

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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, February 3 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, February 4 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, February 4 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Norman Provonsil, 7th anniversary, by the family**

Sunday, February 4 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**January 21 weekly collection: \$591**

**Second Collection This 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.

### EUCCHARIST ADORATION

There will be no Adoration on January 28 due to Fr. Patrick's vacation. It will resume on February 27.

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**FEBRUARY 4, 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JOB 7: 1-4, 6-7 • CORINTHIANS 9: 16-19, 22-23 • MARK 1: 29-39**

### 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. Upcoming Dates: February 8-March 21, 2024, Virtual (evenings twice a week), and February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY.

### WORD OF LIFE

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion> — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

### PRO-LIFE AWARDS NOMINEES SOUGHT

The Respect Life Office, Diocese of Worcester seeks nominations for two annual pro-life awards to be presented by Bishop McManus at the Mass for Life on April 8, 2024, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Information and nomination forms are available at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/mass-for-life-annunciation](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/mass-for-life-annunciation). Completed nomination forms may be emailed to [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org) and must be received no later than February 15.

### K OF C FOOD DRIVE NEXT SATURDAY

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.



### BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8, Scouting Anniversary Day, as Scout Sunday to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. Scouts attending Masses on Sunday will be in uniform. Please give them a warm welcome.

## 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

The Final "Big Drawing" will be held this week, 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. Tickets are \$20. 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.