

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 25, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 24 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 25 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, May 25 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
All Service members who died for our country

Sunday, May 25 - 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. May 29 - Ascension of the Lord
8 am and 7 pm at Holy Cross, **NOON at St. Martin's**

Saturday, May 31 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Sunday, June 1 - 7:45 am at Holy Cross

Sunday, June 1 - 9:15 am at St. Martin's
Philip Lefebvre by Bob Lis

Sunday, June 1 - 10:45 am at Holy Cross

May 18 Weekly Collection: \$880

The Second Collection next week is for Catholic Communications

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.



WILL YOU NOT SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME?

Eucharistic Adoration will be held this Tuesday, May 27 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at Holy Cross Church. All are welcome to come and spend an hour of prayer

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

JUNE 1 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 7:55-60 (61c) • REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 • JOHN 17:20-26

THANKS SO MCH

Thank you to everyone who helped with Deacon Aubrey's reception. Your donations and gifts made this event so special. We are so fortunate to have such a loving, caring and giving Parish. Blessings to you all.

WORD OF LIFE

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." — *USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting"* © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 26

On Monday, May 26, a Memorial Day Remembrance will be held at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon. The program will commence at 9:00 a.m. in front of the administration building. Local dignitaries will join Secretary of Veterans' Services Jon Santiago, to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. They will each give heartfelt tributes to remind us of the deep gratitude we owe to our fallen heroes. Let us always remember their courage and dedication. The public is encouraged to bring a chair, and umbrella in case of inclement weather. Parking is available on the cemetery grounds.



CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

The collection for Catholic Communications will be held next week. Do you know that 50% of this collection remains with the Diocese of Worcester to support Catholic News Services. Bishop McManus wants us to know, "the most important reason we need your support is that effective communication is the key to our evangelizing mission." Please reflect and pray when considering your donation this year. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in helping our historic church in a way that fits into your own schedule? We could use a person (or persons) to do light housekeeping in the church each week—sweeping, vacuuming the sanctuary carpet, dusting windowsills, etc. If interested, please speak to Pat Gale after Mass.

UPDATE: ST. MARTIN'S AT 98% OF GOAL

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 23, St. Martin's gifts and pledges have totaled \$4,900—or 98% of our goal.

120 CLUB

Last week's winner was #21, Linda Columbus. There are a few open numbers. If you'd like to join, speak to Linda Columbus.

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 ketchup, salad dressing, sugar, vegetable oil, mayonnaise, Tuna Helper, 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.

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The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will conduct a food drive for the Templeton Food Pantry on Saturday, May 31 from 8 am until Noon at St. Martin's Church parking lot. All non perishable food items as well as gift cards and cash are acceptable. With less government funding, your help is needed more now than ever. Please help if you can.m.

VACATION BIBLE STUDY AT ST. EDWARD CHURCH IN WESTMINSTER

Join us for a fun week, July 14-18, 9am-12pm where we will be trekking through the Alaskan Wilderness, playing games, singing songs, enjoying snacks, learning about the Catholic faith and how to trust in Jesus in a wild world. Cost is \$40 per child. Deadline to register is June 1. For questions contact Heather at youthminister@stedwardconf.org. Thank you.

ABUSE VICTIMS

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the church, and you need a place to talk with someone about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, contact the Victim Services Coordinator, Office for Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363, direct line. A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.



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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.