

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 6 - 4:30 pm, Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, May 7 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's
Jeanne Hetnik by parishioners**

Sunday, May 7 - 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

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

Weekly: \$696

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, 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 Thomas Russell, who received First Holy Communion last Sunday at St. Martin's. 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 next 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 next Sunday 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

Next weekend (Mother's Day), we will have REAL ROSES available at church entrances, at both Holy Cross and St. Martin's after all masses. 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!

CCD REGISTRATION

Parishioners may now register their children for the next CCD Year. Please pick up a form on the table in the vestibule. The fee to cover the cost of books and materials is still only \$25 per child and \$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 be filled out.

CCD Teachers are needed for next year for grade 3 (1 teacher) and grade 4 (2 teachers). An additional aide, is needed as well. Please call Fr. Marcin if you can help out next year. Thank You!

VACATION

Fr. Marcin will be away Monday through Friday this week and next week. There will be no weekday masses these weeks. We encourage you to attend weekday mass at nearby churches. We will graciously welcome, Fr. Gregor Chadkowski who will cover the masses next weekend (5/13 & 5/14) while Fr. Marcin is at the military base. Fr. Marcin will return for the 5/20 & 5/21 Masses.

"PONDERING MARY" EXHIBITION

The Museum of Russian Icons, 203 Union St., Clinton, presents "Pondering Mary: Her Story Through Icons," an exhibit exploring Mary's life as portrayed in icons; how her relationship with her Son has defined her; and how the Russian people have viewed her complex role in salvation. The exhibition runs through May 21. Visit museumofrussianicons.org.

VETERANS MEMORIAL MASS

A Veterans Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, May 28, at 7:45 am to honor all deceased veterans. After Mass, Tom Royer will serve breakfast in the church hall to all Mass attendees.

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 13 winner was #26, Bev Bushey.

ROSARY SODALITY ECUMENICAL BREAKFAST

The Rosary Sodality of Holy Cross Church invites all women of the parish to enjoy an Ecumenical Breakfast at 9 am on Sunday, May 21, in the parish hall. Guest speaker will be Robin LeBlanc, who will speak of her experience at World Youth Day 2016. Reservation deadline is May 10. For tickets (\$10 each), contact Sandie Hill 978-8227 or Joy Taintor 632-1104.

59TH ANNUAL SILVER TEA

Women of the parish are invited to attend the 59th annual Silver Tea at the Congregational Church of Phillipston on Thursday, May 11 at 1:30 pm. We are suggesting a \$5 per person donation to help defray costs of the entertainment. Please reply by May 1st to Jean Marshall at 978-249-3164. While wearing hats and gloves is optional, with the program this year, they would be very becoming.

FIDDLER CONCERT

The Prince Edward Island Musicians, Richard Wood & Gordon Belsher will be back with a concert on Fri., May 19, at Kamaloh, 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. Get your tickets early, they are selling fast already!

MONASTIC WEEKEND FOR MEN AGED 18-40

A Monastic Weekend will take place June 2-4, 2017 at St. Mary's Monastery, 171 North Main St., Petersham. Contact Father Gregory Phillips, OSB at monks@stmarysmonastery.org or call 978-724-3350, for more information. Participate in the Benedictine Monks' daily balance of prayer, work and study and speak with those who have been called to this vocation.

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.



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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.