

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

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

Weekly Budget: \$3,100 YTD Budget: \$86,800

Weekly Collection **3/10 /2024:** **\$1,861** YTD Weekly Collection: \$56,272

Weekly R&M Collection: \$205 YTD R&M Collection: \$4,000

YTD **Surplus** (Shortfall): \$(26,528)

Special Collections: Fuel Offering \$35, Sanctuary Candles was \$20, Ash Wednesday/Priests Retirement for the Diocese of Worcester was \$5, Easter Flowers was \$215, and Catholic Relief Services was \$2. Thank you.



Charity Fund Appeal Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. Holy Cross has received **\$2,550** which is **13.5%** towards our goal of **\$18,800**. 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! Thank you!

GREATER GARDNER YOUNG ADULT GROUP AGES 18-35: Join us and pray the St. Michael Chaplet! 7PM every 1st and 3rd Thursday at Annunciation Parish Center located behind Holy Rosary in Gardner, MA. For more information please reach out to Jonah Kattau, @ jdkattau@gmail.com

SPRING MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR WOMEN: The Guild of Our Lady of Providence will hold its' spring Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 23, 9:00am to 12:00pm at Phelan Center at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester. Sister Francis Murphy, SNDdeN will present a talk on "*Inspirational Women Transforming Others Through Their Love of God*". A donation of \$10 would be appreciated. To make reservations, send your donation, your name, address, phone number, and email address to Patricia Matthews, 144 Moreland St. Worcester, MA 01609 or call Jo Luikey at 508-450-0478 by Friday, March 15. Checks should be made payable to the Guild of Our Lady of Providence.



SANCTUARY CANDLES: With no memory of: M/M Joseph Arsenault, M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Thomas Benbenek, Raymond Boudreau, M/M Thomas Chapman, 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.

Church of the Holy Cross



March 17, 2024, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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, 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.
		6:30pm	Boy Scouts			
		7:00pm	AA			
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ALTAR CARE: This week Altar Care is provided by Michelle C.


 **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

March 20 at St. Immaculate Heart of Mary,
52 Spruce Street, Winchendon
6:00pm Confession, 7:00pm Service

 **THE WAY OF THE CROSS**

every Friday during Lent, 7:00pm
here at Holy Cross Church.

 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.*

LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE


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

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

March 24, 2024:
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15 or 15:1-39

 **EASTER 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.** Blessings and Thank you.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES	
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	
MONDAY	MARCH 18
8:00am	+Fr. Peter Hamernik (12 th Ann.)
TUESDAY	MARCH 19
8:00am	+Rita Charland (16 th Ann.) by Pris & Pete Valliere
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 20
8:00am	+Marguerite S. Bailey by Jay & Melody Phelps
SATURDAY	MARCH 23
4:30pm	+Lilah Grace Gagnon by Beaulieu Family
SUNDAY	MARCH 24
7:45am	+Mike Elliott 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. Please see the sign-up book at the main entrance to participate.