

*This is what the Lord then said to Moses: "Tell the Israelites to take up a collection for me. From every man you shall accept the contribution that his heart prompts him to give me." **Exodus 25:1-2***

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Fiscal Year: 09/01/2023-08/31/2024

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| Weekly Budget: | \$3,100 | YTD Budget: | \$71,300 |
| Weekly Collection 2/4/2024: | \$2,119 | YTD Weekly Collection: | \$46,680 |
| Weekly R&M Collection: | \$355 | YTD R&M Collection: | \$3,109 |
| YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (\$21,511) | | | |

Special Collections: Fuel Offering was \$30, Ash Wednesday-Priests Retirement for the Worcester Diocese was \$40, Catholic Free Press was \$275 and Sanctuary Candles was \$30. Thank you.



SANCTUARY CANDLES: M/M Joseph Arsenault, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Benbenek, Raymond Boudreau, M/M Thomas Chapman, Dean & Jean Crowley, Patricia Flynn, M/M Gregory Gagnon, Doris Geyster, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, Laura Lawrence, M/M Raymond LeBlanc, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, M/M Robert LeMieur, M/M Robert LeVangie, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Frank Moschetti, Suzanne Racette, M/M Fern Stellato, M/M Pete Valliere, Edward Yablonski, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Nancy, Anderson, Helena Breton & Frederic Stacy, Steven Charland, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, Stanley & Nellie Koczan, Gloria Magnuson, Rachel Maillet, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. Lawrence Mudduse, Fr. George O'Brien, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a pancake breakfast next Sunday, February 18, 8:00 to 11:00am at Holy Cross Church, Templeton. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee will be served. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 & under. The maximum for a family is \$25.

YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES-ARISE YOUTH RETREAT: Registration is now open to all high school students for this retreat, June 28-30, 2024 at Anna Maria College. For more information visit the link below. The Diocese of Worcester Youth & Young Adult Ministry has many activities, opportunities and events schedule throughout the year to engage middle and high school students. For a calendar of events and more information visit their webpage at: <https://neworchester.org/>

2024 MEN'S CONFERENCE: All Catholic Men are invited to gather at the 23rd Worcester Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 16 at the DCU Center in Worcester. For more information and to register, visit our website: catholicmenworc.com.

Church of the Holy Cross



February 11, 2024, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pastor: Rev. Patrick A. Ssekoyole Phone: 978.632.2121

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Parish Council: Thomas Royer, Chair, Phone: 978.939.2593

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 mass. Mass intentions that were scheduled will be transferred to the next available Mass. We value the lives of our parishioners and want everyone to stay safe.



SOUP & BREAD SUPPER FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16: Our Lenten Soup Supper will be held, Friday, February 16 at 5:30pm. Any Parishioner wishing to bring a meatless soup, bread, crackers, butter, or cold drinks etc. please sign-up on the sheet at the main door entrance or call Diane Kodys @ 978.939.5532. A free will donation will be accepted and donated to "Food for the Poor."

LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 9: 8-15
1 Peter 3: 18-24**



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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

**Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs.
Fri. Sat.**

Wednesday 7:00pm AA

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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| SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 10 |
| 4:30pm | |
| SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 11 |
| 7:45am | |
| 9:15am | Mass at St. Martin's |
| 10:45am | |
| MONDAY | FEBRUARY 12 |
| 8:00am | +Fr. Francis E. Dowd (42 nd Ann.) |
| TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 13 |
| 8:00am | +Fr. John J. Murphy (53 rd Ann.) |
| WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 14 |
| | ASH WEDNESDAY |
| 8:00am | +Fr. George O'Brien (13 th Ann.) |
| 12:00pm | Mass at St. Martin's |
| 7:00pm | |
| SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 17 |
| 4:30pm | |
| SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 18 |
| 7:45am | +Robert LeVangie & Vivian Grenier by Bob & Judy |
| 9:15am | Mass at St. Martin's |
| 10:45am | |



There will be no Religious Education Class on Sunday, February 18 & 25 due to February School 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, Carolyn Weaver, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, & All affected by illness.

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