

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 27 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, January 28 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 28 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Marie Quader by Steve & Barbara White**

Sunday, January 28 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

January 7/14 weekly collection: \$1,085 Fuel: \$300

Solemnity of Mary: \$70 Catholic University: \$15

Second Collection Next Week is for Catholic Home Missions

### 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 28, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**DEUTERONOMY 18: 15-20 • 1 CORINTHIANS 7: 32-35 • MARK 1: 21-28**

### 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

### WORD OF LIFE

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image." — *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB*



### 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 1:30 pm and the contest begins at 2:00 pm. Winners of their respective groups will move on to district, regional and state competition. Parental permission is required.

### FOOD DRIVE

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a food drive for The Templeton Food Pantry on Saturday, February 3 at St. Martin's Church parking lot from 8:00 am-12:00 pm. All non-perishable food items, as well as, gift cards and cash are welcomed.

## 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](http://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.

## 120 CLUB

Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #46, Alex Denette. The Final "Big Drawing" will be held soon, and a new round of the 120 Club will begin next month. There are open numbers; see Linda Columbus if you would like to join. 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 ketchup, 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**

The Pantry, at Senior Drive in Baldwinville, is open on Tuesdays from 9 am to noon; Thursdays from noon to 3 and 5 to 7 pm; and Saturdays from 10 am to noon.

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION PICK-UP

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Worcester and Hampden Counties is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books, and household items. The funds received go to help our neighbors in need with (but not limited to) food, clothing, rent, and utilities. To schedule a free home pick-up, visit our website at <https://svdpworcester.org> and click on the "How You Can Help" tab, then choose "Schedule a Home Pick-Up." Complete the form, and you're done! You may also contact our partner (CMRK) at 508-474-8966. Please Help us help our neighbors in need!

## 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.

## 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](http://www.svdpworcester.org) to learn more about the Society.



## St. Martin's Catholic Church

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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.