

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 18 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 19 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 19 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Ric Tanzi, two year anniversary, by Jackie Johnson**

Sunday, March 19 - 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 de Paul

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Friday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, March 25 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 26 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 26 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Beverly Bushey, one year anniversary, by the family**

Sunday, March 26 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

March 12 weekly collection: \$399 Fuel: \$279

Second Collection Next Week is for Catholic Relief Services

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Diane Lupaczyk, Jim Alie, Philip Lefebvre, Thomas Lupaczyk, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, 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

Come to church early on Sundays, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.



EASTER FLOWERS

For those who would like to make an offering for our Easter Altar Flowers, envelopes for this purpose are available in the vestibule. They may be given in memory of loved ones whose names will appear in our Bulletin and who will have a special remembrance at Masses here during the Easter Season. Thank You!

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

March 26, 2023 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

EZEKIEL 37:12-14 • ROMANS 8:8-11 • JOHN 11:1-45

LENTEN SCHEDULE - AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Divine Chaplet will be prayed at Eucharistic Adoration on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 pm.



Confession will be offered on Saturdays at 3:30 pm, and any time by appointment.

ALL FRIDAYS during Lent at 7 pm, there will be The Way of the Cross.

ADORATION AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ON WEDNESDAYS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held for one hour at 9:30 am after the morning Mass on Wednesdays at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville. Stay for a short time, or for the entire hour.

SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICE AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Immaculate Heart of Mary will hold a Special Lenten service on Wednesday evening, March 29 at 6:30pm. They will have a Mass, Rosary, Adoration and Confessions. All are welcome to attend. Immaculate Heart of Mary is located on Spruce Street, Winchendon.

FEBRUARY 22 - APRIL 2: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

Volunteers are needed and welcome to participate in prayerful, peaceful vigil for an end to abortion during the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign which began Feb. 22. Your prayers make a difference and save lives! For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/worcester

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

In these days of continuing turmoil in the Ukraine, natural disasters in Turkey and Syria, and conflicts and starvation in parts of Africa, to name a few, we are being challenged to be "Jesus in disguise" by supporting the national Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection on the weekend of March 26. Through your generosity, you can help ease the burdens of our brothers and sisters in some of the most marginalized communities in the world.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the son of Man?"

He answered and said, Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he."

He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.
— Jn 9:35-38



PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Our parish continues the Partners in Charity appeal. The support provided to agencies and ministries are faces of hope to so many people during this pandemic. Your pledge or one time gift is a tangible way to be a 'face of Christ' to these agencies and ministries which rely on this appeal for the funding each year. And you, in turn, share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve. Text giving is an easy and a secure way to give. If you know how to send a text message, you can make a gift to Partners in Charity in seconds on your phone. St. Martin's will receive credit. Text 'donate' to 84576. You can also make your gift online at partners-charity.net, where you can also view the 2023 appeal video. Gift envelopes are available in the pews and in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued support! We couldn't do it without you! *This year's goal for St. Martin's, once again, will be \$5,000.*

22ND ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Catholic Men's Conference taking place on Saturday March 25, beginning at 8:00 am at Assumption University, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester. Visit <https://catholicmenworc.com> for speakers and more information. Tickets can be purchased in advanced or at the door: Adult tickets will be \$65, Student tickets are always \$30. Lunch is included with all tickets.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #67 Blanche Kinnon. 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.

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).

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 Sugar, Canned Ravioli, Italian salad dressing, jams/jellies, 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.

BAKED FISH DINNERS IN WESTMINSTER

St. Edwards will have a Baked Fish Dinner Fridays during Lent at their church hall, 10 Church St., Westminster. Dates are March 17, 24 and 31, from 4 pm to 7 pm, Take out or Eat in. Price is \$12 each meal. Please call ahead with your order 978-874-2362 or email: office@stedwardconf.org by Thursdays 1pm.

FISH FRY AT HOLY SPIRIT IN GARDNER

A Traditional Lenten Fish Fry will be held weekly on Fridays from 5-7 pm at Holy Spirit in the Hall. Eat in or Take out. Meals will be \$12.50 for adults and \$6 for kids. Menu includes: Baked or Fried Fish, Baked potato or French Fries, Clam Chowder, Dessert and a Drink.



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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.