

All tithes of the land, whether in grain from the fields or in fruit from the trees, belong to the Lord, as sacred to Him. **Leviticus 27:30**

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$55,800
Weekly Collection 12/31/2023:	\$2,880	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$37,249
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$8	YTD R&M Collection:	\$2,209
YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (\$16,342)			

Special Collections: Christmas Offering was \$55, Solemnity of Mary was \$355, and Sanctuary Candles was \$30. Thank you.



SANCTUARY CANDLES: M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Chapman, 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, Stanley & Nellie Koczan, Gloria Magnuson, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. Lawrence Mudduse, Fr. George O'Brien, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.

DEDICATE A SANCTUARY CANDLE: A Sanctuary Candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind us of the presence of Christ in our Church's Tabernacle and a profession of our love and affection. Thus, we are urged to offer generously whenever a "Sanctuary Candle" envelope is included in a pack. As you notice, a list of both the sponsors and the loved ones, in whose memory the Sanctuary Candle offertories are made, is always included in our bulletin. Thank you so much for your attention, love, and support.

A BIG THANK YOU! Deacon Dennis wishes to express his thanks and gratitude to all for the Christmas cards and gifts he received this season. May God Bless you all.

JANUARY PRO-LIFE MASS: All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life on **Thursday, January 18, 7:30pm**, Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High Street, Worcester. Please join us to pray for and with our pilgrims travelling to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life on January 19, and to pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

ANNUAL GIVING REPORT: A parish giving report will be available when all year-end donations have been entered. If you have not received this report in the past and would like one, contact the parish office by email, hcchurchet@comcast.net or phone, 978.632.2121. If you received this report last year, it will be sent again this year, however, if no longer want to receive this report, please let us know. Thank you.

Church of the Holy Cross



January 7, 2024, The Epiphany of the Lord

Rectory: 25 Lake Avenue, Templeton, MA 01468
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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.	
Wednesday	7:00pm	AA	



There will be no Religious Education Class on Sunday, January 14 due to the Martin Luther King holiday. Classes will resume on January 21.

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. This week the rose is placed for my "son." Please see the sign-up book at the main entrance to participate.

JOIN THE NATIONAL NOVENA FOR LIFE!

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual *9 Days for Life* novena, January 16 -24. Sign up to receive daily emails and reflections by text or email at www.9daysforlife.com!

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 14, 2024:
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20
John 1: 35-42

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY	JANUARY 6
4:30pm	+Benjamin Rozanski by Melody & Jay Phelps
SUNDAY	JANUARY 7
7:45am	
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	
MONDAY	JANUARY 8
	NO MASS
TUESDAY	JANUARY 9
8:00am	NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 10
8:00am	NO MASS
SATURDAY	JANUARY 13
4:30pm	
SUNDAY	JANUARY 14
7:45am	
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	



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.