

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 31 - Vigil of the Solemnity, 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jaylin Rose Johnson by the family**

Sunday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, 10:45 am, Holy Cross

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

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, January 7 - , 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 8 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 8 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Arthur J. Chartier, 20th Anniversary, by the family**

Sunday, January 8 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Last weekend's collection information will be printed next week.

Second Collection This Week: Solemnity of Mary

Second Collection Next Week: Catholic University

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. We value the lives of our parishioners. Stay Safe!

FIRST FRIDAY

Please come and join us with First Friday Devotions, this Friday, January 6.

It will begin with Mass followed by Taize prayer and worship and Confession. Fr. Diego will fill-in for Fr. Marcin while he is away this week.



7:00 pm Mass

7:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
with Taize Prayer and Confession

RESPECT LIFE

"What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not understood it." -John 1:3-4

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 know someone who is unable to come to church to pick up their envelopes, speak to Pat Gale or call the rectory and we will deliver them. If you have been using envelopes during the past year, a set has been prepared for you. If you are new to the parish or have not been using envelopes, but would like to do so, blank sets are available.

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,

First, I would like to say thank you for all your prayers, Christmas Cards and gifts that I received from you during Advent and Christmas time.

To all those who participated in making our Church and Christmas Services Beautiful — THANK YOU! — The Decorators, Musicians, Choir, Lectors Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers & Greeters.

Also, I would like to wish all of you, Happy New Year 2017. May God bless you and your families, and I hope that you will always feel His loving and caring presence.
— Fr. Marcin

RITE OF CALLING

Rite of Calling for Confirmation students, Gr. 11 will be on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at the 10:45 am Mass at Holy Cross Church.

CCD CLASSES

Classes will not be held this weekend.

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. Dates and times are available on a first come first serve basis. Mass stipends are still only \$10.

March for Life Registration

The 44th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017. Buses will leave from Cathedral of St. Paul on Thurs., Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Sat., Jan. 28. Cost is \$85. It will be first-come-first-served basis until all seats are full. For information, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or call 508-929-4311.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #70, Barbara White. The final drawing will be held soon... if your ticket is not yet paid up, please see Linda Columbus. Tickets must be paid up in order to be included in the big drawing.

BOOK EXTRAVAGANZA

The Religious Education Board & Rosary Sodality will be hosting their Second "Book Extravaganza" January 29, 2017 at Holy Cross Church. 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 from now until Jan. 27, 2017.

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.

THANK YOU — FROM HEALTHY FAMILIES

Dear Rev. Nowicki and members of St. Martin's,
Thank you once again for the very generous donations that your students collected for our Healthy Families program. Healthy Families is a parenting education and support program for young, first-time parents, and many of our families struggle to provide the basics for their new baby. The donations that your parish community provides help babies and toddlers (and their parents) in our region, not only at Christmas time, but the whole year through. We are very thankful to once again be the recipients of our kindness.

With gratitude, Karen Culkeen, Director

WINTER FEST DINNER

A Winter Fest Dinner will be held on Sat. Jan. 7, 2017 at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 10 Church St., Westminster from 5 - 7 pm. Menu will be Pork Loin, applesauce, meatloaf, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered corn, tangy 4 bean salad, rolls, tapioca pudding and cookies. \$10 adult, \$5 child under 12, and children under 6 eat free. Tickets available at the door. For more info, call 978-874-0767.



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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.