

# 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** JAN 15  
**4:30 pm** +Rachel Thibodeau by friends

**SUNDAY** JAN 16  
 7:45 am +Scott Young by the Young Family  
**9:15 am** Mass at St. Martin's  
 10:45 am +Charles Matthew Ronaldo by Simone Nash

**MONDAY** JAN 17  
 NO 8:00 am Mass

**TUESDAY** JAN 18  
 NO 8:00 am Mass

**WEDNESDAY** JAN 19  
 NO 8:00 am Mass

**SATURDAY** JAN 22  
**4:30 pm** +Gloria Lefebvre by the family

**SUNDAY** JAN 23  
 7:45 am +Douglas Young and +Scott Young by the family  
**9:15 am** Mass at St. Martin's  
 10:45 am +Joann Gemborys by the family



**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 Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Haverty, Joyce & Shirley Koczan, Suzanne Racette, M/M Dick Kodys, Raymond Boudreau, M/M Victor Dembek, M/M Bob Oliva, M/M Lawrence Stanley, M/M Donald Dame, M/M Greg Gagnon, M/M Leo Thebeau, & **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:** Michelle C.



**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 the Kodys Family. Please see sign up book at the main entrance to participate.



Parish Office is Closed Monday - 1/17, for the Martin Luther King Holiday.

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 Church Bulletin

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

TUESDAY: 7:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration  
 WEDNESDAY: 7:00 pm, AA



**NO CCD this Week - Martin Luther King Holiday**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**Fiscal Year 9/1/2021-8/31/2022**

Weekly Budget: \$3,100 YTD Budget: \$62,000  
 Weekly Collect.: 1/9/22: \$2,021 YTD Weekly Collect: \$40,106  
 R & M Collect.: \$65 YTD R & M Collect: \$2,790  
 YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (\$19,104)

**Special Collections:** Solemnity of Mary was \$10, Sanctuary Candles was \$25, Fuel Offering was \$10, Catholic University was \$10, and Christmas Offering was \$5. **Thank you.**



**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. 18. All are welcome to come and spend an hour of prayer.

**January 22 National Day of Prayer**

Did you know that in Dioceses throughout the United States, January 22 is designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children? As Catholics we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms, in a way similar to our Lenten practices. Learn how you can participate at <https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer>.

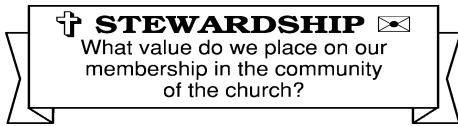
**Holy Hour for Protection of Unborn Children**

All are welcome to join Annunciation Parish on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. as we observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children with Adoration and a Holy Hour in Holy Rosary Church, 135 Nichols St. Gardner MA.



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." — Jn 2:3-5

Excerpt from the Liturgy for the Mass 838L. 1968, 1978 CCD



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, Paul Jurgelonis, 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 Corona-virus.

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

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

Do you receive our parish envelopes? If not, you may not be registered. Please call the rectory for a census card or pick one up at the church entrance. New parishioners are always welcome!

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**ANNUAL GIVING REPORT**

If you wish to see a report of your giving record to the parish for your tax purposes, we can generate a copy as soon as we finish entering the end of year donations. Just drop us a note in the collection basket or mail, email or call the rectory.



**Annual Mass for Life**

All are invited to attend the annual Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop McManus on **Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:00 pm.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Please join us on the eve of the March for Life as we remember the 49th tragic anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!



**Living Faith Initiative**

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



**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

January 23, 2022 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**  
**1 Corinthians 12:12-30**  
**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

**National Novena for Life – January 19-27**

9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage set aside to mark the tragic anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. Join in prayer for the nationwide novena taking place from January 19 through 27, 2022. Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to learn more and to download a free app for your smartphone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages with each day's prayer intention. Your prayers & sacrifices matter!

**It Takes All Kinds**

*(RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS)*

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness." Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI



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