

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 2018

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 24 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, March 25 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday - 9:15 am, St. Martin's  
David Nowers by Bob & Linda Columbus**

Sunday, March 25 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly, March 11: \$1,162 Fuel: \$186

Second Collection this 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.

### PRAY THE ROSARY

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



### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

March 25, 2018 — Palm Sunday

ISAIAH 50:4-7 • PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11 • MARK 14:1-15:47



**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.**

**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

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. To date, St. Martin's has collected \$3,310 towards our goal of \$5,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews, or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it online. Partners in Charity, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries.

### CCD REGISTRATION COMING SOON

Mark your calendars: Registration for the 2018-2019 CCD Program will be held on April 8 at Holy Cross, while CCD is in session and after Masses that day.

### Rosary for Life

The Rosary "For Life" intentions, rescheduled from last week, will be said on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 pm at Holy Cross. Church All are welcome. Sodality meeting follows.

### 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. 20 at 7 pm, Holy Cross Church

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

## LENTEN RULES & REGULATIONS

Every Catholic 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast (1 full meal and 2 smaller meals) on Good Friday.

## 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

Last week's winner of the 120 Club was #98, Pola Yackowski. There are numbers available - speak to Linda Columbus, 978-939-1095.

## K OF C SUPPER

The Otter River Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold a Roast Pork Supper on Saturday April 14 in St. Vincent de Paul Church hall at 5 pm. All proceeds will go toward efforts of north county Knights for the purchase of an ultrasound for Care Net in Fitchburg. Tickets are \$8.00 and may be reserved by calling (978) 939-8969.

## PRAY THE ROSARY

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## 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.

The pantry is located at the rear of the Senior Center, 16 Senior Drive in Baldwinville, and is open **from 9 am – 1 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

## 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”*



## Diary of a Little Soul

WEEK 25: March 19

Right now, if I were measured from head to toe I would be around 15 inches long. If you could see my skin now, you would think it's a little wrinkled and hangs a bit loose. That's just because it's waiting for the fat to catch up! It has a rosy color because that's what happens first before it gets its very own skin tone. It is busy getting thicker and thicker, and oh, it's going to be so beautiful!

*I will put sinews upon you, make flesh grow over you, cover you with skin, and put spirit in you so that you may come to life and know that I am the LORD.*

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Ezekiel 37:6



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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.