

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, March 5 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 5 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Ruth Alie by James Alie

Sunday, March 5 - 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 11 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 12 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 12 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Granny Provonsil by the family

Sunday, March 12 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

February 26 weekly collection: \$434 Repair & Maintenance: \$201

Earthquake Relief: \$35 Priest Retirement: \$243

Second Collection this week is for the Church in Latin America

Second Collection Next Week is for Fuel

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for 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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISPENSATION

The Liturgical Commemoration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, March 17th is observed this year on a Friday of Lent that the Church prescribes as a Day of Abstinence from meat. In light of the importance of this feast day for many in the Diocese, Bishop McManus has granted a dispensation from the rule of abstinence on Friday, March 17, 2023 and asks that those who take advantage of this dispensation perform another act of penance in its place.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

March 12, 2023 - Third Sunday of Lent

EXODUS 17:3-7 • ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8 • JOHN 4:5-42

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.

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 on Feb. 22. Your prayers make a difference and save lives! For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/worcester

THE THEOLOGY OF POPE FRANCIS

Fr. Thiago Ibiapina, the Associate Pastor of Annunciation Parish, has contributed to a collection of essays on the theology of Pope Francis, recently published in Brazil. On Monday, March 13th, the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' election, Fr. Ibiapina will share with us reflections, based on his article. This presentation will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary 135 Nichols St. in the church hall.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Holy Cross Parish welcomes a new Administrative Assistant, faithful parishioner, Laura Lawrence. She graciously came on board to take the place of Mary Beaulieu as she retires. We ask you to pray for them in their new endeavors. Thank you!

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." — Mt 17:4-5



PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Our parish begins the Partners in Charity appeal this weekend. 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 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 will be available in the pews and at the church entrances. 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

Tickets are now on sale for the 22nd Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference taking place on Saturday March 25, beginning at 8:00 am at Assumption Univ., 500 Salisbury St. Worcester. Visit <https://catholicmenworc.com> for speakers and more information.

120 CLUB

A new round of the 120 Club has begun. Last week's winner was #30, Max & AJ Lajoie. 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

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*)

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 jams/jellies, vinegar, oil, 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 10, 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.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Might God be calling you to the priesthood? Join us for our annual priestly vocation discernment retreat with Bishop McManus. This free retreat is for High School aged boys and older. It will take place March 31, 6 pm - April 1, 6 pm at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT 06260. To register, go to <https://www.worcervocations.com/retreat>.



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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.