

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 25 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, March 26 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 26 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Kay Newcombe by the Alie family**

Sunday, March 26 - 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, April 1 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, April 2 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 2 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Roger Belliveau by the family**

Sunday, April 2 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly: \$723 Fuel: \$294

Second Collection next 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 Nissa Lempart, 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, 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.

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

On the First Friday of the Month, 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"

Join the pilgrimage to the different churches of our Deanery. Take the opportunity to go to Confession, pray and reflect on a Lenten theme. Confessions available starting at 6:30 pm, Service is at 7 pm.

March 29 at St. Francis Church, Athol. Preacher, 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.

"PONDERING MARY" EXHIBITION

The Museum of Russian Icons, 203 Union St., Clinton, presents "Pondering Mary: Her Story Through Icons," an exhibit exploring Mary's life as portrayed in icons; how her relationship with her Son has defined her; and how the Russian people have viewed her complex role in salvation. Over the centuries as Western devotion to her grew, Mary became important in her own right, apart from her Son. She gained titles as Co-Redemptrix and Queen of Heaven. Specific devotions to her, such as the Rosary, came into being. In the East, the Virgin never attained a cult apart from her Son. As you will see in these icons, seldom is she portrayed without some relationship to Christ. She is a woman who has born life and death, seen joy and grief, and has "pondered all these things in her heart." The exhibition runs through May 21. Visit museumofrussianicons.org.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

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 during the Easter Season. Please have your envelope in by Sunday, April 9, as time is needed for printing. Thank You!

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.

SPRING CLEANING

A Spring Cleaning work party will be held at St. Martin's on Saturday, April 1, from 10 am to noon. The work will include wiping down the pews and kneelers, dusting baseboards, windowsills and other woodwork, straightening up the Sacristy and, if we have enough workers, straightening up the downstairs room. Any one interested in helping out is warmly invited to pitch in — many hands make light work! Sign-up is not required, but if you plan to attend, it would be helpful to let us know so we can be sure to have sufficient supplies and tools on hand. Please speak to Pat Gale after Mass.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY DRIVE

We have begun the 2017 Partners in Charity Appeal. Every member of St. Martin's parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. **Our parish goal is \$5,000.**



Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge, and place it in the regular collection basket. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2017 appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching

our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you! *Blessed Mother Teresa, pray for us.*

120 CLUB

Week 7 winner was #81, Carol Clark. There are open tickets; if you'd like to join, speak to Pat Gale or Linda Columbus after Mass.

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, clam chowder, coleslaw, beverages and homemade desserts. Take out available. \$10 for adults, \$6 children under 12.

LIONS CLUB MEAT RAFFLE

The Templeton Lions Club will hold a Meat Raffle from 7 - 10 pm on Friday, March 31 at the Templeton Fish & Game Club. 10-15 meat prizes per round: ham, sirloin steak strips, pork loins, roast beef and more. Three free tickets to adults arriving before 7 pm; 3 free tickets for each pair of eyeglasses donated (up to 5 pairs).

SPAGHETTI DINNER

41st annual Spaghetti & Meatball Supper, 5 - 7 pm on Wednesday, April 5, at Holy Rosary Church Hall, Gardner, to benefit Holy Family Academy. Adults, \$8, children \$5.

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.



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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.