

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 2007

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 29 - 8:00 am, Holy Cross

Sunday, April 29 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's

Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, April 29 - 10:30 am, Holy Cross

Monday, 8 am at Immaculate Heart (No Mass at Holy Cross)

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross, 8 am at Immaculate Heart

Wednesday, 8 am at Holy Cross, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, May 5 - 5:15 pm at St. Martin's

John Myntti Jr., 18th anniversary, by Cathy Bourn

Sunday, May 6 - 7:45 am, Holy Cross

Sunday, May 6 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's

George Murdock by the family

Sunday, May 6 - 10:45 am, Holy Cross

Weekly Offering: \$665

Remember, your envelopes used at other local churches are returned to St. Martin's. If you don't have envelopes, please let us know.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Michael Theriault, Janita Oullette, Dave Jacques, Philip Arseneault, Doug Young, Olga Zielinski, Robert Poirier, Mary Alger, Marie Quinlisk, Claire Quinlisk, Margaret Baczewski, Mitchell Pavlosky, Patricia Fougere, Tim Wilson, Linda Maker, Jacquelyn Robichaud, Charlie Smith, Dorothy Fontaine, Mary Bourgeois, Odella Arseneault, Joe Barrett, Genevieve Cummings, Chris Nolette, William Lemire, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc, Ruth Smith, Ruth Dubzinski, and Lillian Lawrence.

MASS INTENTIONS

Intentions may be scheduled for weekend Masses throughout the year. To request a date, call the rectory or see Pat Gale after Mass.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Join in praying the Rosary, starting 20 minutes before Mass on weekends.

CHANGES IN WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

Effective May 5, the **Saturday (vigil) Mass** will return to St. Martin's for the summer season. Mass will be celebrated at 5:15 pm. We welcome parishioners of Holy Cross Church to St. Martin's for the Saturday Mass.

Effective May 6, there is a change in the **Sunday Mass times** for Holy Cross. The new Mass times for Holy Cross / St. Martin's are:

7:45 am - Holy Cross

9:15 am - St. Martin's

10:45 am - Holy Cross

Parishioners are encouraged to attend Mass at either church and continue to support their own parish by the envelope system. Church envelopes will "find their way home" no matter where you choose to celebrate Eucharist.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be a special Mass at 9:15 am this Sunday, April 29 at St. Martin's church for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus. All family and friends are invited to sit together at Mass and stop by the Rectory for coffee and cake after Mass. Hosted by the Otter River K of C.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN BLUE MASS

Bishop McManus will celebrate the annual Diocesan Blue Mass at 10:15 am on Sunday, May 6 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester. All are welcome. At this Mass we pray for those who are deceased or ill as well. The Mass will, in prayer, in heart and in spirit unite law enforcement personnel of Central Massachusetts serving in local, state and federal departments and agencies. A reception for all will follow in The Cenacle, beneath the Cathedral.

CONFIRMATION ON MONDAY, APRIL 30

Bishop Robert J. McManus will confirm St. Martin's and Holy Cross candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation this Monday at 7 pm at Holy Cross Church. All parishioners are invited to attend and to pray for our Confirmation candidates: Nicholas Snay, Kelly Farrell, Michael Colcord and Chelsea Martin. Candidates are reminded to arrive at 5:30 pm for pictures.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Pledge Sunday for the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal in our parish will take place next Sunday. At all parish Masses, we will have an opportunity to provide for the charitable, educational and ministerial mission of the Catholic Church throughout the diocese by making a pledged gift in the in-pew solicitation. In doing so, we will unite our diocesan family and become partners in charity and partners with Christ. Though the diocese has a goal, and our parish has chosen one as well, the most important goal is that every family join in providing for the charitable works of the Church. Please pray to St. Francis of Assisi, patron of the appeal, for our well-being and success. Together, let us become "Instruments of His Peace."

GREEN THUMB(S) NEEDED

Do you enjoy gardening? The little garden in front of the shrine on the church lawn could use some tender loving care — weeding, pruning, planting. If you would like to help out, either as a one-time effort, or on an on-going basis, please speak to Pat Gale after Mass. Benches were installed last year to create a welcoming place for meditation ...your help will make it a beautiful spot for those wishing to stop by to pray.

CRAFT GROUP MEETS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

The Craft Group meets at 6:30 pm each Tuesday at the Rectory to create items for the Holiday Fair. All women of the parish are invited to attend; crafting experience is not necessary. Join the ladies for a relaxing, enjoyable night out!

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #97, Mary Sawicki. Ticket holders may pay for their tickets in the vestibule after any Mass. An unsold ticket will be raffled next weekend. Chances, at \$1 each, are available in the vestibule.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the K of C Otter River Council will be held at 7 pm Tuesday, May 1, at Holy Cross Church Hall. New and old members are welcome. For information, call George at 978-939-2822.

ATTENTION LADIES

You are invited to attend the annual Silver Tea in the Congregational Church of Phillipston at 1:30 pm on May 8. Hats and gloves are optional. RSVP to Jean Marshall at 978-249-3164.

“BABY SHOWER”

The Otter River Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Baby Shower on the weekend of May 12 & 13. Problem Pregnancy of North Quabbin will be the beneficiary of the Shower. Baby items needed include diapers, clothing, blankets, wash cloths, towels and formula. Cash donations are also appreciated. Thank you for your support.

YOUTH RALLY

A Youth Rally will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 49 Woodland St., Fitchburg, from 6 to 9:30 pm on Saturday, May 12, with pizza, homemade pastry and soda. All students from grades 6 to 12 are invited. There will be special music, two guest speakers (Fr. Jim Mazzone and Fr. John Doran), and door prizes. The evening is totally free and sponsored by the Serra Club of Worcester North. Please call Phyllis Maston at 97-342-6603 with questions.

PARISH YARD SALE

Doing some Spring cleaning? The annual parish Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 16. Bring those items you no longer need to the rectory barn and support St. Martin's. Please, no TVs, computers or monitors. Toys, household items, clothing, books, tools, small furniture, sporting equipment are all popular items. Help on the day of the sale is always welcome.



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Rosary

20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard at 4:45 pm on Saturdays at Holy Cross Church in East Templeton, 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.