

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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, April 2 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, April 2 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 2 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Kyle Berger, one year anniversary, by Michael Leblanc family**

Sunday, April 2 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

March 19 weekly collection: \$689

Second Collection This Week is for Catholic Relief Services

St. Martin's is grateful for a generous donation by Chair City Oil's owner Dave Tourigny. Over the years, Chair City Oil has been committed to providing financial support to our faith community.

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...

April 2, 2023 - Palm Sunday

MATTHEW 21: 1-11 • ISAIAH 50:4-7 • PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

MATTHEW 26: 14-27

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.

FRIDAYS during Lent at 7 pm, there will be The Way of the Cross, except on Good Friday, when it will be at 3 pm..

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 6:30 pm. They will have a Mass, Rosary, Adoration and Confessions. All are welcome to attend. Immaculate Heart of Mary is located on Spruce Street, Winchendon.

COME FOR A POWERFUL HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR AMERICA

Our Lady of America has a unique role as an intercessor for America. Her great mission is to teach all of us that we have the Holy Trinity dwelling within us and she teaches us how this awareness can turn our lives around, as well as all the people of the United States, and then in turn, all of the world.

Join us for a very powerful holy hour, to learn more about Our Lady of America's message, and to pray a rosary meditating on how the Holy Trinity can guide us through our lives. Come and bring your needs, your hopes and your prayers to Our Lady, and seek her intercession for yourself, a loved one or your family, your church and your nation. Saturday, April 1, following the 8 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 52 Spruce Street, Winchendon.

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." — Jn 11:25-27



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, is \$5,000.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will be holding a food drive for The Templeton Food Pantry on Saturday, April 1 from 8 am until noon at St. Martin's Church parking lot. All non-perishable items with a good 'use by' date are welcome as well as cash.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #24, Jan Lefebvre. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund. There are open numbers; if interested, contact Linda Columbus.

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).

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, Ranch or 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. The final date is March 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 is held weekly on Fridays from 5-7 pm at Holy Spirit in the Hall. Eat in or Take out. Meals are \$12.50 for adults and \$6 for kids.



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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.