

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 13 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, January 14 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 14 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Philip Smith by Steve and Barbara White**

Sunday, January 14 - 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

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

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

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

**Sunday, January 21 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Joyce Hanks, five-year anniversary, by the family**

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

January 7 weekly collection: See next week's bulletin

The Second Collection This Week is for Fuel

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Jim O'Malley, Jennifer Strong, Jason Hamel, Diane Lupaczyk, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, and Donald Leblanc.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Plan to come to church early, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.



MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to schedule a Mass for a special intention or remembrance, speak to Pat Gale after Mass or call the parish office at 978-939-5588. The 2024 Mass book is now open and dates are available.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

JANUARY 21, 2024: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JOHAN 3: 1-5, 10 • 1 CORINTHIANS 7: 29 • MARK 1: 14-21

VACATION

Fr. Patrick is on vacation January 1 – February 9. During this time, visiting priests are covering weekend Masses and there are no weekday Masses at Holy Cross Church. Mass is celebrated at 9 am on Monday through Thursday at St. Vincent de Paul church in Baldwinville.

World Wide Marriage Encounter

I Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20: "...Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ! Whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit With Him. ...Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own....therefore, glorify God in your body." One Way to Glorify the Lord is by enriching your marriage. Give your spouse a gift. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: January 26-28, 2024 in Derby Line, VT, February 8-March 21, 2024, Virtual (evenings twice a week), February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

JANUARY PRO-LIFE MASS

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life on Thursday, January 18, 7:30pm, Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High Street, Worcester. Please join us to pray for and with our pilgrims travelling to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on January 19, and to pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

NOVENA FOR LIFE

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual 9 Days for Life novena, January 16 –24. Sign up to receive daily emails and reflections by text or email at www.9daysforlife.com!

WORD OF LIFE

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*
"How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

KNIGHTS DONATE WHEELCHAIR RAMP

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus recently contributed \$6,000 from the Massachusetts State Council Charity Fund for the construction of a wheelchair ramp for a family in Winchendon who have a severely disabled young daughter. This grant was made possible because of the generosity of all who contribute to the annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive which is held every Columbus Day Weekend in October. Thanks to all.

2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Tickets are available for the 2024 WORCESTER Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday, March 16, 2024, Worcester's DCU Center. Tickets are \$50-Adults & \$30-Students. Purchase online at www.catholicmenworc.com or call 978.537.3016. Speakers include Jim Wahlberg (brother of actors Mark & Donnie Wahlberg), Deacon Harold Burk-Sivers, "The Dynamic Deacon," and other Catholic Thought Leaders. Tickets include Lunch, the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation, all-day Adoration, and to visit 50+ relevant vendors, in the spacious & ultra professional surroundings of the DCU Center. Sound, lighting, seating, comfort and convenience will be a huge upgrade for 2024, in addition to our usual great slate of speakers.

DEDICATE A SANCTUARY CANDLE

A Sanctuary Candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind us of the presence of Christ in our Church's Tabernacle and a profession of our love and affection.

You are invited to make an offering for a "Sanctuary Candle" dedication at any time; simply drop an envelope with your intention in the collection basket, noting when you would like your intention to be remembered. Both the sponsors and the loved ones in whose memory the Sanctuary Candle offertories are made, will be included in our bulletin. Thank you so much for your attention, love, and support.



120 CLUB

Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #17, Cathy Bourn

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 mayonnaise, salad dressing, Kleenex/tissues, elbow macaroni, and kids cereal. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated, as the Pantry is facing difficulty in keeping the shelves stocked.**

BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Basketball Free Throw Contest, Saturday, January 27 at The Clark Memorial Community Center on Central Street, Winchendon. The event is open to all boys and girls ages 9 - 14. Registration starts at 12:30pm. Winners of their respective groups will move on to district, regional and state competition. Parental permission is required.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY AT HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

Holy Family Academy invites you to support the 8th Grade at a Souper Bowl lunch event from 11 am to 2 pm on January 21 at Holy Rosary Church, 135 Nichols St., Gardner. Sample entries and vote for your Top 3 soups, stews, chowder or chili. Cost, adults \$10, children \$5.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING BINS

Bins for donations of clothing to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society are available in the parking lot at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville. Donations of good condition clothing and shoes will support individuals and families in need in our community. Visit www.svdpworcester.org to learn more about the Society.



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Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm and anytime by 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.