

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 3 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 4 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, May 4 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Rose O'Malley by James O'Malley**

Sunday, May 4 - 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, May 10 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 11 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, May 11 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Ruth Alie, third anniversary, by the family**

Sunday, May 11 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

April 27 Weekly Collection: \$734 Repair & Maintenance: \$577

Easter Flowers: \$35

The Second Collection next week is for Fuel.

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT INS

Please pray for Steve White, John DeMalia, 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, 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.



MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule a Mass intention, please speak to Pat Gale after Mass or call the Rectory at 978-939-5588.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

MAY 11-FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 13:14, 43-52 • REVELATION 7:9, 14B-17 • JOHN 10:27-30

DIANONATE ORDINATION OF CHRISTOPHER AUBREY ON SATURDAY, MAY 17

Bishop McManus is to ordain Christopher Aubrey to Diaconate on Saturday, May 17 at 10:00 am at St. Paul Cathedral, 15 Chatham St., Worcester, MA. All are invited to attend.

SAVE THE DATE — RECEPTION, SUNDAY MAY 18

We cordially invite everyone to join with us in congratulating Deacon Aubrey on his ordination. Holy Cross will host a reception on Sunday, May 18 in the Church Hall following the 10:45 am Mass. Reception help is needed for this event and we are asking for donations of food (main dishes, salads and desserts) and drinks. If you can help in any way, please contact the Parish Office at hcchurchet@comcast.net or by phone 978-632-2121. Thank you.

FR. MATTHIAS

Fr. Matthias Lugemwa wishes to convey his heartfelt gratitude and Easter regards to all parishioners and friends of Holy Cross and St. Martin's. God's Blessings to all. You may contact him in writing: Fr. Matthias Lugemwa, Kiyinda-Mityana Diocese, PO Box 175, Mityana, Uganda or email: lutimus@gmail.com.

WORD OF LIFE

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." — *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Be Not Afraid"*
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CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to parishioner Jason Hamel, who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit from Bishop, Robert J. McManus, on Friday at Holy Rosary Church/Annunciation Parish in Gardner.

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

PARTNERS IN CHARITY DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal of \$5,000. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! Envelopes are available in the pews and vestibule or visit www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!



As of May 2, St. Martin's gifts and pledges have totaled \$3,975, or 80% of our goal.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #48, Kathy Juliano. There are a few open numbers. If you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus. Tickets are \$20.

TEMPLETON FOOD PANTRY

The need continues year-round in our community. Donations of non-perishable foods may be brought to church any Sunday, and will be delivered to the pantry. Current needs include BBQ sauce, salad dressing, sugar, vegetable oil, mayonnaise, Tuna Helper, dried beans and peas, coffee, instant mashed potatoes. Gift cards and cash donations are especially appreciated. Thank you to all who support local families in need. The Food Pantry is open from 9 am to noon on Tuesdays; noon to 3 pm and 5 to 7 pm on Thursdays; and from 10 am to noon on Saturdays. The Pantry is open to residents of Templeton and Phillipston.

K OF C "BABY SHOWER"

Once again the Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will have a collection station in the vestibule for donations of baby diapers, infant clothes up to age 2 as well as any items for newborns. As part of the Knights of Columbus commitment to Pro Life, these items will be taken to Care Net Pregnancy Center in Fitchburg to help new moms who have decided to carry their baby to term. The collection bassinet will be in place through Mother's Day weekend, May 10-11.

ST. ANDREW BOBOLA SHRINE DEDICATION

You are invited to the ceremony of establishing St. Andrew Bobola Shrine in Dudley, MA, at 1:00 p.m. on May 11. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert McManus and the homily will be given by Fr. Mitchell Pacwa, SJ, from EWTN TV. After Mass, you are invited to enjoy refreshments.

Diocesan Shrine of St. Andrew Bobola, 54 West Main St., Dudley. St. Andrew Bobola is the patron saint of Poland. Visit standrewbobola.com for more information.

SILVER TEA

The 4th annual Silver Tea will be held at the Phillipston Congregational Church on Thursday, May 22 at 12:30pm. Please RVSP by May 14 to Mel at 978-249-3171.



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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.