

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 3, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 2 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 3 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 3 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Charles P. Kelly by Lauren Chartier**

Sunday, March 3 - 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

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

February 25 weekly collection: \$756

Latin America: \$73

Priest Retirement: \$250

Second Collection Next Week is for Fuel

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...

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2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23 • EPHESIANS 2:4-10 • JOHN 3:14-21

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

St. Martin's is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus, made possible through the annual Partners in Charity appeal. Our parish goal is \$5,000. Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2024 appeal, we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT

Want to know more about becoming a deacon? A diaconate Information night will be held on Monday, March 4 from 6 to 8 pm at St Anthony of Padua Parish, 24 Dudley Hill Road, Dudley. age Encvounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatelle at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.

WORD OF LIFE

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life 5*).

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE will be held Wednesdays during Lent. The Pilgrimage this week, March 6, will be held at St. Vincent de Paul, 18 Pleasant Street, Baldwinville. 6:00pm Confession and 7:00pm Service.

Upcoming Pilgrimage services are: March 13, St. Edward the Confessor, Westminster; 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.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

On Friday, March 8 from 7 - 8 pm, a Holy Hour to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. The Holy Hour consists of time for silent Adoration, a short reflection, the Rosary, and Benediction. Please join us to pray for our priests. Repeats every second Friday of the month

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..

NEW 120 CLUB HAS BEGUN

A new round of the 120 Club has begun. Last week's winner was #119 Russ Clark. 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.



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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.