

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 2016

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 12 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, March 13 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 13 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jane Provonsil by the family**

Sunday, March 13 - 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

Saturday, March 19 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jaylin Rose Johnson by Mammy**

Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$797 Fuel: \$338

Second Collection This Week is for Catholic Relief Services

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 Marie Jacques, Skip Brown, Trey Niles, Margaret Murdock, Connie Hamel, Sandy Kulvete, Alice Ostrowski, Deb Nichols, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anna Henrie, Anita Poirier, Bernice Leger, Anne Marie Beliveau, Rachel Catlow, Alicia Wieszorek, Bob Brown, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, Michelle Smith, Mason Jandris, Michael Theriault, Doug Young, Tim Wilson, Joe Barrett, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come early, and join in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each Sunday.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Monday nights at 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Holy Cross Church.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

THEME: "Mercy in the Bible"

Again for the Lenten season our deanery is offering an opportunity for prayer and fellowship as we visit churches in the Greater Gardner Deanery each Wednesday.

March 16 - St. Denis Church, Ashburnham.

Preacher, Fr. Fran Roberge

Confessions at 6:15 pm. Service and Talk at 7:00 pm. Fellowship and refreshments after the evening service.

The final week of this deanery journey will be on April 3, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 3 pm at Annunciation Parish at Holy Rosary Church in Gardner,

Divine Chaplet will be prayed at Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays at 7:30 pm at Holy Cross Church during Lent in recognition of the Year of Mercy.

Confession will be held from 7-8 pm all Tuesdays at Holy Cross during Lent.

Stations of the Cross & Benediction will be held on all Fridays during Lent at Holy Cross, at 7 pm.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday Liturgy (Mar. 24) will be at St. Martin's at 7 pm

Good Friday Liturgy will be at Holy Cross, at 7 pm.

Easter Vigil will be at Holy Cross at 7:30 pm.



SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection — for parish, diocesan or national programs — is taken up immediately after the regular weekly collection.

This week's second collection is for **Catholic Relief Services**. This collection, whose theme is "Help Jesus in disguise," reminds us that through your generosity, you can help ease the burdens of our brothers and sisters around the globe. Bishop McManus asks us to be generous in the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support will truly make a difference.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY: UPDATE

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2016 Partners in Charity Annual Appeal. To date, St. Martin's has raised \$1,640, 27% of our goal of \$6,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope available in the pews or on the table in the vestibule.

Those envelopes may be placed in the regular collection basket, or mailed to the rectory. Through our generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, vangelization and worship. Thank you!

Blessed Pope John XXIII and Blessed Pope Paul II, pray for us.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the Rectory lawn immediately after the Easter Sunday Mass. Donations of filled plastic eggs are gratefully accepted, and may be brought to church next Sunday.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner of the 120 Club was Jan Caisse, #39. Open numbers are available. If you would like to join, speak to Linda Columbus.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Have you thought of a vocation to the priesthood? Come and learn more. The Diocese of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held on March 18 & 19 the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, Connecticut. Visit worcestervocations.com for more information. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net or 508-340-5788 to sign up.

CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

The Catholic Free Press is the official publication of the Diocese. Each parish is allocated a certain number each year that the parish must purchase. Please consider subscribing and supporting your Diocesan newspaper.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Annunciation Parish's famous Fish Fry is held on Fridays in Lent at the Holy Spirit Church Hall, Gardner. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner is served 5:30-7:00 pm. Meal includes choice of fried or baked haddock, French fries or baked potato, clam chowder, coleslaw, refreshments and homemade desserts. Take out available. Price is \$10 for Adults and \$6 for children under 12.

LENTEN DINNERS IN WESTMINSTER

Eddy's Chowder House will be open on Fridays in Lent, through March 18, from 4 – 7 pm. Eat in or Take out. Clam, Corn or Fish Chowder by the bowl, pint or quart. The "Chowder House" is at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, 10 Church St., Westminster. For more information call Wendy Provencial at 978-874-0767.

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. Please help our neighbors in need.

Effective March 15, the Food Pantry will be located at the Templeton Senior Center in Baldwinville. It is open from 9 am - 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays

SUNDAY MASS ON WGAW RADIO

Holy Mass is broadcast live on WGAW 1340 AM Radio from Holy Rosary Church in Gardner at 10:30 am every Sunday. The broadcast is made possible as a public service by Boucher Funeral Home in Gardner. The Mass can also be accessed online at wgaw1340.com.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard at 4:45 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.