

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday, May 14 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Pola Yackowski by Michael and Paula Hume**

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

Monday - 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 - **Ascension Thursday** - 8 am and 7 pm at Holy Cross

Thursday - Ascension Thursday - Noon at St. Martin's

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

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

**Sunday, May 21 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Beverly Bushey, birthday remembrance**

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

May 7 weekly collection: \$492

Second Collection This Week is for Fuel

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Diane Lupaczyk, Philip Lefebvre, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, Marie Quader, Trey Niles, Sandy Kulvete, Mary Amistadi, Dylan Murray, Anne Marie Beliveau, Emma Blais, George Yackowski, and Donald Leblanc.

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

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE

Please join St Dennis Parish and Annunciation Parish in praying the most powerful devotion. 1st and 3rd Sundays at Holy Rosary Church in Gardener at 3pm after the Latin Mass; and 2nd and 4th Sundays at St. Dennis Church in Ashburnham right after 11 am mass. If you have any questions, please email Maryann Lindgren and Franca Martin at thepowerofourlady@aol.com

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church early on Sundays, and join in praying the Rosary, 20 minutes before Mass.



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

May 21, 2023 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

ACTS 1: 12-14 • 1 PETER 4: 13-16 • JOHN 17: 1-11A



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 18, is the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 8 am and 7 pm at Holy Cross Church, and at noon at St. Martin's.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice.

Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. Please join the United States Conference of Catholic in praying a Novena for Life honoring the Feast of the Visitation, from May 22 - May 30. Sign up at respectlife.org/visitation!

MASS FOR HEALING IN LEOMINSTER

On Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 am St. Cecilia Church, 180 Mechanic Street in Leominster, will offer a Mass For Healing and for the intentions of everyone who is sick. After the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are elderly or have a serious illness.

K OF C BABY SHOWER

The Knights of Columbus are holding a "baby shower" to benefit The Care Net Pregnancy Center in Fitchburg. A bassinet has been set up in the vestibule to collect baby care items such as diapers, wipes, new clothing for up to age 2, and pregnancy supplies. The "shower" will run through Mothers Day, May 14. Items may be brought to church any Sunday. Thank you for your support.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

— Jn 14: 20-21





PARTNERS IN CHARITY - 82% OF GOAL

To date, \$4,100 has been received toward our goal of \$5,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews or in the church vestibule. Or visit partners-charity.net to do it online. Thanks!

LOOKING AHEAD: ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ & FESTIVAL

Planning is already underway for St. Martin's annual Chicken BBQ & Festival, to be held July 15 at the Otter River Sportsman's Club. Lists of items for our theme baskets are posted in the vestibule. Please take a look and see if you can donate an item or two (or an entire basket!) for the Festival. New items for the Chinese Auction and Major Prize Table are also welcome and may be brought to church any Sunday, or to the Rectory on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for your support.

SILVER TEA IN PHILLIPSTON

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Congregational Church of Phillipston cordially invites you to attend their 62nd annual Silver Tea on Tuesday, May 23, at 1:30 pm in the accessible Downstairs Hall, 60 The Common. Please respond to Nancy at 978-249-7517 by May 15.

CRAFT GROUP MEETINGS

This week, the parish Craft Group meets at 2 pm on Wednesday afternoons at the rectory. All women are invited to join us for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship as we create items for our Holiday Fair. Got ideas, patterns, or samples? Bring them and let's see what we can create!

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #86, Bob Gale. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund. There are open numbers; if interested, contact Linda Columbus.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The need continues year-round in our community. Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. **Current needs include Ramen Noodles, Taco meal kits, shampoo, canned ravioli, Hamburger Helper. Gift cards and cash donations are always appreciated.** 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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The next Women's Conference will be on October 7, 2023. All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register early!

ITALIAN FESTA AT ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

St. Anthony's Parish at 84 Salem Street in Fitchburg will be having their long awaited Italian Festa on Saturday, June 10th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy your favorite Italian dishes and desserts with music, raffle baskets, kids games, local vendor market and more!



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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.