

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100	YTD Budget:	\$83,700
Weekly Collection 3/3/2024:	\$2,083	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$54,411
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$293	YTD R&M Collection:	\$3,795
YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (\$25,494)			
Special Collections: Easter Flowers was \$275. Thank you.			



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the *2024 Partners in Charity Appeal*. Holy Cross has received **\$1,850** which is **10%** towards our goal of **\$18,880**. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews and at the church entrance. Or visit www.partners-charity.net to do it online. You can even make your gift from a Smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576! Partners in Charity, *formerly known as the Bishop's Fund*, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 25 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. 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, Kathleen Mary Crowley, Victor Dembek, Patricia Flynn, M/M James Haverty, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, 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 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, Gloria Magnuson, Rachel Maillet, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.

LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

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

**NEXT SUNDAY'S
SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**March 17, 2024:
Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

MASS INTENTIONS can be scheduled by phone, email, or in person by visiting the rectory. Mass dates and times are available on a first come first serve basis and a Mass stipend offering of \$10 is suggested.

Resources for Lent: Visit our website for some great online resources to help you make this your best Lent ever. You will also find news & upcoming events, information and more. Website: holycrossparishet.org

ALTAR CARE: This week Altar Care is provided by Michelle C.

Church of the Holy Cross



March 10, 2024, Fourth 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 Royer, Chair, Phone: 978.939.2593

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- Holy Days of Obligation: As announced.
- Eucharistic Adoration: Last Tuesday of the month, 6:00-7:00pm.
- 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.


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

THANK YOU! To all who attended our Lenten Pilgrimage this past Wednesday. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their help with the tables, to all those who baked or donated food items and to those who helped greet and serve our guests.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON TOUR: Please join young adults throughout the Diocese for the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, they will be at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 1 Forest St., Baldwinville on March 15 at 6:30pm. For a complete list of churches and times visit: <https://www.neworchester.org/>

LENTEN SCHEDULE

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE
March 13 at St. Edward the Confessor,
10 Church Street, Westminster,
6:00pm Confession and 7:00pm Service

 **THE WAY OF THE CROSS**
every Friday during Lent, 7:00pm
here at Holy Cross Church.

EASTER ALTER FLOWERS:

Offering envelopes are available at the Church entrances. Easter Altar Flowers may be given in memory of loved ones whose names will appear in our Easter Remembrance listing and will have a special remembrance at our Masses during this Easter Season. To ensure your loved ones' names appear in the listing, return your envelope by **Sunday, March 24**. Thank you.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY	MARCH 9
4:30pm	+George Racette (1 st Ann.) by Suzanne Racette
SUNDAY	MARCH 10
7:45am	+Joseph Fusco by Patricia Flynn
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	+Rob Gabis (12 th Ann.) by Gale Gabis
MONDAY	MARCH 11
8:00am	
TUESDAY	MARCH 12
8:00am	+Fr. Joseph A. Moynahan (24 th Ann.)
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 13
8:00am	
SATURDAY	MARCH 16
4:30pm	+Deceased Members of the Flanagan Family by Friends
SUNDAY	MARCH 17
7:45am	+Dylan Wilson by Tom & Luanne
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	



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 by the Kody's Family. Please see the sign-up book at the main entrance to participate.

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, 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.