

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 2007

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 18 - 8:00 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 18 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's**  
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Sunday, March 18, 10:30 am, Holy Cross

Monday, Tuesday - 8:00 am, Holy Cross

Wednesday - 8 am, Holy Cross; 9:00 am, St. Vincent de Paul

**Thursday, Friday - 9:00 am at St. Martin's**

Saturday, March 24 - 5:15 pm, Holy Cross

Sunday, March 25 - 8:00 am, Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 25 - 9:15 am, St. Martin's**  
People of the Parish

Sunday, March 25, 10:30 am, Holy Cross

**Weekly Offering:** \$520      **Fuel:** \$171

**Second Collection this week is for Relief Services**

*Thank you to all who "make up" envelopes after vacations.*

*Your envelopes used at other local churches are returned to St. Martin's.*

### 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, Raymond Bourgeois, Mary Bourgeois, Odella Arseneault, Joe Barrett, Genevieve Cummings, Chris Nolette, William Lemire, George Yackowski, Donald Leblanc, Ruth Smith, Ruth Dubzinski, and Lillian Lawrence.

### WINTER WEATHER NOTE

If school is cancelled due to snow, weekday Mass is also cancelled.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

## V LENTEN SCHEDULE V

Each Friday evening during Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** will be held at 7 pm at Holy Cross, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will take place at 7 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville.

A **Lenten Ecumenical Service** will be held at 7 pm March 21 at St. Vincent de Paul in Baldwinville. The offering for Ecumenical worship services is canned goods for the food pantry.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Plan to attend daily Mass during the Lenten season:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 am at Holy Cross, E. Templeton

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 am at Immaculate Heart, Winchendon

Wednesday, 9 am, St. Vincent de Paul, Baldwinville

Thursday and Friday, 9 am at St. Martin's, Otter River

### LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Operation Rice Bowl connects you through prayer and action with the poor and vulnerable overseas and in the US. Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule. Take one home with you and share your blessings during Lent.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All grades meet this Sunday, March 18, and next Sunday, March 25.

### COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY

CCD students will serve coffee and donuts at the rectory after Mass this Sunday, March 18. Everyone is invited to stop by.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION NEWS

This Sunday afternoon at 1 pm, a celebration of the 12th anniversary of the Blessed Marie Rivier Oratory will be held at Holy Cross Church. God demonstrates His love for us through the gift of His Son. As a community of parishes, we have the opportunity to say thank you to our Father and give glory and praise to Jesus our Savior. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate this precious gift.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION AT ST. MARTIN'S

Next Sunday, March 25, the Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 3 pm at St. Martin's. Plan to bring the family, and join us as part of your Lenten spiritual exercises.

### **CRAFT GROUP MEETS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING**

The Craft Group meets at 6:30 pm each Tuesday 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 Tom Berry. Ticket holders may pay for their tickets in the vestibule after any Mass. Two more open tickets are available and a raffle will be held for them. See Linda Columbus or Desire Poirier to take a chance.

### **EASTER EGGS**

Donations of filled Easter Eggs are needed for the Egg Hunt that will be held following Easter Mass. They can be left in the church vestibule.

### **EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

Envelopes for Easter Flower donations are available in the vestibule. Donations toward our Easter flowers may be made in memory of a loved one. Donors and intentions will be recognized in the bulletin.

### **EASTER BASKET RAFFLE**

The Craft Group is again sponsoring an Easter Basket Raffle. First prize is a basket filled with everything for your Easter dinner. Second prize is an Easter Bunny and third prize, a \$10 gift certificate for Priscilla's Candies. Tickets are available in the vestibule. The drawing will be held after Mass on April 1. Please feel free to take tickets home to sell to your family and friends.

### **HOLY SPIRIT MEAT RAFFLE**

Holy Spirit Parish in Gardner is sponsoring a meat raffle from 7 to 9 pm on Thursday, March 29, at the PACC banquet hall, 171 Kendall Pond West. Doors open at 6 pm. Free chowder while it lasts. For more information, call 978-632-3333.

### **HAM AND BEAN DINNER**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Winchendon will host a Ham and Bean dinner from 6:30 to 8 pm on Saturday, March 24. Tickets are available in the vestibule after Mass or by calling George Janicello at 978-939-2822. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and children under 6 are free. The dinner is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Otter River Council. New members are always welcome.

### **COME HOME**

We each hear this appeal differently, but we all recognize the call to reconciliation. We need to put things in proper order. When Joshua and God's people arrive in the promised land, when the prodigal son finally returns to the father's house, there is homecoming joy and a feast. This Lent we are called to reconciliation with God, the community of faith, our own families, and one another. Come home! Come home!

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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.