

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

**Sunday, May 7 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Ruth Alie, One Year Anniversary, by the family**

Sunday, May 7 - 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 - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

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

**April 30 weekly collection:** \$661

**Second Collection Next Weekend 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.*

### FOOD FOR THE POOR

Fr. James M Steuterman will be joining us this weekend to speak about Food For The Poor, a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Please join us in welcoming Fr. Steuterman.

### 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.

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

May 14, 2023 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

**ACTS 8: 5-8, 14-17 • 1 PETER 3: 15-18 • JOHN 14: 15-21**

### 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!](http://respectlife.org/visitation!)

### THANK YOU FROM FR. LAWRENCE

Dear Parishioners,

I arrived safely home after almost 24 hours in transit. Found my plate full hence the delay in dropping you a line.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you profusely for the warm welcome that you extended to me for the time I stayed at your Parish. Thanks for welcoming me into your homes, for taking me out for a bite; for the financial support that you extended to me. It was so kind of you to do all this for me. Thanks a lot for your thoughtfulness, generosity and kind-ness. May God bless you abundantly.

Now doing Pastoral Ministry in a country parish. We have had too much rain (over 1500 millimeters) thus some roads have become impassable and creeks have turned into rivers making movements tough.

Wishing you a Grace-filled Easter time. Will keep you in my prayers. I rely on yours too.

Sincerely,

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### "GODSPELL" IN FITCHBURG

Stageworks Performing Arts presents GODSPELL Friday, May 12 & Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, May 14 at 3pm in The Theatre at St. Bernard's High School, Fitchburg. Directed by: Megan McGuire, Tickets \$23. Information at [www.stageworksarts.org](http://www.stageworksarts.org).

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?"

— Jn 14: 1-2





### **PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

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](http://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 this 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.

### **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 #89, Marion Gay. 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 ketchup, laundry detergent, kids' cereals, Italian dressing, toothpaste, sugar, and Taco meal kits. Grocery store 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.

### **WORD OF LIFE**

"Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Understanding Conscience"*

### **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](http://www.wcwconference.com) or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register early!



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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.*