

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 9 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 10 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 10 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Margaret Murdock by Barbara & Steve White**

Sunday, March 10 - 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 de Paul

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

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Friday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, March 16 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 17 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 17 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Granny Provonsil, 16th anniversary, by the family**

Sunday, March 17 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**March 3 weekly collection: \$780**

**Second Collection This Week is for Fuel**

**Second Collection Next Week is for Catholic Relief Services**

### 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.



### THANK YOU

St. Martin's recently received a donation of \$500 from Chair City Oil. Thank you for this generous gift to our parish.

Our parish has received \$725 in donations to our Parish Improvement Fund in memory of Rhea LaRoche. We are grateful to all who chose to honor our longtime parishioner with memorial gifts.

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**MARCH 17, 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**JEREMIAH 31:31-34 • HEBREWS 5:7-9 • JOHN 12:20-33**

### PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. St. Martin's has received \$1,000, which is 20% towards our goal of \$5,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews and at the church entrance. Or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it online. You can even make your gift from a Smart-phone by texting DONATE to 84576! Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 25 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!

### EASTER FLOWERS



Offering envelopes are available in the vestibule and may be given in memory of loved one whose names will appear in our Easter Remembrance listing and a special remembrance at our Masses during this Easter Season.

### WORD OF LIFE

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (*The Gospel of Life 28*).

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS** will be held every Friday at 7:00 pm during Lent at Holy Cross Church.

**DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE** is held Wednesdays during Lent. The Pilgrimage this week, March 13, will be held at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 10 Church St. in Westminster. 6:00pm Confession and 7:00pm Service.

Upcoming Pilgrimage services are: March 20, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Winchendon; and April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday, Annunciation Parish, Gardner, time and details TBA.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON TOUR

Please join young adults throughout the Diocese for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, they will be coming to Templeton, at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1 Forest St., Baldwinville on March 15 at 6:30 pm. The six-church Tour began in Worcester on February 16. For a complete list of churches and times visit: <https://www.neworchester.org/>



## 2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 16 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Join hundreds of men to pray, listen, reflect and share their faith with each other. Wonderful speakers, celebration of sacraments, and a variety of booths. Jesus said where two or three are gathered in His name, He will be there! Register as soon as possible. For more information and to register, look for the brochures in the vestibule or check the website: catholicmenworc.com.

## CRADLES TO CRAYONS

*My name is Kelly Tylor. I am the 9th grade Project 351 alumni in Templeton. Project 351 is a program in Massachusetts, where one 9th grader is selected from each town to represent that town for community service. Our spring service project is a clothing drive for Cradles to Crayons, which helps children in need of basic essentials. I will be placing a donation box in the vestibule at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville from Sunday, March 10 to Thursday, March 28. (All socks/underwear/pajama donations must be new). Thank you!*

## RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL-AGED YOUNG WOMEN

Amata is a retreat for high school-aged young women with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth from Pennsylvania. It will be held on April 12, 13 and 14 at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Hall, 11 Day St., Webster. There will be talks, music, time for prayer and time for fun! Cost is \$30 to include meals and snacks. To register or for more information contact Maureen Benoit at SHPDRE@gmail.com or call 774-289-0249. Deadline to register is April 5..

## 120 CLUB

A new round of the 120 Club has begun. Last week's winner was #130, Ken Horgan. 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 mayonnaise, broth, shelf-stable milk, salad dressing, pasta, jam/jelly, kids cereal, dishwashing soap. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated, as the Pantry is facing difficulty in keeping the shelves stocked.**

## FISH FRY-DAY IN GARDNER

Annunciation Parish offers a Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent from 5:00 p.m.—7:00p.m. at Holy Spirit Hall in South Gardner. Meals can be eat-in or take-out. Menu: Baked or Fried Fish, Baked Potato or French Fries, Clam Chowder, Dessert, Drink ... All this for the fantastic price of \$13 per adult and \$6 per child 12 and under! Dessert donations are always welcome!

## PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's ministry of healing and reconciliation to those wounded by a past abortion. Services are free and strictly confidential. Call 508-791-HOPE(4673) to begin your healing journey. Learn more at [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com).



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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.