

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 21 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, January 22 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Thomas Bushey by Roy & Beverly Bushey**

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

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

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

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

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, January 28 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 29 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 29 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
For All Unborn Children**

Sunday, January 29 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

January 15: \$698 Fuel: \$245 Solemnity of Mary: \$30

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.

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.

RESPECT LIFE

"From each tiny child waiting to be born, to individuals nearing death, all are precious and deserve our care and protection. ... Let's ask God to make us channels of his loving mercy." -Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, 2016 Respect Life Month Statement

PRO-LIFE MASS IN WORCESTER

Join Bishop McManus and pilgrims travelling to the March for Life in Washington, DC, for the annual Pro-Life Mass at 7:30 pm on Thursday, January 26, at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester. All are welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR PRO-LIFE, JANUARY 22

Eucharistic Adoration for Pro-Life intentions will be held from 12 noon to 4 pm THIS Sunday January 22, at Holy Cross Church. Please see sign up sheet to share 30 minutes of your time to join in prayer for the Pro-Life - Respect Life initiative.

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.

If you used envelopes in 2016 and would like a statement of contributions for your tax purposes, call the rectory at 978-939-5588, drop a note in the collection basket, or speak to Pat Gale after Mass.

PARISH DEVOTIONS: JAN 23 DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

January 23, 2017 is a particular Day of Prayer and Penance for the Legal Protection of Unborn Human Life for dioceses throughout the U.S. Many parishes are offering special events or devotions on or near this day to pray for an end to abortion and for the building up of the Culture of Life, and to unite our prayers with the National Novena, "9 Days for Life" (www.9daysforlife.com) that takes place from Jan. 21-29 and the March for Life in Washington, DC on Jan. 27. You can find a list of area events and devotions on our Respect Life page at <http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer>.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the Diocesan Annual Report for FY2016 are available on the table in the vestibule. Anyone interested in reading the report is welcome to pick one up after Mass. The report is also printed in the January 19 issue of the *Catholic Free Press*. Copies of the *Catholic Free Press* are also available in the vestibule every weekend.

On those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." — Mt 4:16b-17

17TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

All men are invited: to the 17th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference, this year at Assumption College on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Get your tickets early as ticket prices increase on Wednesday, March 15th. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Shawn Carney, Chris Stewart, Tony Brandt, Joe Dittmar, and Jeff Cavins. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear those confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. Visit website - www.firstmensconf.org - for information and ticket purchases.

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.

COAT DRIVE AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville is conducting a coat drive this month to benefit patrons of Our Father's House. New or clean used coats may be left at the church.

120 CLUB

Thank you to all who participate in the 120 Club, a parish fund-raiser. A new round of the 120 Club will begin in February. There are open tickets; if you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus.

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.

VALENTINE DINNER

A Valentine Dinner will be held on Sat., Feb. 4 at St. Edward's Church hall, 10 Church St., Westminster from 5 to 7 pm. Menu will be apricot glazed chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, carrots, peas, soup, cranberry sauce, rolls & dessert. Cost of the dinner is \$10, per adult, \$5 per child under 12 and children under 6 eat free. Tickets are available at the door. For more information call Wendy 978-874-0767.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next WWME Weekend is Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or go to www.WWME.org.



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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.