

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

January 1, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, January 1 - 8 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 1 - 10 am at St. Martin's
Ruth Alie by the family**

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

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent

Wednesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

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

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

**Sunday, January 8 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Roy and Beverly Bushey by Cathy Bourn**

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

December 25 weekly collection: \$337

Second Collection next week is for Fuel

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Philip Lefebvre, Thomas Lupaczyk, Mark Hanks, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, 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.



WINTER WEEKDAY MASSES

When conditions warrant Delays or School cancellations, there will be NO MASS also. In that case, Mass intentions will be transferred to the next available Mass. We value the lives of our parishioners. Stay Safe!

CCD CLASSES

Please contact Elizabeth Schroeder at hcchurchet@gmail.com or at (978) 413-8833 with any questions.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

January 8, 2023 - The Epiphany of the Lord

ISAIAH 60:1-6 • EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6 • MATTHEW 2:1-12

MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED!

Register now to attend the 50th annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 20, 2023! **Registration deadline extended to whenever buses are full.** If you want to register, email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org.

Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thurs., Jan. 19 following the Respect Life Mass at 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.

Thanks to the overturning of Roe v Wade, the March will end at the U.S. Capitol instead of the Supreme Court, in recognition of the fact that the halls of Congress are where much advocacy for life must be done going forward.

Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21. For more details and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 or aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org.

The **National Prayer Vigil for Life** (modified) and the **March for Life** in Washington, DC will be broadcast on EWTN television and can be viewed online at www.ewtn.com. Learn more at www.marchforlife.org. The **Masses for the National Prayer Vigil for Life** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC will be broadcast on EWTN television and at www.ewtn.com and also at the Basilica's webpage

PRO-LIFE MORNING OF REFLECTION AND ENRICHMENT

Theme: The Holy Eucharist: Source of LIFE and LOVE ... Saturday, January 14, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester

WORD OF LIFE

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"*

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. — Lk 2:21



2023 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Religious Art Calendars for 2023 are available in the vestibule. Please feel free to take one or more home with you. These calendars are graciously provided each year by Boucher Funeral Home.

120 CLUB

The current 120 Club is drawing to a close. Week 17 winner was #16 Barbara LeBlanc, and Week 18 winner was #4 Julia Lupaczyk.

The final two weekly drawings will be announced next week, followed by the "Big Drawing" to conclude this round.

A new 120 Club will begin soon ... and there are open numbers available. If you are interested in a ticket for this parish fund-raiser, please speak to Linda Columbus. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The need continues year-round in our community. Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include sugar, pudding cups, juice boxes, and diapers. Grocery store gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.** Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Pantry to help our neighbors in need.

The Templeton Food Pantry is located at the rear of the Templeton Senior Community Center, off Bridge Street in Baldwinville. It's open from 9 am - noon on Tuesdays; noon - 3 pm and 5 - 7 pm on Thursdays; and from noon - 3 pm on Saturdays. Anyone in need of food is welcome to visit this community resource.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatile at 978-870-5646 or visit <https://wwmema.org/>.

What better gift can you give your spouse for Christmas than to tell them you want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together: Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated to our parish Baby Diaper and Clothing Drive last month. The items donated at St. Martin's were delivered to the Healthy Families Program at the VNA in Gardner before Christmas and were deeply appreciated.

We will conduct another diaper and baby supplies collection in the weeks leading up to Mothers' Day 2023.



May the New Year bring us
Closer to You O Lord!



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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.