

Church of the Holy Cross



September 17, 2023, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Weekly Budget:	\$3,100*	YTD Budget:	\$6,200*
Weekly Collection 09/10/23:	\$1,708	YTD Weekly Collection:	\$4,265
Weekly R&M Collection:	\$ 110	YTD R&M Collection:	\$ 318

YTD Surplus (Shortfall): (\$1,617)

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

Special Collections: Energy Needs was \$110, Assumption of Mary was \$20, Sanctuary Candles was \$15 and Religious Education was \$5. Thank you.

No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you. Deuteronomy 16:16-17

As we embark on this new fiscal year, we ask everyone to humbly pray to God in helping Holy Cross meet its needs. We wish to thank each and everyone of you for your continued and ongoing support of our Parish. Blessings to you all.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – OCTOBER 22, 2023

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, 3:00pm on Sunday, October 22, 2023, Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow. Family & friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than October 13**, so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

YOUTH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Worcester Youth & Young Adult Ministry has many activities, opportunities and events schedule this year to engage middle and high school students. For a calendar of events and more information visit their webpage at: <https://neworchester.org/>.



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, Suzanne Racette, M/M Pete Valliere, Edward Yablonski, M/M Michael Yablonski, & **In Memory of:** Nancy Anderson, Paul Benbenek, Kyle Berger, Helena Breton, Alphonse & Loza Chartier, Deacon Arthur & Leah Chartier, Michael John Crowley, Michael Fichtel, Rachel & Chuck Frenier, M/M Allen Garvey, M/M Chester Lepkowski, Bobbie Lesneski, Gloria Magnuson, Anthony J. Manca, Fr. George O'Brien, Philip Robichaud, Damien Royer, Paul Tourigny, and Barbara Yablonski.

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.

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

ALTAR CARE

This week Altar Care is provided by Julia.

COOKOUT THANK YOU! Just a word of thanks to all you who participated in the cookout on Sunday, September 10. Thank you cooks, helpers, and food donators. A special shout out to Becky Worden for organizing this event.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Welcome back students, parents, and staff.

This Sunday, classes began and ran from 7:45 to 9:30am, including the 7:45am Mass. For more information contact Elizabeth Schroeder at 978.413.8833 or hcchurchet@gmail.com.

LIVING FAITH INITIATIVE
Get more out of Sunday Mass, by reading ahead...

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS
September 24, 2023: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55: 6-9
 Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a
 Matthew 20: 1-16a



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 Phelps 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, 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.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
4:30pm	
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
7:45am	
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	+Rachel Maillet by Family
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
8:00am	+Fr. Romeo Lamothe
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
8:00am	+Rachel Frier (29 th Ann.) by Pris & Pete Vailliere
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
8:00am	+Erin Rodriques by Laura Lawrence
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
4:30pm	
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
7:45am	+Leonard St. Marie by Kodys Family
9:15am	Mass at St. Martin's
10:45am	+Helen M. Piaseczny by Joe