

Church of the Holy Cross



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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Wednesday, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Liturgical Schedule:

Weekends

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:45 am & 10:45 am

Weekdays

Monday to Wednesday: 8:00 am

Holy Days

Vigil As Announced

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

..... 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm
and Anytime by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory for registration, preparation and details.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance of the desired date to begin the Couple to Couple Marriage Preparation Program.

Sacrament of the Sick/Communion Calls

Please notify the rectory if anyone is hospitalized or confined to home due to illness, handicap or age so that we may keep them in prayer, visit them and support them with the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and the Sick.

Coordinator of Religious Education:

Grades K-11 Elizabeth Schroeder

New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome you into our parish family and invite you to enter fully into our spiritual and social life. Please introduce yourself after mass and arrange to enroll as a member.

Parish Bulletin

All items must be submitted in writing at the rectory prior to 9:30 am on Monday mornings, but preferably 2 weeks before.

Pastoral Council

Chair: Thomas Royer (978) 939-1070

Every parishioner is welcome to submit items for consideration, by calling the rectory or through any council member.

AA Meetings: Wednesdays 7:00 pm

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 or to members of the Pastoral Council or the Religious Education Program.

MASSES

SATURDAY Solemnity of Mary - New Year's Day **JAN 1**
8:00 am Our Parish Family
10:00am Mass @ St. Martin's

SUNDAY Epiphany of the Lord **JAN 2**
 7:45 am Souls in Purgatory by Beaulieu Family
9:15 am Mass at St. Martin's
 10:45 am +Alice Goguen (3rd Ann.) by Terri Beaudoin

MONDAY **JAN 3**
 8:00 am +Rev. Dennis J. O'Brien

TUESDAY **JAN 4**
 8:00 am +Rev. Richard Roger (4th Ann.)

WEDNESDAY **JAN 5**
 8:00 am +Harold & +Emma Lawrence by Frank & Joyce Moschetti

SATURDAY **JAN 8**
 4:30 pm +Bernice Racette by Vincent & Dorilla Leger

SUNDAY Baptism of the Lord **JAN 9**
 7:45 am +Alice Saari (21st Ann.) by son, Paul Saari
9:15 am Mass at St. Martin's
 10:45 am +Carmel Patchkofsky by daughter, Deborah Sawicki



SANCTUARY CANDLES

M/M Frank Moschetti, M/M Theodore Bernard, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, Pat Flynn, M/M Jim Killay, M/M Raymond LeBlanc, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Rene Jaillet, M/M Robert LeVangie, Roseanne Fuller, Jim Fuller, M/M Steve Schroeder, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Tom Benbenek, M/M Edward Yablonski, Laura Lawrence, M/M Michael Yablonski, M/M Rene Savoie, M/M Pete Valliere, M/M Jim Haverty, Joyce & Shirley Koczan, Suzanne Racette, M/M Dick Kodys, Raymond Boudreau, M/M Victor Dembek, M/M Bob Oliva, & In Memory of Nancy Anderson, Stanley & Nellie Koczan, Rachel Maillet, Anthony J. Manca, John & Eleanor Quarella, Fr. George O'Brien, Gloria Magnuson, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, Bobbie Lesneski, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, Alphonse & Loza Chartier, Philip Robichaud, M/M Allen Garvey, M/M Chester Lepkowski, Russell Taintor, Jr., M/M L. Russell Taintor, Sr., M/M George Reid, Sr., George Reid, Jr. Jamie Smart, Andrea Crowe, Jim Braun, Marla Whittle, and Michael Fichtel.

Altar Care: Joyce



ROSE OF LIFE

Each week a parishioner/family places a rose in the vase at the Blessed Mother's statue to express witness to the sanctity of life. This week the rose is placed by Gena & Marlene. Please see sign up book at the main entrance to participate.

At The Advertisers
LOOK Supporting Our
 Church Bulletin

Plan To Attend						
SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

TUESDAY: 6:30 pm, Knights of Columbus
 7:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 pm, AA



NO CCD THIS WEEK

CCD Resumes Next Week

For questions, contact Coordinator, Elizabeth Schroeder at hcchurchet@gmail.com or at (978) 413-8833.

FINANCIAL UPDATE Fiscal Year 9/1/2021-8/31/2022

Weekly Budget: \$3,100 YTD Budget: \$52,700
 Weekly Collect.: 12/19/21: \$1,479 YTD Weekly Collect: \$34,302
 R & M Collect.: \$85 YTD R & M Collect: \$2,420
 YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (\$15,978)

Special Collections: Immaculate Conception was \$10, Retirement for Religious was \$10, Sanctuary Candles was \$5, Christmas Offering was \$65. The Annual Budget Appeal was \$20 which was added to the weekly collection. **Thank you.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Please see future bulletin for Financial Update for 12/26, as this bulletin was submitted early.

We are very thankful to all parishioners who continue to send in their weekly offertory envelopes, whether they are away on vacation or being safe at home to prevent the spread of illness. All your continued sacrifice to support the running of our parish is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

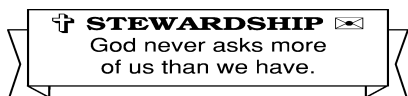


WILL YOU NOT SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME?

Eucharistic Adoration are on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month here at Holy Cross, 7 pm to 8 pm, with this one being Jan. 4. All are welcome to come and spend an hour of prayer.



“And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.”



You are requested to remember in your prayers the following: Brenda & Stacy Bishop, Bill Burns, Alice Chicoine, Henry Connery III, Michael Crowley, Carol Desmarais, Mike Dembek, Jane Fleck, Gail Gabis, Tim Gatautis, Doris Geyster, Marley Guthrie, Kristen, Sandy Kulvete, Rudy Kut, Benny LeBlanc, Bob LeMieur, Liz Melanson, Simone Nash, Mark Noel, Gabe Olszak, Brian Packard., George Racette, Judy Roberts, Jane Royer, Ambrose Russell, Maria Rose Schroeder, Shannon Stirling, Marie Valeri, Priscilla Valliere, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, anonymous cancer patient, And All affected by Coronavirus.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, we pray for the comfort of your love.



Fr. Patrick will be on vacation, beginning Jan. 9 to Feb. 13. We will have a visiting diocesan priest for weekend Masses. There will be NO 8 AM WEEK DAY MASSES Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday while he is away. Enjoy your time away Fr. Patrick!

Catholic Men’s Conference “Planning Breakfast”

Prior to the Annual Catholic Men’s Conference a planning Mass & Breakfast takes place each January for Parish Contact volunteers from throughout the region. This event will take place on **Saturday, January 15, 2022**, at Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant Street in Worcester. Mass at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast meeting follows immediately. Promotional materials distributed and instructions given. Please pre-register for this event by contacting **Herman Millet**. Call or text him at **508-735-8465** or email him at hjmillet@verizon.net.



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph’s Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter’s Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of “saint.” ©LPi



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NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 9, 2022 - Baptism of the Lord

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you’ve caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

If you’re not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing “Buffalo Gals — Won’t you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?”

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn’t have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn’t it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. “Upon you the LORD shines,” writes Isaiah, “and over you appears his glory.” Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember - the magi didn’t chart their own course. They merely followed the star. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS - ©LPi

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 that person, 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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