

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 23 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Father Lawrence Mudduse, by Steve & Barbara White**

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

March 10 weekly collection: \$442 Fuel: \$455

Second Collection This 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.



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.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

MARCH 24, 2024 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARK 11:1-10 OR JOHN 12:12-16 • ISAIAH 50:4-7 • PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

MARK 14:1-15 OR 15:1-39

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. St. Martin's has received **\$2,250 which is 45% of 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 to do it online. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you!



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 20, will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 52 Spruce St., Winchendon. 6:00pm Confession and 7:00pm Service.



The final Pilgrimage service will be held April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday, at Annunciation Parish, Gardner, time and details TBA.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 28

4:00 pm Altar Server Rehearsal at St. Martin's

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Martin's:

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated with washing of the feet at 7:00 pm. Prayerful Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also take place for a short time.

Good Friday, March 29

3:00 pm Way of the Cross at Holy Cross Church

4:00 pm Altar Server Rehearsal

7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at Holy Cross Church

Holy Saturday, March 30

12:00 pm Blessing of the Food at Holy Cross Church

4:00 pm Altar Server Rehearsal - No 4:30 pm Mass

7:30 pm Easter Vigil at Holy Cross Church

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:45 am Mass at Holy Cross

9:15 am Mass at St. Martin's

10:45 am Mass at Holy Cross

WORD OF LIFE

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (The Gospel of Life 84).

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.

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!

SPRING MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Guild of Our Lady of Providence will hold its’ spring Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 23, 9:00am to 12:00pm at Phelan Center at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester. Sister Francis Murphy, SNDdeN will present a talk on “Inspirational Women Transforming Others Through Their Love of God”. A donation of \$10 would be appreciated. To make reservations, call Jo Luikey at 508-450-0478 by Friday, March 15.

120 CLUB

A new round of the 120 Club has begun. Last week’s winner was #85, Pat Gale. 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 Chef Boyardee pastas, mayonnaise, broth, 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.** 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.

GREATER GARDNER YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Join us and pray the St. Michael Chaplet! 7PM every 1st and 3rd Thursday at Annunciation Parish Center located behind Holy Rosary in Gardner, MA. For more information please reach out to Jonah Kattau, @jdkattau@gmail.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.