

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday, March 20 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Paul Allain by Linda and Bob Columbus**

Sunday, March 20 - 10:45 am at 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 26 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 27 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 27 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Richard Tanzi, one year anniversary, by the family**

Sunday, March 27 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

March 6 weekly collection: \$442 **Fuel:** \$276
Church in Latin America: \$40

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. Please have your envelope in by Sunday, April 10. Thank You!



SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Chris Scott, Beverly Bushey, Mark Hanks, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Diane Lupaczyk, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Pola Yackowski, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Alicia Wieszorek, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc... and all those affected by the Corona virus.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

March 27, 2022 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

JOSHUA 5:9A, 10-12 • 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21 • LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32



"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

Confession will be held on Wednesdays during Lent at the host church of Deanery Pilgrimage at 6:30 pm, any time by appointment.

ALL FRIDAYS during Lent at 7 pm, there will be The Way of the Cross at Holy Cross Church



DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

The Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage will resume this year and all are invited to attend. They will be held on Wednesdays during Lent. This week, March 23, will be at Our Lady Immaculate, Athol. Confessions will be held at 6:30 pm (**Penitents must wear a mask**) with the service to begin at 7 pm. Refreshments to follow.

The schedule for remaining Wednesday nights is:

March 30 at St. Edward's Westminster;

April 6 at Immaculate Heart, Winchendon.

The Pilgrimage ends on Sunday, April 24 at Holy Rosary Church, Gardner (Divine Mercy Sunday).

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this Annual conference, at Assumption University on Sat., April 2, 2022. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle. For further information please email Angelo Guadagno at angelo0527@gmail.com or call Elaine Ford at 774-253-2996. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 21, 2022; afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

And he told them this parable:

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?'"

— Lk 13: 6-7



PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2022

Our parish begins the Partners in Charity appeal this weekend. The support provided to agencies and ministries are faces of hope to so many people during this pandemic. Your pledge or one time gift is a tangible way to be a 'face of Christ' to these agencies and ministries which rely on this appeal for the funding each year. And you, in turn, share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve.

Text giving is an easy and a secure way to give. If you know how to send a text message, you can make a gift to Partners in Charity in seconds on your phone. St. Martin's will receive credit. Text donate to 84576. You can also make your gift online at partners-charity.net, where one can view the 2022 appeal video. Gift envelopes have been mailed and are also available in the pews and in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued support! We couldn't do it without you!

In the first days of the drive, \$350 was received at the Diocese. This year St Martin's goal, once again, is \$5,000.

120 CLUB

A new round of the 120 Club, which benefits the Parish Improvement Fund, has begun. Last week's winner was #89, Marion Gay.

PASTA SUPPER TO BENEFIT UKRAINE REFUGEES: MARCH 26

The Parish Family of St. Vincent de Paul and The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will be serving pasta suppers to go on Saturday, March 26, from 5 until 6 pm. The meal will include pasta, meatballs, sausage, vegetable and dessert—all for just \$10. All proceeds will be for the benefit of The Ukraine Refugee Relief Fund. Meals must be reserved in advance by calling Ernie or Sue at (978) 939-8969.

CHOWDER AT ST. EDWARD'S

Eddy's Chowder House is open the Fridays of Lent, from 4 pm to 7 pm - Take Out Only. 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.

"The Veil Removed"

A short film titled, "The Veil Removed" (~7 Mins.) presents the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics, revealed by scripture and in the catechism of the Catholic Church. It theatrically reintroduces the sense of awe to those who are at Mass. Consider sharing the link to view on-line: <https://theveilremoved.com/watch>.

SOUP & BREAD SUPPER THIS WEEK

The Lenten Soup Supper will be held in the hall at Holy Cross Church on Friday, March 25 at 5:30 pm, followed by The Way of the Cross at 7 pm. Any Parishioner wishing to bring a meatless soup or bread, crackers, butter, or cold drinks can call the rectory at 978-632-2121 or Diane Kodys at 978-939-5532. A free will donation will be accepted and donated to "Food for the Poor."

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church on Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **The current "wish list" includes Taco Kits, Peanut butter, creamed corn, beets, pancake mix and pancake syrup.**



St. Martin's Catholic

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Rev. Patrick Ssekoyole, Pastor • Dennis J. Cormier,
Deacon

Rosary

30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During this pandemic, please contact the rectory at Holy Cross Church, 978-632-2121, for an appointment

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.