

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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, February 3 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 4 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 4 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Norman Provonsil by the family**

Sunday, February 4 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly, January 21: \$1,058 **Fuel:** \$15

Second Collection This 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.

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.

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...

February 4, 2018 — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JOB 7:1-4, 6-7 • 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23 • MARK 1:29-39

18TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 17. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until February 28, afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

"SOUPER BOWL" COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A "Souper Bowl" collection will be held next 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, 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.

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
- * Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage begins Weds., Feb. 21 at 6:30 pm - St. Vincent de Paul - more info to come.

COLD & FLU SEASON

The Office of the Bishop has received inquiries about the now-widespread flu, and offers the following guidelines: In place of the regular way of offering the sign of peace by shaking hands, a nod of the head and a verbal greeting of peace may be used.

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 are available in the vestibule.

RESPECT LIFE

If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion.” — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



Diary of a Little Soul

WEEK 18: January 29

We had an ultrasound this week and my parents saw what Mom already knew—where I like to lay my head and place my hands and feet. They got to see some of the things I can do, like opening and closing my fingers. Dad said that I was waving to them. This is the time the technician *could* have revealed whether I am a boy or a girl. I wonder...did they choose to know now or save it for a surprise on my birthday?

God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27



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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.