

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, May 5 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, May 5 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Ruth Alie by her family**

Sunday, May 5 - 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 - Ascension of the Lord**

8 am and 7 pm at Holy Cross

**Noon at St. Martin's**

Saturday, May 11 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 12 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

**Sunday, May 12 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's  
Rose O'Malley by Jim O'Malley**

Sunday, May 12 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

**April 28 weekly collection: \$539 Repairs & Maintenance: \$431**

**The Second Collection Next Week is for Fuel**

### 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.



### PROMISE TO PROTECT

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. A report can be made to: (508)929-4363, or The Office of Healing and Prevention, The Diocese of Worcester, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**MAY 12, 2024 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-36 • 1 JOHN 4:11-16 • JOHN 17:11B-19**

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 9, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 8 am and 7 pm at Holy Cross Church, and at Noon here at St. Martin's.



### VOCATIONS REFLECTION

"The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email: [dinfante@saintpaulknig](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknig)

### 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.

### 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"*

### 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](http://www.wcwconference.com) or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

### 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](mailto:@jdkattau@gmail.com)

### SUMMER IS ON THE WAY - ALONG WITH OUR BBQ!

Summer's coming, and that means we are hard at work preparing for St. Martin's annual **Summer Festival & Chicken BBQ, to be held on July 20!**

Your help is needed to make this fund-raiser a success! What can you do to help?

- Check out the lists of items needed to fill our popular **Theme Baskets**... and consider donating an item (or taking an entire Basket list!).
- Donate new items for the **Chinese Auction, Major Prize or Match Game** tables. (Match Game items range in value from just \$1 to about \$10.)
- Volunteer to help with **set-up, clean-up, serving meals, or manning a table**. See Linda Columbus if you'd like to help.
- **Spread the word** to your family and friends ... and ask everyone to mark their calendars NOW and plan to attend on July 20.

It may feel like Spring—but summer will soon arrive. It's never too early to start thinking about the Festival & BBQ!

### COFFEE HOUR ON MAY 26

The next Coffee Hour will be held in the Rectory immediately following Mass on Sunday, May 26. Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend this informal gathering to enjoy refreshment and conversation!

### ST. MARTIN'S SURPASSES PARTNERS IN CHARITY GOAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. As of April 25, St. Martin's has received **\$5,710, or 114% of our goal of \$5,000**. To make a gift or pledge, use a pledge envelopes located in the pews and in the vestibule, or visit [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net) to do it online.

### 120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #94, Jim & Ruth Alie.

### 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 local regional team, the North Team, meets in Leominster). Complete details & online sign-up can be found at [www.neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-discipleship-team](http://www.neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-discipleship-team) or contact Tim Messenger, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at [tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org) or 508-929-4360. Deadline to sign up is July 1.

### 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 Sugar, Flour, Mayonnaise, laundry detergent, 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.