

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 8, 2017

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 7 - , 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 8 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 8 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's**  
**Arthur J. Chartier, 20th Anniversary, and**  
**Michel Scheurer, 17th Anniversary, by the family**

Sunday, January 8 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, January 14 - , 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, January 15 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, January 15 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's**  
**Anna Henrie by Val and Edna Henrie**

Sunday, January 15 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

**January 1: \$648    Dec. 25: \$100    Christmas: \$486**

**Solemnity of Mary: \$86    Christmas Flowers: \$210**

**Second Collection This Week: Catholic University of America**

**Second Collection Next Week: Fuel**

*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.*

### RESPECT LIFE

"To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good. It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop."

*~ Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 101.*

### 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 have been using envelopes during the past year, a set has been prepared for you. If you are new to the parish or have not been using envelopes, but would like to do so, blank sets are available.

### INCENSE & CHALK FOR EPIPHANY

The tradition of the blessing of the Incense and Chalk was created in the early ages of the Church and is still alive in many European Countries and some parts of the United States. Incense, one of the gifts given to Jesus after His birth, is typically used to offer worship to God our Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

As the burning Incense filled one's home, it served as reminder that home is to be a place where life is always lived in union with the Divine Persons and a place where they would always respect and love one another as Jesus taught. The Chalk is used to inscribe on one's home front door, the year, 4 Crosses and the Letters "C", "M" and "B." (20+C+M+B+17). In the Middle Ages, devotion to the Magi grew and Christians soon began to name the Magi – Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. However, more correct meaning of these three letters is from Latin: "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means, "May Christ bless this house."

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 978-939-5588, by emailing [saintmartinchurch@mail.com](mailto:saintmartinchurch@mail.com), or by speaking to Pat Gale after Mass. Dates and times are available on a first come first serve basis. Mass stipends are still only \$10.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next WWME Weekends are Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA and Mar 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or go to [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org).

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2: 10-11*



## March for Life Registration

The 44th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017. Buses will leave from Cathedral of St. Paul on Thurs., Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m., and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses will return to Worcester immediately following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Sat., Jan. 28. Cost is \$85. It will be first-come-first-served basis until all seats are full. For information, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life) or call 508-929-4311.

## 120 CLUB

The final drawing will be held soon... if your ticket is not yet paid up, please see Linda Columbus. Tickets must be paid up in order to be included in the big drawing.

## ROSARY SODALITY POUND AUCTION

The Rosary Sodality of Holy Cross Church will have their next meeting, Tuesday, Jan 10 at 7 pm followed by the POUND AUCTION. Please bring an item approx. weight of 1lb wrapped nicely and the bids will start! Proceeds to benefit Templeton Food Pantry. Ladies from St. Vincent and St. Martin's are invited to join this enjoyable evening. Open to non members also!

## BOOK EXTRAVAGANZA

The Religious Education Board & Rosary Sodality will be hosting their Second "Book Extravaganza" January 29, 2017 at Holy Cross Church. We are in need of gently used books for ages: Preschool - Gr.11. We will also have an adult section for our adult parishioners. Please mark donations for which age group, to help with sorting, and leave the books on the stage in the church hall. We will be collecting books from now until Jan. 27, 2017.

## TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is always in need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry. Please help our neighbors in need. The pantry is located at the rear of the Senior Center, 16 Senior Drive in Baldwinville, and is open from 9 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## NATIONAL NOVENA FOR LIFE

9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage set aside to mark the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. The novena will take place nationwide from January 21 through 29, 2017. During this time, all are invited to participate by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the nine days. Visit [www.9days-forlife.com](http://www.9days-forlife.com) to learn more and to download a free app for your smartphone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages with each day's prayer intention. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifices make a difference!



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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.