

*Jacob then made this vow: "If God remains with me, to protect me on this journey I am making and to give me enough bread to eat and clothing to wear, and I come back safe to my father's house, the Lord shall be my God. This stone that I have set up as a memorial stone shall be God's abode. Of everything you give me, I will faithfully return a tenth part to you." Genesis 28:20-22*

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100*	YTD Budget:	\$12,400*
Weekly Collection <b>09/24/23:</b>	<b>\$1,925</b>	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$8,398
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$ 75	YTD R&M Collection:	\$ 433

YTD **Surplus** (Shortfall): (\$3,569)

\*YTD Budget Tentative as it is based on 2022-2023 Fiscal Year until the 2023-2024 budget is determined.

**Special Collections:** Parish Religious Education was \$50, Annual Catholic School Appeal was \$60, Energy Needs was \$5 and Assumption of Mary was \$5. Thank you.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**

The Otter River Council Knights of Columbus will be handing out tootsie rolls after Masses on the weekend of October 7 & 8. All contributions go to the Massachusetts State Council Charity Fund for the benefit of children with challenges.



**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** M/M Michael Beaulieu, M/M Victor Dembek, Pat Flynn, M/M James Haverty, M/M Scott Huntoon, M/M Jim Killay, Joyce & Shirley Koczan, M/M Ronald Ladeau, Laura Lawrence, M/M Yvon LeBlanc, M/M Robert LeVangie, Victor Maillet, M/M Larry Martin, M/M Frank Moschetti, M/M Pete Valliere, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:**

Nancy Anderson, Paul Benbenek, Kyle Berger, Alphonse & Loza Chartier, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, M/M Allen Garvey, Stanley & Nellie Koczan, M/M Chester Lepkowski, Bobbie Lesneski, Gloria Magnuson, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, Philip Robichaud, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.

**ABUSE VICTIMS**

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the church, and you need a place to talk with someone about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, contact the Victim Services Coordinator, Office for Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363, direct line. A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

# Church of the Holy Cross



**October 1, 2023, Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Respect for Life & World Communication Sunday**

**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, 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.

**Rosary Devotion:** The Rosary is commonly recited 30 minutes before weekday Masses on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.



There will be **no Religious Education Classes next week, October 8**, due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

### LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE

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

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**October 8, 2023: Twenty-Seventh  
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Isaiah 5: 1-7  
Philippians 4: 6-9  
Matthew 21: 33-43**



### 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.*

### MEETING SCHEDULE

**Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.**

Tuesday 6:30pm Knights of Columbus

Wednesday 7:00pm AA

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### SATURDAY

### SEPTEMBER 30

4:30pm

+Rachel Thibodeau  
by Michael & Christine Yablonski

### SUNDAY

### OCTOBER 1

7:45am

9:15am

**Mass at St. Martin's**

10:45am

+Ann Piaseczny by Joe

### MONDAY

### OCTOBER 2

8:00am

Souls in Purgatory  
by Glen Mularella

### TUESDAY

### OCTOBER 3

8:00am

### WEDNESDAY

### OCTOBER 4

8:00am

### SATURDAY

### OCTOBER 7

4:30pm

### SUNDAY

### OCTOBER 8

7:45am

9:15am

**Mass at St. Martin's**

10:45am

+Rachel Maillet by Family

### ALTAR CARE

This week Altar Care is Michelle C.



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, Gloria Wilder, Michael Young, & All affected by Coronavirus.

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