie or Sue at 978-939-8969. Proceeds will benefit the council's scholarship fund.

MARDI GRAS DINNER

St. Vincent de Paul Parish will hold a "Mardi Gras" pasta dinner on Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 per person. The meal includes pasta, meatballs, salad, dessert and beverage. There will be a mini Chinese Auction

as well. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Tickets will be available soon.



Diary of a Little Soul

WEEK 17: January 22

If you measured me in a sitting position, I'd be about the size of a large sweet potato. My body is quickly growing, so my head no longer appears to be much bigger than the rest of me. My brain is developing in leaps and bounds; every sixty seconds one hundred thousand new brain cells are forming. This new "telegraph" system helps me plan my movements.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

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RESPECT LIFE

"When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby?" Find out in "What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion:" -USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



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Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard from 3:30 to 4:15 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church 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.