

EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

March 31, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil - 7:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Ric Tanzi by Jackie Johnson**

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

Monday - No Mass 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 6 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

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

**Sunday, April 7 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Philip Lefebvre by Patricia and Robert Feeley**

Sunday, April 7 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

March 24 weekly collection: \$529

Easter Flowers: \$180

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to schedule a Mass for a special intention or remembrance, speak to Pat Gale after Mass or call the parish office at 978-939-5588.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

APRIL 7, 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 4: 32-35 • 1 JOHN 5:1-6 • JOHN 20:19-31

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. St. Martin's has received **\$3,600 which is 72% of 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!



MASS FOR LIFE

The annual Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Monday, April 8 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. All are invited to join students from our Catholic schools who will be our special guests. The Diocese of Worcester's annual Pro-Life Awards will also be presented at this Mass. All are welcome to attend!

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

The final Pilgrimage service of this year will be held April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday, at 2:00 p.m. at Annunciation Parish, Gardner. Please join us at Holy Rosary Church for this beautiful Divine Mercy Sunday service.

RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL-AGED YOUNG WOMEN

Amata is a retreat for high school-aged young women with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth from Pennsylvania. It will be held on April 12, 13 and 14 at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Hall, 11 Day St., Webster. There will be talks, music, time for prayer and time for fun! Cost is \$30 to include meals and snacks. To register or for more information contact Maureen Benoit at SHPDRE@gmail.com or call 774-289-0249. Deadline to register is April 5.

K OF C FINANCIAL BENEFIT EVENT

A Knights of Columbus Financial Benefits Event will be held Saturday, April 6 at 10 am, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 165 Electric Ave. Fitchburg. This event is open to everyone. Please come and learn the benefits of investing with the Knights of Columbus in a way that is consistent with our Catholic Values. Please email, michaelpalmater@yahoo.com or text 512-696-2800 for more information. Members, please come to help our council achieve Star Council.

WORD OF LIFE

"With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth" (*The Gospel of Life* 95).



COFFEE HOUR NEXT SUNDAY

A Coffee Hour will be held Sunday, April 7, at the Rectory, immediately after Mass. All are welcome! Plan to stop by for coffee, pastry and conversation!

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #70, Barbara White. There are open numbers; see Linda Columbus if you would like to join. Tickets are \$20. The 120 Club benefits our Parish Improvement Fund.

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 foods (any), chicken or beef broth, kids' cereal, Chef Boyardee pastas, mayonnaise, 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.

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, Sunday April 14 at Holy Cross Church, Templeton. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee & juice will be served from 8:00-11:00am. The price is \$7 for adults & \$3.50 for children with a maximum of \$25/family. All proceeds are for scholarships.

CLOTHING BINS

Bins for donations of clothing to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society are available in the parking lot at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Baldwinville. Donations of good condition clothing and shoes will support individuals and families in need in our community. Visit www.svdporchester.org to learn more about the Society.

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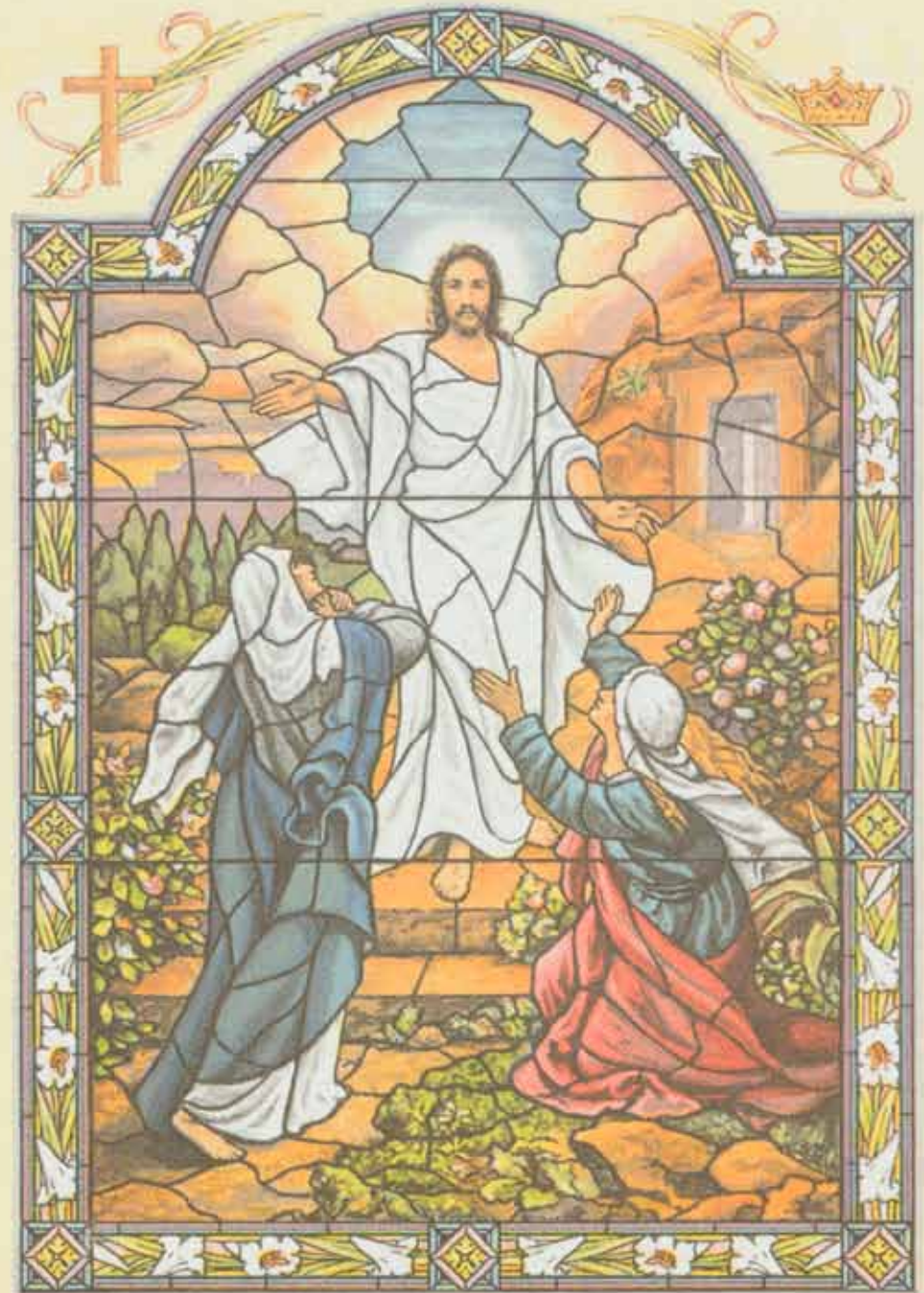
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Ministry to the Sick and Elderly

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

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.



Alleluia! He Is Risen!