

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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 14 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 15 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, May 15 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Souls most needing mercy**

Sunday, May 15 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

May 1 weekly collection: \$389

Second Collection This 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 17.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Come to church 30 minutes before Mass to join in praying the Rosary each Sunday.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

May 15, 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

ACTS 14:21-27 • REVELATIONS 21:1-5A • JOHN 13:31-33A, 34-35

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. . For information contact Paul DeBeasi, paul.debeasi@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MOTHER'S DAY DRIVE

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus is collecting 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.

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@worchesterdiocese.org

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."
— Jn 10: 27-28a



PARTNERS IN CHARITY - ALMOST AT PARISH GOAL

Thanks to our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2022 Partners in Charity Appeal. **To date, \$4,890 has been received at the Diocese — representing 97.8% 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 #56, Heathere Juliano Swartz.

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE - 5 DAY MISSION PROGRAM

Have you ever wanted to serve alongside Sisters and get a taste of what community life might be like in a religious congregation? If so, we are offering a free five-day Mission for Peace program, June 22-27, 2022 in Wichita and Great Bend, Kansas for single, Catholic women, ages 18-45. Join us for this faith-filled, service-oriented experience. Set aside time to PRAY with our Sisters, to share with other women of FAITH, to discover God's PURPOSE for your life, to enjoy a behind the scenes experience of COMMUNITY LIFE, and to explore RELIGIOUS LIFE lived out as a Dominican Sister of Peace. For information, call or text Sister Mai Dung Nguyen (pronounced "My Zung When") at 405-248-7027 or email mai-dung.nguyen@oppeace.org. You can also see the website at oppeace.org to register for this program.

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, cooking oil, vinegar, canned vegetables, and sugar. Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the Pantry to help our neighbors in need.

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

BRAVEHEARTS OPENING NIGHT 5/27

Calling all Worcester Bravehearts fans – come cheer our Bravehearts for their opening night on Friday, May 27. Tickets are only \$9.00 per person and don't forget it is Fireworks night!!!! Gates open at 5:30PM – First Pitch at 6:30pm. For online ticket information, visit www.worcesterbraveheartsgroups.com Password is DIOCESENIGHT (all caps). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Nate Gonelli at 508-438-3773 or email him Nate@worcesterbravehearts.com.

RESPECT LIFE

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties." — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"



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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.