

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 2018

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 10 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, March 11 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 11 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jane Provonsil by the family**

Sunday, March 11 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - 8 am - 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 Pau

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Friday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, March 17 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, March 18 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 18 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Joseph Kirby Jr. by Tony & Sheila Brown**

Sunday, March 18 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly, March 11: \$502

Second Collection this week is for Fuel

Second Collection next week is for Catholic Relief Services

Partners in Charity envelopes may be placed in the regular collection basket any Sunday, or mailed to the Rectory

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Joseph Seamans, Margaret Drewitz, Raymond Emond, Jennie House, Dianne Murray, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Marie Jacques, Trey Niles, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.



REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of parishioner Margaret Murdock, and for her family. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Martin's on Wednesday.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

March 18, 2018 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

JEREMIAH 31:31-34 • HEBREWS 5:7-9 • JOHN 12:20-33



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

Confession will be held at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays during Lent at the host church of the Deanery Pilgrimage; any time by appointment; and on Saturdays at 3:30 pm at Holy Cross Church.

Fridays, 7 pm, **Stations of the Cross & Benediction at Holy Cross**

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

The Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage is held on five Wednesdays during Lent. **Confessions are held at 6:30 pm with service to begin at 7 pm.**

Week 4, March 14, St. Dennis in Ashburnham, Preacher Fr. Joe Jurgelonis.

March 21, St. Francis of Assisi, Athol, Preacher, Fr. Memo Ochoa.

The Deanery Pilgrimage will be completed on Sunday, April 8, Divine Mercy Sunday, at Annunciation Parish - Holy Rosary Church in Gardner.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2018

The Annual Partners in Charity Appeal supports 28 vital programs of the charitable, educational and ministerial mission of our Diocese. Your gift to the appeal will provide assistance for the poor, the sick, the young, the aged, the disabled, families in crisis, and many more. Our appeal is an opportunity to provide for the needs of others who look to us for hope. Please reflect on the blessings you have received from God as you contemplate a pledged gift to the Partners in Charity Appeal. **This year's goal for St. Martin's is \$5,000 and we are encouraged to try to achieve it quicker than we have in the past.** We ask our patroness servant of God, Dorothy Day to pray for us.

Rosary for Life

The Rosary "For Life" intentions will be said on Tuesday, March 13 at 7 pm in conjunction with the "40 Days for Life Campaign" in Holy Cross. All are welcome

Easter Flowers

Those of you who desire to do so, may 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.

The Notice Zone"

A quick reference to "Need to Know" and upcoming Holy Cross & St. Martin Parish Events

* Rosary for Life, Tues. Mar. 13 at 7 pm, Holy Cross Church

* Stations of the Cross for Life, Fri. Mar. 23 at 7 pm, Holy Cross Church

18TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Assumption College on Saturday, March 17. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online.

CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

The Official Newspaper of the Diocese of Worcester is now taking subscriptions, 52 weekly editions, home delivery \$39. Envelopes are available in the vestibule.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the rectory when someone is moving to a nursing home, confined to home or in need of prayers. Arrangements can be made to visit or take communion to the homebound. Please pray for all who are sick.

120 CLUB

Lat week's winner of the 120 Club was #111, Steve White. There are numbers available - speak to Linda Columbus, 978-939-1095.

EDDY'S CHOWDER HOUSE

Eddy's Chowder House open on Fridays of Lent, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018 from 4 pm to 7 pm Eat in or Take out. St. Edward's Church Hall, 10 Church St. Westminster. Menu: Clam Chowder, Corn Chowder, and Fish Chowder, by the Bowl, Pint or Quart. Made from scratch in house.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come early, and join in praying the Rosary 30 minutes before Mass each Sunday

WORD OF LIFE

"When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose... let us treat each person as the masterpiece that he or she is." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Flyer: "Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God's Creation"

FR. MARCIN'S ADDRESS

Fr. Marcin has been assigned Chaplain at Ft. Bragg:

Mail may be sent to him:
CH (1LT) Martin Novitzky
881 Sumner Dr., Apt. 11
Fayetteville, NC 28303



Diary of a Little Soul
WEEK 24: March 12

Glorious day! My eyes are fully opened! They had been sealed shut for several weeks as they were under construction. At last I can rehearse my blinking skills when I'm awake, and if I'm ready for a nap I can close them just like Mom and Dad. My brain is growing at lightning speed!

Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law.
Psalm 119:18

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Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard from 3:30 to 4:15 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church or by appt.

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.