

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 30 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 1 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, May 1 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Beverly Bushey by Pat Gale**

Sunday, May 1 - 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

Saturday, May 7 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 8 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, May 8 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Rose O'Malley, six year remembrance, by James O'Malley**

Sunday, May 8 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

April 24 weekly collection: \$578 Repairs & Maintenance: \$337

Second Collection Next Week is for Fuel

SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Thomas Lupaczyk, Chris Scott, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is held the First & Third Tuesdays of the month, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, in Holy Cross church, with the next one being on Tuesday, May 3.



Congratulations are extended to Geneviève Marie Gabrielle Valliere, who was baptized at St. Martin's last weekend. The parish community prays for and welcomes this new young member.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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ACTS 13:14, 43-52 • REVELATIONS 7:9, 14B-17 • JOHN 10:27-30

CCD REGISTRATION

Register for the 2022-2023 CCD Program by picking up a form on the table in the vestibule and return it to the Holy Cross rectory.

The fee to cover the cost of books and materials is still only \$25 per child, \$40 per family. A \$5 late fee will apply after May 15. Checks may be made payable to Holy Cross Church. For new parishioners, a census card must also be filled out.

ANNUAL ROSE DRIVE

The annual Mother's Day Rose Drive campaign will be held in a virtual format this year. A GoFundMe donation page can be accessed at <https://gofund.me/7a9dd779>. All proceeds support Problem Pregnancy, a pregnancy help center assisting women in crisis pregnancies to choose life. As an all-volunteer organization, Problem Pregnancy of Worcester provides women a real choice by removing the barriers that often block them from keeping their babies. They support women and their families with housing, medical care, ultrasound tests, baby clothes, cribs, car seats, legal help, immigration aid, maternity clothes, life skills counseling, spiritual counseling, and vocational help. For information contact Paul DeBeasi, paul.debeasi@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MOTHER'S DAY DRIVE

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will collect new "baby shower" items such as diapers, infant clothes up to 1 year, personal baby care items, etc., starting next weekend and continuing through Mothers Day. These items will be brought to Care Net Pregnancy Center in Fitchburg to help new mothers. A collection basket has been set up in the vestibule to collect donations.

RESPECT LIFE

The Massachusetts Catholic Conference is calling on parishioners across the state to voice their opposition to proposed legislation which would legalize assisted suicide. Log on to www.macatholic.org or call 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. — *Jn 21: 12-13*



PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2022 UPDATE

Thanks to our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 Partners in Charity Appeal. **To date, \$4,715 has been received at the Diocese — representing 94.3% of St. Martin's 2022 goal of \$5,000.**

Gift envelopes are available in the pews and in the vestibule. Thank you for your continued support! We couldn't do it without you!



120 CLUB

The 120 Club, which benefits the Parish Improvement Fund, is underway. Last week's winner was #72, Bernie Greenwood.

CELEBRATION OF LIVES LOST TO COVID

A Celebration of Lives Lost will be held at 2 pm this Sunday, May 1, at G.A.R. Park, 52 Murdock Ave, Winchendon. The event is a musical program intended to attract a community of people from Winchendon, Ashburnham, Royalston, Templeton, and Gardner who wish to gather in remembrance of loved ones who lost their lives during the past two years. Many of those family members and dear friends did not have a funeral or memorial service, or had limited attendance because of Covid restrictions.

This outdoor event is an effort toward community healing and part of the effort to put this difficult period behind us. The music will be, by turns, reflective, nostalgic, sad, uplifting, life-affirming and relevant. Musicians participating include Winchendon's Bob Jordan, as well as Daniel Gay and Torbin Harding. In the event of cold or inclement weather, the event will be re-scheduled to Sunday May 15. The program is funded in part by a grant from the Templeton Cultural Council.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. Current needs include gluten-free products, canned vegetables, and sugar. 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.

DIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT

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 \$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@worcesterdioocese.org

"THE NOTICE ZONE"

* Confirmation, May 6, 2022 at 7 pm @ Holy Rosary, Gardner



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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.