

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 12, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 11 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

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

Sunday, March 12 - 10:45 am, 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

Friday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, March 18 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, March 19 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 19 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Anna Madsen by the family**

Sunday, March 19 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

**Weekly: \$658 Latin America: \$43
Second Collection next week is for Fuel**

Thank you to all who make up their envelopes for weekends missed due to vacation, illness or inclement weather.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Gianna Howlett, Ruth Alie, Bob Young, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Marie Jacques, Trey Niles, Margaret Murdock, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, Bob Brown, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

WEEKDAY MASS CANCELLATIONS

When conditions warrant "Delays or No School" cancellations, there will be NO MASS also. Mass intentions can be transferred to another day.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 978-939-5588, by emailing saintmartinchurch@mail.com, or by speaking to Pat Gale after Mass.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Divine Chaplet will be prayed at Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays at 7:30 pm.

Confession will be held on Wednesdays during Lent at the host church of the Deanery Pilgrimage, at First Friday Devotions, any time by appointment, and on Saturdays at 3:45 pm at Holy Cross.

All Fridays during Lent at 7 pm, there will be Stations of the Cross & Benediction at Holy Cross Church.

On the First Fridays of the Month during Lent, March 3 & April 7, First Friday Devotions will include Stations of the Cross.

Holy Thursday Liturgy will be at St. Martin's at 7 pm and Good Friday Liturgy will be at Holy Cross at 7 pm. The Easter Vigil Mass is at Holy Cross.

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

THEME: "LENT - A TIME OF REFLECTION"

Place on your calendars the Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage, five Wednesdays during Lent. Confessions will be held at 6:30 pm with service to begin at 7 pm.

March 15 - St. Edward, Westminster. Preacher will be Fr. Kevin Hartford.

March 22 - St. Denis, Ashburnham. Preacher, Fr. John Hamm.

March 29 - St. Francis, Athol. Fr. Edwin Montana

April 5 - St. Vincent de Paul, Baldwinville. Preacher, Fr. Fran Roberge

The Deanery Pilgrimage will be completed on **Sunday, April 23, Divine Mercy Sunday**, at Annunciation Parish - Holy Rosary Church in Gardner. Come with us on our Lenten Retreat of Prayer and Devotion.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISPENSATION

This year the Liturgical Memorial of St. Patrick, March 17, falls on Friday of the Second Week of Lent, a day of abstinence. Bishop McManus has granted a diocesan-wide dispensation from the law of abstinence on Friday, March 17. The Bishop asks the Catholic faithful who take advantage of this general dispensation to perform another act of penance on either the day before or after March 17, 2017.

HIGHEST HEAVEN EXHIBITION AT WAM

You are invited to experience a stunning private collection of religious art at the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) during its only New England visit. Highest Heaven explores a time when art, spirituality, and religious devotion flourished in Spanish and Portuguese South America in the 1600s and 1700s. The exhibition includes more than 100 paintings, sculpture, furniture, ivories and silver--works that were created as articles of faith or symbols of civic order and to convey Catholic principles, bring social order, and spur conversion among colonial populations. These exquisite works of art have rarely been shown in public, so don't miss this chance to see them! WAM is holding special "Parish Days" on select Sundays--March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11 and July 9--through the run of the show. Parishioners who bring their church bulletin to WAM on those days will receive \$2 off admission for up to 4 people. For more information about Highest Heaven and for WAM hours and admission, visit worcesterart.org.

OPEN HOUSE AT HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY

Wondering about sending your child to HFA? Visit us during our Open House, Sunday, March 12th, from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm.

17TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

All men are invited: to the 17th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference, this year at Assumption College on Saturday, April 1, 2017. Get your tickets early as ticket prices increase on Wednesday, March 15th. For details, visit the conference website - www.firstmensconf.org.

Partners in Charity Collection Next Weekend

Next week we will hold the "in-pew" collection to kick off the annual Partners in Charity Appeal. Envelopes will be available in the pews, and may be placed in the basket during the regular collection.

Partners in Charity supports 29 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 on Pledge Sunday, March 18/19. *Blessed Mother Teresa, pray for us.*

CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

The Official Newspaper of the Diocese of Worcester is now taking subscriptions and renewals. Cost of 52 weekly editions is \$30. Subscription envelopes are available in the vestibule. Checks should be made out to St. Martin's Church.

120 CLUB

Week 5 winner was #42, Lorraine Thibeault. There are open tickets; if you'd like to join, speak to Pat Gale after Mass.

FUNDRAISER - ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

The Confirmation Youth of St. Francis Church of Assisi will have a St. Patrick Day Dinner at their church, 81 Sheridan St., Fitchburg, on Sat. Mar. 11, after 5 pm Mass. Menu is Corned Beef & Cabbage or Chicken and Rice. There will be live entertainment & Irish Dancers, Door Prizes and opportunity drawing. Limited Tickets. Adults are \$10 (\$12 at door) child under 12 are \$5. Call Cathy North Erickson for tickets 978-254-4559.

FRIDAY FISH FRY AT HOLY SPIRIT

Every Friday in Lent - Fish Fry at Holy Spirit Church, 50 Lovewell St., Gardner. Doors open at 5 pm; dinner served 5:30 - 7 pm. Choice of fried or baked haddock, French fries or baked potato, clamchowder, coeslaw, beverages and homemade desserts. Take out available. \$10 for adults, \$6 children under 12.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The Templeton Food Pantry is always in need of donations. Non-perishable food may be brought to Mass any Sunday and volunteers will deliver your donations to the Pantry. The pantry hours: 9 am - 1 pm Tuesday & Thursday.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard at 3:45 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church during the fall/winter season, 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.