

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 14, 2010

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 13 - 5:15 at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, February 14 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's**

Patricia Dembek by the family

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

Monday - 8 am at Holy Cross

Tuesday - 8 am at Holy Cross

**Ash Wednesday - 8 am at St. Martin's, 7 pm Holy Cross**

Thursday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Friday - 9 am at St. Vincent de Paul

Saturday, February 20 - 5:15 at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, February 21 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's**

Roger Belliveau by his friends

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

During Lent, Mass will be celebrated on Friday mornings at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville.

Second Collection this week is for Fuel.

Second collection next week is for the Church in Latin America

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Hannah Given, Chris Nolette, Frank Juliano, Claudette Yackowski, Nazaire Richard, Ed Hearn, David Odiorne, Doris Whitney, Bermon Henrie, Alex Allain, Norma Conley, Emma Blais, Angela Martin, Michelle Smith, Mason Jandris, Michael Theriault, Janita Oullette, Doug Young, Olga Zielinski, Mary Alger, Claire Quinlisk, Patricia Fougere, Tim Wilson, Linda Maker, Jacquelyn Robichaud, Joe Barrett, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc, Ruth Dubzinski, and Lillian Lawrence.

### PRAY THE ROSARY

Join in praying the Rosary, starting 20 minutes before Mass on weekends. Don't have a rosary? Extras are available in the vestibule.

### REST IN PEACE

Pray for the happy repose of the soul of Michael Cote, whose funeral will be held at St. Martin's this week.

### CCD CLASSES

There are no classes this week due to school vacation week. All grades meet next week, February 21, and on February 28.

Thank you to our CCD students, who made candy favors and Valentine cards for distribution through the Meals on Wheels program.

### SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION

Last week, on Super Bowl Sunday, our CCD students held a "Souper Bowl" collection after Mass. Thanks to your generosity, \$132 was collected and has been donated to the Templeton Food Pantry.

### WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING FOR LENT?

What will you do this year to prepare for the death and resurrection of Christ? As children growing up, Lent was a time of sacrifice, giving up something. We are proposing that you make a change this year—instead of giving up something—do something more. This does not need to involve a lot of time.

Some suggestions: Say a rosary every day for a special intention; attend daily Mass; attend weekly Stations of the Cross; attend a Prayer Group; attend a Bible Reflection Group; volunteer at a soup kitchen; conduct a food drive for the town food pantry; or do something spiritual on your own.

Make Lent a positive experience this year—do something more!

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

On **Ash Wednesday**, February 17, the 8 am Mass will be held at St. Martin's and a 7 pm Mass will be held at Holy Cross. At both Masses, ashes will be distributed.

Each **Friday evening** during Lent at 7:00 pm, beginning February 19, the Stations of the Cross, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at Holy Cross.

On **Tuesday, Feb. 23** at 7 pm, two priests will be available for confession at Holy Cross Church.

Each **Sunday afternoon** at 3 pm, the Stations of the Cross will take place at St. Martin's.

Each **Wednesday evening** at 7 pm, Stations of the Cross will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville.

### LENTEN GUIDELINES

**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age and older until 59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

### **NOW IS THE TIME**

Who needs ashes? Why fast and prepare on this day? The joys of last year's Passion (Palm) Sunday and Easter are now reduced to dust. These ashes point out our fragility as we await salvation in Christ Jesus. We must start again to "turn around to find where we ought to be" and to prepare the way of the Lord in our lives. Now is the favorable time and the day of our salvation. The Lord, our bridegroom, lifts us up from our weakness. We hope to enter into grace and to share in his own divine life. Are you ready & willing?

### **CATHOLIC FREE PRESS**

Your Catholic Newspapers, Magazines and Books spread the Word! Where do you turn for guidance? Subscribe to our Diocesan newspaper today! Use the envelope in your packet, or pick one up in the vestibule.

### **YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**

If you are a senior in high school, single, married, discerning a ministry in the Church or currently involved, plan to attend a day of fellowship with your peers at the first Young Adult Conference on March 6 beginning at 9 am, at Assumption College Hagan Center. Walk-in registration \$25 (\$20 before March 1), lunch is included. For information visit [www.ymworcester.org](http://www.ymworcester.org).

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON FEB. 14**

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, Feb. 14, from 7:30 am to 10:30 am at Holy Cross Church. All are welcome.

### **120 CLUB**

The first winner of the 120 Club was #76, Linda Leblanc. Ticket-holders may pick up their tickets in the vestibule. There are a couple of tickets available.

### **MARDI GRAS DINNER**

St. Vincent de Paul Parish will hold a "Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras" pasta dinner on Tuesday, February 16 in the parish hall. Cost is \$5 per person and the meal includes pasta, meatball, sausage, bread, salad, dessert & beverage. Meals "to go" will also be available. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

### **LENTEN FISH FRY**

Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church, 118 Theresa St., Fitchburg, will hold its annual Lenten Fish Fry at 4:30 pm on the Fridays of Lent, starting February 19. Baked or Fried Haddock, potato, mac & cheese, coleslaw, corn or fish chowder, beverages are available. Waitress service, or orders to go.

### **MEAT RAFFLE**

The Templeton Lions Club will hold a Meat Raffle from 7-10 pm on Friday, March 5, at the Otter River Sportsman's Club. Ten to 15 meat prizes per round. Three free tickets to adults arriving before 7 pm, and for each pair of eyeglasses (up to 5 per person).



## *St. Martin's Catholic Church*

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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 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.