

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 28 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, January 29 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Carole Desmairis by the Templeton Lions Club**

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

January 15 weekly collection: \$621

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.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Charles Chartier, who received his First Holy Communion at St. Martin's last Sunday. May you remember that God's love will always be there to comfort you, guide you, and bless you

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

January 29, 2023 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ZEPHANIAH 2:3; 3:12-13 • 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31 • MATTHEW 5: 1-12A

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.



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

“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*

Why Catholics Believe in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist - (and why it's not such a crazy idea)

Join Annunciation Parish on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6:30 pm for a presentation by Fr. Stephen Lundrigan on the biblical, historical and practical foundation of our belief in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We will be meeting in the Great Room in the Parish Center on the Holy Rosary Campus. The Parish Center is located at 142 Regan St. in Gardner. Parking is available behind Holy Rosary Church.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen.

He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”— Mt 4:18-19



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 mayonnaise, 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.

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.

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 Vatele 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.

ST. MARTIN'S CRAFT GROUP

Our parish Craft Group will resume weekly meetings soon. These afternoon sessions are generally held on Wednesdays in the Rectory. Crafting experience is not required! Bring your ideas, samples and enthusiasm as we create decorations to sell at our Holiday Fair. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, chat with your neighbors, and create interesting items that support our Parish Improvement Fund. The Craft Table at our 2022 Holiday Fair netted over \$1,600 for church improvements.



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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.