

FINANCIAL UPDATE
Fiscal Year 09/01/2022 - 08/31/2023

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| Weekly Budget: | \$3,100 | YTD Budget: | \$148,800 |
| Weekly Collection 7/23/23: | \$1,633 | YTD Weekly Collection: | \$92,166 |
| Weekly R&M Collection: | \$ 30 | YTD R&M Collection: | \$5,197 |
| YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (\$51,437) | | | |

Special Collections: Assumption of Mary was \$5, Parish Religious Education was \$5, Holy Cross Church Utility & Energy was \$5, and Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe was \$5. Thank you.



SANCTUARY CANDLES

M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Tom Benbenek, M/M Norman Boudreau, Raymond Boudreau, Pat Flynn, Roseanne Fuller, M/M Greg Gagnon, M/M James Haverty, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M John Jasinski, M/M Jim Killay, Joyce & Shirley Koczan, Laura Lawrence, M/M Raymond LeBlanc, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, M/M Robert LeVangie, Victor Maillet, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Daniel Meskaukas, M/M Frank Moschetti, M/M Leo Murray, Suzanne Racette, M/M Fern Stellato, M/M Pete & Pris Valliere, Edward Yablonski, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Nancy Anderson, Paul Benbenek, Kyle Berger, Helena Breton, Alphonse & Loza Chartier, Deacon Arthur & Leah Charier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, M/M Allen Garvey, Nellie & Stanley Koczan, M/M Chester Lepkowski, Bobbie Lesneski, Gloria Magnuson, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, John & Eleanor Quarella, Philip Robichaud, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.



Star of Bethlehem-Hand Carved Olive Wood Religious Articles

Maysoon Khair will be available after Masses on August 12-13, representing Christian families living in the Holy Land, who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles, (nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries, last supper and religious statues). Please stop by. Website: www.starofbethlehemhandicrafts.com



MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE – NEXT WEEKEND:

A reminder that we will have our monthly food drive next weekend where non-perishable food can be brought to altar before Mass begins or directly to food pantry at other times. Our Shelves have been running low lately. All donations are gratefully appreciated. Catholic Charities have provided the following list of other suggestions: **GRAIN GROUP:** Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, whole grain crackers, all types of pasta, low sugar/high fiber cereal – Cheerios, Raisin Bran, etc., whole grain rice; **PROTEIN GROUP:** canned tuna fish, salmon, chicken bean soup, baked beans, chili, beef stew, Chef Boyardee Ravioli's, dried & canned beans, nuts, peanut butter; **MILK GROUP:** dry milk, evaporated milk, boxed shelf-stable milk; **FRUIT & VEGETABLES:** canned vegetables, vegetable juice, diced tomatoes, tomato juice, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, 100% fruit juice, dried fruit, and fruit cups. **VERY IMPORTANT: PLEASE look at the date of the food, as it will need to be thrown away if it is about to expire. THANK YOU!**

Church of the Holy Cross



July 30, 2023, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rectory: 25 Lake Avenue, Templeton, MA 01468
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Parish Council: Thomas Royer, Chair, Phone: 978.939.2593

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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| Holy Days of Obligation: | As announced. |
| Eucharistic Adoration: | Last Tuesdays 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 CCD 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 Pastoral Council or the Religious Education Program.

| MEETING SCHEDULE | | | | | |
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| Sun. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. Sat. |
| Wednesday | 7:00pm | AA | | | |

Altar Care: This week Altar Care is provided by Chris LeBlanc.




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 sign up book at the main entrance to participate.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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| SATURDAY | JULY 29 |
| 4:30pm | |
| SUNDAY | JULY 30 |
| 7:45am | |
| 9:15am | Mass at St. Martin's |
| 10:45am | |
| MONDAY | JULY 31 |
| 8:00am | +Fr. Ronald E Debitetto |
| TUESDAY | AUGUST 1 |
| 8:00am | |
| WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 2 |
| 8:00am | |
| SATURDAY | AUGUST 5 |
| 4:30pm | |
| SUNDAY | AUGUST 6 |
| 7:45am | |
| 9:15am | Mass at St. Martin's |
| 10:45am | |

Prayer Requests  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, Diana Earle, Jane Fleck, Frank Flynn, Gail Gabis, Lilah Grace Gagnon, 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, Joy Taintor, Marie Valeri, Priscilla Valliere, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, & All affected by Coronavirus.

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

LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 6, 2023: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 (614)

2 Peter 1: 16-19

Matthew 17: 1-9



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOOD DRIVE

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will hold a food drive for the Templeton Food Pantry on Saturday, August 5 at St. Martin's Church parking lot, 248 State Road, Otter River from 8am until noon. Non perishable food items are accepted as well as gift cards or cash.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2023: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish invites you to their Italian Festival at 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester on Thursday, August 10 (5-10 pm), Friday, August 11 (5-11 pm), Saturday August 12 (noon to 11 pm), and Sunday August 13 (noon to 6 pm). Come and enjoy Fried Dough, Sausage, Hamburgers & Hot dogs, Ice Cream, Beer & Wine, and ITALIAN COOKIES! There will be participation by local vendors, entertainment for the kids such as bouncy houses and pie eating contest, new this year CYC Night on Saturday, live entertainment, and a money raffle! We will also honor Our Lady of Mt Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto at our shrine. Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the 10:30 am Mass on our last day, Sunday the 13th. Mark your calendars now to come and join the fun!