

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 20 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, April 21 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
George and Margaret Murdock by Steve & Babara White**

Sunday, April 21 - 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, April 27 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, April 28 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, April 28 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Donald Brown by Lisa & Kirk Dembek**

Sunday, April 28 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

April 14 weekly collection: \$551

The Second Collection This Week is for Fuel

The Second Collection Next Week is for Repairs & Maintenance

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Barbara White, Jim O'Malley, Jennifer Strong, Jason Hamel, Diane Lupaczyk, Thomas Lupaczyk, Marguerite Pouliot, Raymond Emond, Janet Clark, 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.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Plan to come to church early, and join in praying the Rosary, 30 minutes before Mass.



PASTORAL MINISTRIES

There are many opportunities for ministry to our fellow parishioners. You are invited to volunteer your time and talent by expressing your interest to the Pastor.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

APRIL 28, 2024 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 9:26-31 • 1 JOHN 3:18-24 • JOHN 15:1-8

KOFC MOTHER'S DAY "BABY SHOWER"

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus is holding a Pro-Life Baby Shower to benefit the CareNet Pregnancy Center now through Mother's Day, May 12. Donations of new clothing and diapers (up to age 2) can be placed in the collection basket in our vestibule. Collected donations will be brought to The CareNet Pregnancy Center in Fitchburg to assist young mothers with their baby's needs. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your support.

CATHLIC SCOUTING AWARDS MASS

The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is pleased to announce our annual awards Mass on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. Bishop Robert McManus will present to those scouts and adults receiving recognition from the DCCS.

WORD OF LIFE

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'" — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Every Suicide is Tragic" usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic*

WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Register Now! All women are invited to this exciting Conference, "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster on Saturday, October 5. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, Fr. Carlos Martins, Pamela Acker, and Ester Munt Brooks. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

CATHOLIC FAMILY FEUD

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to Catholic Family Feud, Saturday April 27 at 6pm, St. Edward the Confessor Hall, Westminster! Free of cost and pizza will be served! Questions? Contact Dan Doyle at (508) 365-7779.

He said to them,

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock,
one shepherd. — *Jn 10:16-17*

ST. MARTIN'S REACHES PARTNERS IN CHARITY GOAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. As of April 19, St. Martin's has received **\$5,175, exceeding 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 and at the church entrance. Or visit www.partners-charity.net to do it online. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: STAR COUNCIL STATUS

Congratulations to the Otter River Council for being the first council in Massachusetts named as a Star Council. This award is given to those Councils that meet goals in membership as well as church, family and community activity. Thank you for supporting all of the Knights' programs, food drives, breakfasts and tootsie roll drives. This would not be possible without your support.



120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #86, Bob Gale. There are open numbers; see Linda Columbus if you would like to join. Tickets are \$20. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund.

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AND ADULT YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS

Sign-up for the 2024-2025 Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team is now OPEN to all grade 9-12 youth (as of August 2024) & adult leaders who serve them. If you are interested in diving deeper into the Catholic Faith, looking to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, and interested in Christian leadership & evangelization opportunities, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! The program begins with a retreat in August followed by monthly meetings. The team is divided into 3 regional teams: North Team (meetings in Leominster), South Team (meetings in Auburn), and the Blackstone Valley Team (meetings in Uxbridge). Complete details & online sign-up can be found at www.neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-discipleship-team or contact Tim Messenger, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org or 508-929-4360. Deadline to sign up is July 1.

GREATER GARDNER YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Join us and pray the St. Michael Chaplet! 7 pm every 1st and 3rd Thursday at Annunciation Parish Center, located behind Holy Rosary in Gardner. For more information, please reach out to Jonah Kattau, @ jdkattau@gmail.com

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 Mayonnaise, Gluten-free foods (any), salad dressing, chicken or beef broth, kids' cereal, and jam/jelly. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated, as the Pantry is facing difficulty in keeping the shelves stocked.** The Pantry, at Senior Drive in Baldwinville, is open on Tuesdays from 9 am to noon; Thursdays from noon to 3 and 5 to 7 pm; and Saturdays from 10 am to noon.



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Rosary
30 minutes before Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm and anytime by 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.