

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 6 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, January 7 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Maryann Nurmi by Steve and Barbara White**

Sunday, January 7 - 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, January 13 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, January 14 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 14 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Philip Smith by Steve and Barbara White**

Sunday, January 14 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**December 31 weekly collection: \$562 Christmas: \$70**

**The Second Collection This Week is for Catholic University**

**The Second Collection Next Week is for Fuel**

### 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.

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**JANUARY 14, 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**1 SAMUEL 3: 3B-10, 19 • CORINTHIANS 6: 13C-15A, 17-20 • JOHN 1: 35-42**

### 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.

### A BIG THANK YOU!

Deacon Dennis wishes to express his thanks and gratitude to all for the Christmas cards and gifts he received this season. May God Bless you all.

### PRO-LIFE MORNING OF REFLECTION - JANUARY 13

All are invited to attend a Pro-Life Morning of Reflection & Enrichment, Saturday, January 13, 9:00am–1:00pm, Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High Street, Worcester. The day will include reflections by Msgr. James Moroney, Mass, and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org), or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311

### JANUARY PRO-LIFE MASS

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life on Thursday, January 18, 7:30pm, Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High Street, Worcester. Please join us to pray for and with our pilgrims travelling to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on January 19, and to pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

### NOVENA FOR LIFE

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual 9 Days for Life novena, January 16 –24. Sign up to receive daily emails and reflections by text or email at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

### WORD OF LIFE

“Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.” — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”*

### KNIGHTS DONATE WHEELCHAIR RAMP

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus recently contributed \$6,000 from the Massachusetts State Council Charity Fund for the construction of a wheelchair ramp for a family in Winchendon who have a severely disabled young daughter. This grant was made possible because of the generosity of all who contribute to the annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive which is held every Columbus Day Weekend in October. Thanks to all.

## 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.

### 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.

### 120 CLUB

Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #27, Caela Provost.

### 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, 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.

### BIBLE STUDY AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Bible Study with Deacon Jim is held on Monday evenings in the hall at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville. Join us for fellowship at 6:30 followed by Bible study at 7 pm. The topic is the Book of Isaiah. Bring your Bible with you.

### YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Worcester Youth & Young Adult Ministry has many activities, opportunities and events schedule this year to engage middle and high school students. For a calendar of events and more information visit their webpage at: <https://neworchester.org/>.

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 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

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.