

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, March 5 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 5 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Thomas Bushey by the family**

Sunday, March 5 - 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 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

Weekly: \$466 Fuel: \$70

Second Collection TODAY is for the Church in Latin America

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.

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE STARTS MARCH 8

THEME: "LENT - A TIME OF REFLECTION"

Place on your calendars the Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage, five Wednesdays during Lent, with **Week 1 starting March 8**. Confessions will be held at 6:30 pm with service to begin at 7 pm.

March 8 - will be at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Winchendon. Fr. Michael Clements will be the speaker.

March 15 - St. Edward, Westminster

March 22 - St. Denis, Ashburnham

March 29 - St. Francis, Athol

April 5 - St. Vincent de Paul, Baldwinville

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.

CATHOLICISM SERIES

St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Westminster offers the "Catholicism" Video series by Rev. Robert Barron on Thursdays from 7 pm to 8:30 in their hall, 10 Church St., Westminster, March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6.

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, 2017. 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.

THANK YOU

A generous donation was given to St. Martin's parish by Chair City Oil. We'd like to note that they are a gem in our community, as they have given back to our parish year after year. We extend to them a big "thank you" for their support of St. Martin's.

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

The Annual Partners in Charity Appeal 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 4 winner was #66, Linda Columbus. 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.

EDDY'S CHOWDER HOUSE

Eddy's Chowder House open the Fridays of Lent, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7, from 4 -7 pm. Eat in or Take out at St. Edward's Church Hall, 10 Church St., Westminster. Menu: Clam Chowder, Corn Chowder and Fish Chowder by the Bowl (12oz -\$4), Pint (16oz - \$5) or Quart (32oz - \$9). For questions call Wendy 978-874-0767.

ANNUAL SOUP & BREAD SUPPER - MARCH 10

The Living Faith Team and the Rosary Sodality of Holy Cross Church invite you to come for an evening of food, fellowship and prayer during our Lenten journey. On Friday, March 10, we will share a meal of a variety of homemade meatless soups made by the Rosary Sodality and bread beginning at 5:30 pm in the Hall, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. A free will offering will be asked for, as all proceeds will be donated to Food for the Poor.



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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.