

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Wednesday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Thursday, Friday - No Mass

Saturday, February 4 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, February 5 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

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January 15: \$509

Second collection Next Week is for Catholic Home Missions

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

"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'" -Romans 8:15

BLESSING OF THROATS

The Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr is Friday, February 3. Fr. Marcin will bless throats after Masses TODAY!

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

One day a mother brought to St. Blaise her boy, who, while eating, had swallowed a fishbone, which remained in his throat, and, causing great pain, threatened suffocation. St. Blaise prayed and made the Sign of the Cross over the boy, and behold, he was cured. For this reason the Saint is invoked in throat troubles. Therefore the Church, on his Feast, February 3, gives a special blessing, at which is prayed over those receiving it: "By the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and Martyr, may God deliver thee from all ills of the throat and from all other ills; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

ARMY RESERVE DUTY SCHEDULE: FR. MARCIN

Fr. Marcin will be away one weekend a month for Army Reserve Duty. NEXT WEEK we will have a missionary priest from Food for the Poor to fill in for Fr. Marcin while he is away at base.

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 come to church to pick up their envelopes, speak to Pat Gale or call the rectory and we will deliver them.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Please come and join us with First Friday Devotions, this Friday, February 3. It will begin with Mass followed by Taize prayer and worship and Confession.

7:00 pm Mass

7:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
with Taize Prayer and Confession



Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. — Mt 5:7-9



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.

'SOUPER BOWL' COLLECTION ON FEBRUARY 5

Next week — on Super Bown Sunday — we will be conducting the annual "Souper Bowl" Collection to benefit the Templeton Food Pantry. Students will be at the doors at the end of Mass with soup pots to collect financial donations for the pantry. Your generosity toward our neighbors in need is appreciated.

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.

HELP WANTED

It's been a relatively easy winter so far, but it's unlikely we'll escape without more snow. St. Martin's needs a worker to shovel the sidewalk (from the parking lot to the crosswalk), the church stairs and the back stairs at the rectory after snowstorms. If you're interested, speak to Linda Columbus or Pat Gale.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The Boy Scouts will hold a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 4 from 5:30 to 7 pm in the hall at Holy Cross Church. Cost is \$8 for adults, children 6 and under are \$5. All proceeds benefit Templeton Boy Scouts Troop 27.

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.

TURKEY SUPPER

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a Turkey Supper at 5:30 pm on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Holy Cross Church. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Please call Ernie or Sue Turcotte at 978-939-8969 for reservations.

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.WWMEMA.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.