

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Fiscal Year 09/01/22-08/31/2023

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$161,200
Weekly Collection 08/20/23:	\$1,673	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$98,667
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$ 25	YTD R&M Collection:	\$ 5,599

YTD **Surplus** (Shortfall): (\$56,934)

Special Collections: Aid to Church in East/Central Europe was \$10, Priests Retirement was \$10, Sanctuary Candles was \$40 and Assumption of Mary was \$579. Thank you.



SANCTUARY CANDLES: M/M Michael Beaulieu, Pat Flynn, M/M James Haverty, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, Joyce & Shirley Koczan, M/M Ronald Ladeau, Laura Lawrence, M/M Raymond LeBlanc, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, M/M Robert LeVangie, Victor Maillet, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Frank Moschetti, Suzanne Racette, M/M Pete Valliere, Edward Yablonski, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:**

Nancy Anderson, Paul Benbenek, Kyle Berger, Helena Breton, Alphonse & Loza Chartier, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, M/M Allen Garvey, M/M Chester Lepkowski, Bobbie Lesneski, Gloria Magnuson, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, Philip Robichaud, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Romans 11:35) St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.



MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE – NEXT WEEKEND

We will have our monthly food drive next weekend where non-perishable food can be brought to altar before Mass begins or directly to food pantry at other times. Our Shelves have been running low lately. All donations are gratefully appreciated. Catholic Charities have provided the following list of other suggestions: **GRAIN GROUP:** Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, whole grain crackers, all types of pasta, low sugar / high fiber cereal – Cheerios, Raisin Bran, etc., whole grain rice; **PROTEIN GROUP:** canned tuna fish, salmon, chicken bean soup, baked beans, chili, beef stew, Chef Boyardee Ravioli's, dried & canned beans, nuts, peanut butter; **MILK GROUP:** dry milk, evaporated milk, boxed shelf-stable milk; **FRUIT & VEGETABLES:** canned vegetables, vegetable juice, diced tomatoes, tomato juice, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, 100% fruit juice, dried fruit, and fruit cups. **VERY IMPORTANT: PLEASE look at the date of the food, as it will need to be thrown away if it is about to expire. THANK YOU!**

Church of the Holy Cross



August 27, 2023, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rectory: 25 Lake Avenue, Templeton, MA 01468
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Parish Council: Thomas Royer, Chair, Phone: 978.939.2593

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Holy Days of Obligation:	As announced.
Eucharistic Adoration:	Last Tuesdays of the month, 7:00-8:00pm.
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm 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.

New Parishioners: We 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.

Coffee Hour: You are cordially invited to join us in our Church Hall, the first Sunday of every month, after the 7:45am Mass. Good conversation and tasty treats. We hope to see you there.

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

Parish Council: Every parishioner is welcome to submit items for consideration, by calling the rectory or through any council member. You may contact Thomas Royer, Chair at 978.939.2593.

Religious Education: For information about our CCD Program, Grades K-11, please contact Elizabeth Schroeder, Coordinator, at hcchurchet@gmail.com.

AA Meetings: Wednesdays 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.

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 Parish Council or the Religious Education Program.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

We are now accepting Religious Education Class registrations for 2023-2024 school year. Classes begin on September 17 and will be held every Sunday from 7:45 to 9:15am which includes the 7:45am Mass. For more information, contact Elizabeth Schroeder by email: hcchurchet@gmail.com or phone: 978.413.8833.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		7:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration			
		7:00pm	AA			

ALTAR CARE: This week Altar Care is provided by Julia.

LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**September 3, 2023: Twenty-Second
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27



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.
Please see the sign-up book at the main
entrance to participate.

EVENTS

Holy Cross/St. Martin's
Cookout @ Holy Cross on
Sunday, September 10 @ 5:00pm

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY	AUGUST 26
4:30pm	
SUNDAY	AUGUST 27
7:45am	
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	
MONDAY	AUGUST 28
8:00am	+Fr. Robert Brusio
TUESDAY	AUGUST 29
8:00am	+Kate Bailey by Jay & Melody (Bailey) Phelps
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 30
8:00am	
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 2
4:30pm	+Marguerite S. Bailey by Pete & Pris Valliere
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 3
7:45am	+Damien Royer by Family
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	

PROJECT RACHEL: Not every pregnancy is easy to talk about. Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's safe and *confidential ministry of healing and reconciliation to those who have been wounded by a past abortion*. Call the confidential helpline at 508-791-HOPE(4673) to begin your healing journey. Trust in God's mercy!

Prayer
Requests

You are requested to remember in your prayers the following: an anonymous cancer patient, Doris Bickford, Stacy Bishop, Jared Blais, Raymond Boudreau, Randall Carrol, Henry Connery III, Judy Davis, Mike Dembek, Diana Earle, Jane Fleck, Frank Flynn, Gail Gabis, Lilah Grace Gagnon, Tim Gatautis, Doris Geyster, Marley Gutrie, Paul Jurgelonis, Sandy Kulvete, Marie LeBlanc, Bob LeMieur, Joyce Moschetti, Kirk Moschetti, Simone Nash, Gabe Olszak, Jane Royer, Paul Saari, Maria Rose Schroeder, Joy Taintor, Marie Valeri, Priscilla Valliere, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, & All affected by Coronavirus.

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