

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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, February 4 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, February 5 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Normal Provonsil by the family**

Sunday, February 5 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

January 22 weekly collection: \$577

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.

CCD CLASSES

Please contact Elizabeth Schroeder at hcchurchet@gmail.com or at (978) 413-8833 with any questions.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

February 5, 2023 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ISAIAH 58:7-10 • 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5 • MATTHEW 5: 13-16

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*



INTERCESSION FOR ALL LIFE

St. Cecilia Parish, 170 Mechanic St. Leominster, will present reflections on Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a Post-Roe world followed by an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in intercession for all life from birth to natural death on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 10 am to noon.

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, February 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.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Might God be calling you to the priesthood? Join us for our annual priestly vocation discernment retreat with Bishop McManus. This free retreat is for High School aged boys and older. It will take place March 31, 6 pm - April 1, 6 pm at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT 06260. To register, go to <https://www.worcestervocations.com/retreat>.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.— Mt 5:7-8



PRO-LIFE REFLECTIONS IN LEOMINSTER

Msgr. James P. Moroney will present a reflection on Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a PostRoe World, Saturday, February 4th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at St. Cecilia Parish, 180 Mechanic St. Leominster. It will be followed by an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in intercession for all life from birth to natural death.

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 19 at Holy Cross Church in East Templeton from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice & coffee. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 & under with a maximum charge of \$30 per family. All proceeds will be for the benefit of Knights of Columbus Scholarship 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, mustard, mayonnaise, Taco dinner kits 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.

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 Vattelle 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.

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.