

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

**Fiscal Year 09/01/2023-08/31/2024**

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$46,500
Weekly Collection <b>12/10/2023:</b>	<b>\$3,265</b>	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$30,803
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$194	YTD R&M Collection:	\$2,191
YTD <b>Surplus</b> (Shortfall): (\$13,506)			

**Special Collections:** Christmas Flowers was \$165, Immaculate Conception was \$302, Christmas Offering was \$5, Fuel Offering was \$7, Share in Care/Priests Retirement Fund was \$140, and Sanctuary Candles was \$5. Thank you.



**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** M/M Michael Beaulieu, Dean & Jean Crowley, M/M Victor Dembek, Pat Flynn, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, Laura Lawrence, M/M Stanley Lawrence, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, M/M Robert LeVangie, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Frank Moschetti, M/M Pete Valliere, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, Gloria Magnuson, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatele at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwmema.org/>

**LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**December 24, 2023:**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Romans 16: 25-27  
Luke 1: 26-38**

**YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

The Diocese of Worcester Youth & Young Adult Ministry has many activities, opportunities and events schedule this year to engage middle and high school students. For a calendar of events and more information visit their webpage at: <https://neworchester.org/>.



No Religious Education Class on Sunday, December 17, 24 and 31 due to caroling, Christmas and New Year's holidays.

# Church of the Holy Cross



**December 17, 2023, Third Sunday of Advent**

**Rectory: 25 Lake Avenue, Templeton, MA 01468  
Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 8:30am-3:00pm**

**Pastor: Rev. Patrick A. Ssekoyole Phone: 978.632.2121**

**Deacon: Dennis J. Cormier Fax: 978.630.3890**

**Administrative Assistant: Laura Lawrence**

**Email: [hcchurchet@comcast.net](mailto:hcchurchet@comcast.net)**

**Website: [holycrossparishet.org](http://holycrossparishet.org)**

**Religious Education K-11: Elizabeth Schroeder, Coordinator  
Religious Education Email: [hcchurchet@gmail.com](mailto:hcchurchet@gmail.com)**

**Parish Council: Thomas Royer, Chair, Phone: 978.939.2593**

The Christmas and New Year's Schedule of Masses is available as you enter the Church and can be found on our website: <https://www.holycrossparishet.org>

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

- Holy Days of Obligation: As announced.
- Eucharistic Adoration: Last Tuesday 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 Religious Education 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.

**Rosary Devotion:** The Rosary is commonly recited 30 minutes before weekday Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

**Weekday Mass in Winter:** When conditions warrant delays or school cancellations, there will be NO WEEKDAY MASS. Mass intentions for that day will be transferred to the next available mass. We value the lives of our parishioners. Stay Safe!

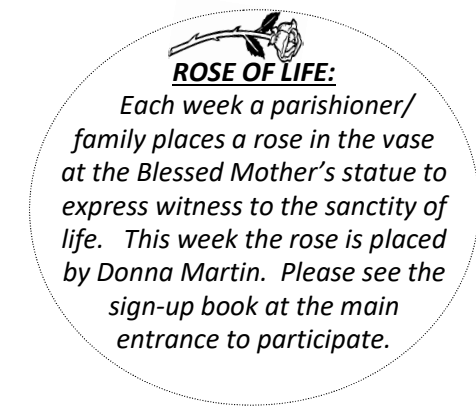
**Mass Intentions** can be scheduled by phone, email, or in-person by visiting the rectory. Mass dates and times are available on a first come, first serve basis. A Mass stipend offering of \$10 is suggested.

**Fr. Patrick will be on vacation January 1 – February 9. During this time, visiting priests will be covering weekend masses and there will be no weekday masses. Please pray and wish for Fr. Patrick to have a safe and restful vacation.**



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, Ruby Dembek, Diana Earle, Jane Fleck, Frank Flynn, Gail Gabis, Tim Gatautis, Doris Geyster, Marley Guthrie, Paul Jurgelonis, Sandy Kulvete, Marie LeBlanc, Bob LeMieur, Joyce Moschetti, Kirk Moschetti, Simone Nash, Gabe Olszak, Judy Roberts, Jane Royer, Paul Saari, Maria Rose Schroeder, Marie Stellato, Joy Taintor, Marie Valeri, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, & All affected by Coronavirus.

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



**ALTAR CARE:** This week Altar Care is provided by Chris LeBlanc.

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 16</u></b>
4:30pm	+John & +June Perry by Glen Mularella
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 17</u></b>
7:45am	+Ray Laliberte by Mike & Mary Beaulieu
9:15am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
10:45am	+Fr. Lawrence Mudduse by Glen Mularella
<b><u>MONDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 18</u></b>
8:00am	Souls in Purgatory by Glen Mularella
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 19</u></b>
	+Fr. Richard G Roger (6 <sup>th</sup> Ann)
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 20</u></b>
8:00am	+Steven Charland by Laura Lawrence
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 23</u></b>
4:30pm	The Souls in Purgatory by Glen Mularella
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER 24</u></b>
8:30 am	+Eileen Sisk by Glen Mularella
9:45 am	<b>Mass at St. Martin's</b>
4:00 pm	+Helena M Breton by Priscilla Stacy

**OPLATEK:** Holy Cross Parish has Oplatek available in the sanctuary and at the Rectory for a free will donation for those who would like to keep this tradition.

<b>MEETING SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.</b>
Wednesday	7:00pm	AA