

## PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 pm at St. Martin's**

Good Friday - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7 pm at Holy Cross

Holy Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil - 7:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Ric Tanzi by Jackie Johnson**

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**March 17 weekly collection: \$422**

**Catholic Relief Services: \$67**

### 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 31, 2024 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**ACTS: 10-34A, 37-43 • COLOSSIANS 3: 1-4, OR 1 CORINTHIANS 5:6B-8 •**

**JOHN 20:1-9**

### 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 **\$2,750 which is 55% 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](http://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** - Friday, March 29 at 3:00 pm at Holy Cross Church.

**DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE** i- 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

### 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.

### WORD OF LIFE

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” *(The Gospel of Life 86)*.

### 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.

### K OF C FINANCIAL BENEFIT EVENT

A Knights of Columbus Financial Benefits Event will be held Saturday, April 6 at 10 am, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 165 Electric Ave. Fitchburg. This event is open to everyone. Please come and learn the benefits of investing with the Knights of Columbus in a way that is consistent with our Catholic Values. Please email, michaelpalmater@yahoo.com or text 512-696-2800 for more information. Members, please come to help our council achieve Star Council.

### 120 CLUB

Last week’s winner was #59, Grace Eagle. 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

Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include Canned creamed corn, Gluten-free foods (any), chicken or beef broth, Chef Boyardee pastas, mayonnaise, jam/jelly, 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! 7 pm every 1st and 3rd Thursday at Annunciation Parish Center, located behind Holy Rosary in Gardner. For more information, please reach out to Jonah Kattau, @jdkattau@gmail.com

### COFFEE HOUR

The next Coffee Hour will be held Sunday, April 7, at the Rectory, immediately after Mass. All are welcome! Plan to stop by for coffee, pastry and conversation!



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