FINANCIAL UPDATE:	Fiscal Year: 09/01/2023-08/31/2024	
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Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$77,500	
Weekly Collection 2/18/2024:	\$2,013	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$50,338	
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$88	YTD R&M Collection:	\$3,362	
YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (23,800)				

Special Collections: Ash Wednesday/Priests Retirement for the Diocese of Worcester was \$515, Christmas Offering was \$10, Sanctuary Candles was \$32, Solemnity of Mary was \$6, and Fuel Offering was \$262. Thank you.

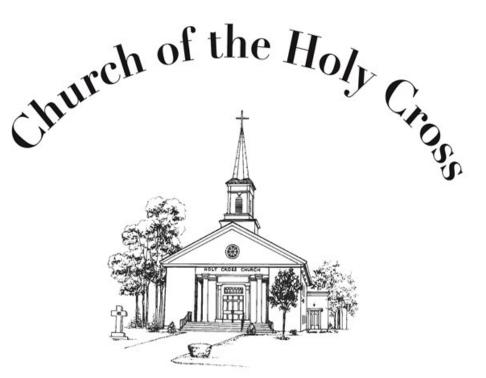
Charity Fund Appeal PARTNER'S IN CHARITY: Our parish has begun conducting the 2024 Partners in Charity Appeal. Our goal this year is **\$18,800**. As you may know, this appeal is a lifeline for more than two dozen agencies and ministries which provide charitable, pastoral and educational services that complement what we can provide at the parish. We help those in need, regardless of race, creed or circumstance, to find hope. Please consider making a pledge or gift to this year's Appeal. Visit <u>partners-charity.net</u> and you can make your donation securely online and note your parish so that it is counted towards our target. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!



Food MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND: Reminder, our monthly food drive is Pantry next weekend. Bring non-perishable food directly to the food pantry prior to the Needs start of Mass or at other times. PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES of food, as it will be thrown away if it is about to expire. THANK YOU!

SOUP SUPPER THANKS! A BIG thank you to all who attended our Bread and Soup supper. Special thanks to our soup makers and those who donated items to this event. Through your generous giving we were able to send a donation of \$102 to "Food for the Poor," <u>https://foodforthepoor.org/</u>. Blessings.

SANCTUARY CANDLES: M/M Joseph Arsenault, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Benbenek, Raymond Boudreau, M/M Thomas Chapman, Dean & Jean Crowley, M/M Victor Dembek, Patricia Flynn, M/M Gregory Gagnon, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M John Jasinski, 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.



February 25, 2024, Second Sunday of Lent

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

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Parish Council: Thomas Rover, 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.

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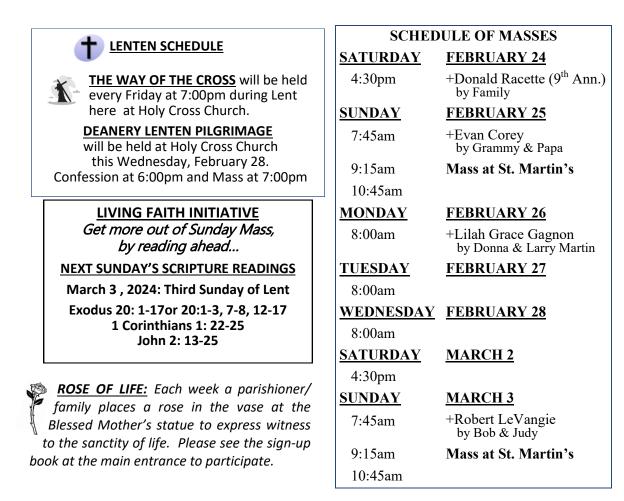
Wednesday 7:00pm AA

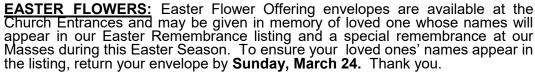
Thursday 7:00pm Boy Scouts to com

WILL YOU NOT SPEND AN HOUR WITH ME?

February 27, 7:00 to 8:00 pm. All are welcome to come and spend an hour of prayer.

<u>**THANK YOU!</u>** The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all who came and supported the pancake breakfast this past Sunday. Approximately 70-75 were fed. The gross total was \$592 with the overhead cost was \$249, with some product left for the next breakfast. Thanks again.</u>







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, Kevin Richard, Judy Roberts, Jane Royer, Paul Saari, Maria Rose Schroeder, Marie Stellato, Joy Taintor, Marie Valeri, Carolyn Weaver, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, and All affected by illness.

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