

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 13 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, May 14 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, May 14 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
All Mothers**

Sunday, May 14 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Monday - NO Mass at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday - NO Mass at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday - NO Mass at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, May 20 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, May 21 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, May 21 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
First Communion**

Sunday, May 21 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly, May 7: \$861

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 Dianne Murray, Gianna Howlett, Ruth Alie, 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, Alicia Wieszorek, Claudette Yackowski, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come early, and join in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before Mass each Sunday.



FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to Jason Hamel, who received First Holy Communion last Sunday at Holy Cross Church. May you always realize the grace and blessing that the Sacrament of Eucharist brings.

ROSARY PROCESSION AND CROWNING OF MARY

In honor of the great feast of Our Lady of Fatima's 100th anniversary, and Mother's Day, we will have a Rosary Procession and Mary **crowning immediately after Mass this Sunday, May 14** at St. Martin's.

Since medieval times, the Church has combined the month of May with various religious devotions to Mary. Mary Crownings became popular in the USA prior to the Council of Vatican II, and are held in many parishes throughout the country during May. Our procession will be led by children of the parish, who will crown the statue of Mary to honor our Blessed Mother. Everyone is invited to join in this special devotion.



ROSE OF LIFE DRIVE

This weekend, Mother's Day, we will have REAL ROSES available at church entrances, at both Holy Cross and St. Martin's after Mass. A donation of \$2 per rose is requested to benefit Worcester Diocese "Problem Pregnancy." The rose has long been a symbol of love & life. Life whether vibrant or vulnerable, whether competent or in need of special care, whether born or unborn. Show your love of life by supporting the Rose of Life Drive!

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

God our heavenly Father,
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.
Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.
Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.

We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother. Amen.

VACATION

Fr. Marcin will be away this week. There will be no weekday Masses. We encourage you to attend weekday mass at nearby churches.

We welcome Fr. Gregory Chodkowski, who will cover the Masses this weekend while Fr. Marcin is at the military base. Fr. Marcin will return for the May 20 and 21 Masses.

CONFIRMATION

We offer our prayers and congratulations to Eunice Hayden and Richard Krauss, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 5 at Holy Rosary Church, Gardner, conferred by Bishop Robert J. McManus.

HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE MASS

It has been our parish tradition to honor all graduating from area high schools. This year it will take place on May 27, at the 4:30 pm Mass at Holy Cross Church. Caps & gowns may be worn if students have them. We offer our congratulations, prayers and best wishes for the future to all graduates!

PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

The 2017 Partners in Charity Annual Appeal is still in progress. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully consider supporting the work of our Lord Jesus, made possible through the annual appeal.

Our parish goal is \$5,000. To date, St. Martin's has received donations and pledges totaling \$4,740, or 95% of our goal.



120 CLUB

Week 14 winner was #4, Anna Carpenter.

FIDDLER CONCERT

The Prince Edward Island Musicians, Richard Wood & Gordon Belsher will be back with a concert on Fri., May 19, at Kamaloht, to benefit our Holy Cross Parish. Doors will open at 7 pm with concert beginning at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15. Call Bob Oliva 978-632-2499.

ADDICTION AWARENESS PROGRAM

An Addiction Awareness Hidden in Plain Sight Presentation will take place Tues. May 16 at 5 pm, at the First Congregational Church Gardner, 28 Green St. All are invited. It begins with a light dinner and then the presentation to follow. Child care will be provided. Please call 978-630-1156 with any questions.

HOLY FAMILY SPRING FESTIVAL

Holy Family Academy will have a Spring Festival on Saturday, May 20, from 10 am—6 pm and Sunday, May 21, from 10 am to 4 pm, at Holy Rosary Parish Hall, Gardner. It will feature cash raffles, children's games, entertainment, general store, silent & Chinese Auctions, a food court with American, Chinese, French Canadian, Polish & Spanish Foods. A Chicken BBQ will take place on Sunday, hamburgers, hotdogs & Italian Sausages available. All proceeds benefit Holy Family Academy.

Meat pies are also available at the Holy Rosary church rectory during regular business hours. They are \$12 for large, \$8 for small.

\$10,000 RAFFLE

St. Denis Parish in Ashburnham is holding its Spring Give-away on May 20. Prizes are \$10,000; \$1,000; \$500 (two); and \$250 (four). Tickets are \$100 and include dinner for two at the church hall, catered by Sean Patrick's restaurant on May 20. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Call the rectory at 978-827-5806.



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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.