

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$65,100
Weekly Collection 1/21/2024:	\$1,479	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$42,814
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$235	YTD R&M Collection:	\$2,644
YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (\$19,642)			

Special Collections: Solemnity of Mary was \$15, Catholic Home Mission was \$12 and Sanctuary Candles was \$338. Thank you.



SANCTUARY CANDLES: M/M Joseph Arsenault, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Chapman, Dean & Jean Crowley, Patricia Flynn, M/M Gregory Gagnon, Doris Geyster, 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 Lawrence Stanley, M/M Pete Valliere, Edward Yablonski, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Nancy, Anderson, Helana Breton & Frederie Stacey, 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.

PRO-LIFE AWARDS NOMINEES SOUGHT: The Respect Life Office, Diocese of Worcester seeks nominations for two annual pro-life awards to be presented by Bishop McManus at the Mass for Life on April 8, 2024, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Information and nomination forms are available at www.worcesterdiocese.org/mass-for-life-annunciation. Completed nomination forms may be emailed to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org and must be received **no later than February 15.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE: The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a food drive for The Templeton Food Pantry on Saturday, February 3, St. Martin's Church parking lot, 248 State Road, Otter River from 8:00am-12:00pm. All non-perishable food items, as well as, gift cards and cash are welcomed.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4: The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8, Scouting Anniversary Day, as Scout Sunday to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. Scouts attending Masses on Sunday will be in uniform. Please give them a warm welcome.

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

Church of the Holy Cross



January 28, 2024, Fourth 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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Religious Education K-11: Elizabeth Schroeder, Coordinator
Religious Education Email: hchurchet@gmail.com

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.

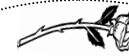
No Weekday Masses: There will be no weekday Masses on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday January 1-February 9. Weekday Masses will resume Monday, February 12.

Fr. Patrick is 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 Fr. Patrick a safe and restful vacation.

MEETING SCHEDULE					
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri. Sat.
		6:30pm	Knights of Columbus		
		7:00pm	AA		

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on January 28 as Fr. Patrick is away. It will resume upon his return February 27.

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



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.

LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Job 7: 1-4, 6-7
1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23
Mark 1: 29-39

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY	JANUARY 27
4:30pm	
SUNDAY	JANUARY 28
7:45am	+Richard LeMieur by LeMieur & Bernard Families
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	
MONDAY	JANUARY 29
8:00am	NO MASS
TUESDAY	JANUARY 30
8:00am	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 31
8:00am	NO MASS
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 3
4:30pm	
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 4
7:45am	
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	



CCD CONCERT AFTER THE 7:45AM MASS: Please stay and enjoy our CCD concert this Sunday, January 28 as the children will be presenting 4 Christmas Carols, accompanied by a small orchestra. Coffee and sweets will be served downstairs after the concert.

Note: There will be no religious education classes due to the concert.



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 Coronavirus.

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