

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 5 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 6 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 6 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Margaret Murdock by Barbara & Steve White**

Sunday, March 6 - 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 12 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

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

Sunday, March 13 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

February 27 weekly collection: \$637 Repair & Maintenance: \$274

Ash Wednesday (Priest Retirement): \$80

Second Collection Next Week: Church in Latin America

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Kyle Berger, grandson of parishioner Michael LeBlanc, who died recently.

SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Ray Poirier, Mark Hanks, Kate Nicholson, Maryann Robinson, Marguerite Pouliot, Diane Lupaczyk, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Pola Yackowski, Deb Nichols, 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.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church 30 minutes before Mass to join in praying the Rosary each Sunday.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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GENESIS 15:5-12, 17-18 • PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1 • LUKE 9:28B-36



The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life 5*)

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: MARCH 9 AT HOLY CROSS

The Deanery Lenten Pilgrimage will resume this year and all are invited to attend. They will be held on Wednesdays during Lent with Week 1 starting March 9 at Holy Cross Church. 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 16 at St. Denis, Ashburham; March 23 at Our Lady Immaculate, Athol; March 30 at St. Edward's Wetminster; April 6 at Immaculate Heart, Winchendon; and April 24 at Holy Rosary Church, Gardner.

BAKED GODS NEEDED FOR MARCH 9 : Anyone wishing to provide a baked good or item for the reception in the hall after Lenten Pilgrimage that takes place at Holy Cross Church on March 9 at 6:30 pm, can call Diane Kodys at 978-939-5532 or the rectory 978-632-2121. Thank you. And hope to see you there!

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

A five part series from Ascension Press and Dr. Edward Sri will be offered on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 during lent at Annunciation Parish, in the hall at Holy Rosary Church 135 Nichols St., Gardner. This series explores the biblical foundations of the liturgy. The suggested donation of \$27 per person includes Dr. Sri's book, a workbook and access to the videos online.

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."

Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." — Lk 4:4 6a, 7-8



120 CLUB

A new round of the 120 Club, which benefits the Parish Improvement Fund, has begun. Last week's winner was #35, Heather Bassett. Numbers are still available! Tickets are \$20 for the Club that runs 20 weeks. To join, contact Linda Columbus.

MARCH 2 - APRIL 10: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

Volunteers are needed and welcome to participate in prayerful, peaceful vigil for an end to abortion during the 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign which begins on March 2. Your prayers make a difference and save lives! For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/worcester.

CHOWDER AT ST. EDWARD'S

Eddy's Chowder House will be open the Fridays of Lent, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, and April 1 & 8, 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>.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RALLY

All high school youth and current 8th graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on May 20-22 at Anna Maria College! The theme for the retreat is Verso L'Alto (To the Heights). The retreat will offer fun & games, music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and an encounter with Jesus through Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Mass! Cost is \$75 if registered before Apr. 1st. After April 1 the cost is \$100. Final deadline to register is Apr. 27. To sign up or to get more information, go to <https://neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat>. For questions contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SOUP & BREAD SUPPER RETURNS

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 Ranch Dressing, sugar, condiments, instant potatoes, Tuna Helper.** Thank you for your support .

The Templeton Food Pantry is located at the rear of the Templeton Senior Community Center, off Bridge Street in Baldwinville. It's open from 9 am - noon on Tuesdays; noon - 3 pm and 5 - 7 pm on Thursdays; and from noon - 3 pm on Saturdays. Anyone in need of food is welcome to visit this community resource.



St. Martin's Catholic

248 State Road, Otter River, MA 01436

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.