

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 14 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, January 15 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 15 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Ric Tanzi by Jacqueline Johnson**

Sunday, January 15 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am 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 21 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, January 22 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 22 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Joyce Hanks, 4th anniversary, by the family**

Sunday, January 22 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

January 8 weekly collection: \$673 Fuel: \$315

Catholic University: \$11

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.



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Leona DeGrace, whose funeral was held at St. Martin's last week, and for her family.

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!

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

January 22, 2023 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ISAIAH 8:23-9:3 • 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13,17 • MATTHEW 4:12-23

ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

All are invited to attend the annual Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop McManus on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 pm, at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. We will pray for those who will be travelling to Washington, DC to attend the March for Life on Fri. Jan. 20.

NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

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.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 19 – 27, 2023

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Participants can receive the novena by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. A printable version is available online 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)*

MEN'S CONFERENCE KICKOFF BREAKFAST

The Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be holding a Kickoff Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 28 at Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant St. Worcester, beginning with a Mass celebrated by Bishop McManus at 8:00 AM. Breakfast and a very brief overview of the 2023 Men's Conference will follow. All current Parish Contacts, or anyone who would like to volunteer as a Parish Contact this year, are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is required. Please RSVP by email: tjarvis1618@gmail.com.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." — Jn 1:29-30



120 CLUB

A new round of the 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.

THANK YOU

Deacon Dennis expresses his sincere thanks to all who gave him Christmas cards and gifts during the Christmas season. May God Bless you all!

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 Vattelle 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.

K OF C FREE THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Basketball Free Throw Contest on Saturday, January 28th at The Clark Memorial Community Center on Central St. in Winchendon. This event is open to all boys and girls ages 9 thru 14. Registration starts at 11:45 am. Winners of their respective groups will move on to district, regional and state competition. Parental permission is required.

VIANNEY DINNER

The next Vianney dinner is Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies at 51 Illinois St., Worcester. 6:05 pm Mass, 6:30 pm dinner, and 7:00 pm social. Please note the change of date. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend! You are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as your schedule allows. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food. Email: director@worcestervocations.com.

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration while Fr. Patrick is away. It will resume when he returns.



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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.