



PRINCE *of* PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

5 Worcester Road (P.O. Box 305) Princeton, MA 01541 | Office hours Mon.-Wed. 9:00 am-2:00 pm | (978) 464-2871

MEETINGS

Baptism

Instruction is required for all parents seeking baptism of their child. Please contact the Rectory.

Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick that we may keep them in prayer. We would also like to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church.

Confidential Prayer Line

To add intentions call Ellen Calamari at 978-660-3818 or the Rectory at 978-464-2871.

Marriage

Interviews, instruction and Pre-Cana are required. Please contact the Rectory at least one year in advance.

Programs

- Adult Bible Study

Please contact the Rectory for class schedule.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

- Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday -4:00-4:30 pm at the church or by appointment.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee
978-464-2871

Finance Council
Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

Education Committee
(978) 464-2871

Liturgical Committee
Chairperson: Sr. Teresa Rose Carchidi
(978) 464-2871

Evangelization & Outreach Committee
(978) 464-2871

SCHEDULE/MASSES

Mon—Wed, Friday, 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

Holy Days/Feast Day 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Sr. Teresa Rose Carchidi, Pastoral Assistant

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.

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Your talents are welcome. We encourage you to call a ministry chairperson to find out more about our on-going programs.

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Mass Intentions  *for the Week*

Saturday, December 30th
 4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM For the Holy Souls
 Sunday, December 31st
 8:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 10:30 AM Steven Desmarais, requested by his wife, Ann
 Monday, January 1st **New Year's Day**
 10:30 AM For the People of the Parish
 Tuesday, January 2nd
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 Wednesday, January 3rd
 8:30 AM For the Holy Souls
 Friday, January 5th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 Saturday, January 6th
 4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Unrequested
 Sunday, January 7th
 8:30 AM In thanksgiving for the Gift of Jesus, requested by Gino and Anita Masciari
 10:30 AM Unrequested

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HOME STUDY

The students in our Home Study Program will meet for class next Saturday, **January 6th**, from 10 am to 12 pm.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Our First Eucharist Program will be starting Sunday, **February 11th**. In order to be part of this program, your child must have completed or is completing two years of religious education. Registration forms are available on the table at the back of church, and must be returned by next Sunday, **January 7th**.

JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM

Classes for students in our Jr/Sr High Program will resume on Monday, January 22nd, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

HEARTS FOR HEAT APPLICATIONS

If anyone is in need of assistance with heating bills, confidential applications for assistance from the Hearts for Heat Program are available on the table at the back of church, or online at www.heartsforheat.org/princeton/index.html.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 31, 2017

Dear Friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. The occasions that we celebrate with family and friends are special. May we continue to share the love of God in a compassionate and unconditional way.

*Many thanks to all of those who donated gifts to the "Giving Tree" program; to **Sheila Burnham** and her volunteers who organized and delivered the gifts. Your effort is most appreciated. Also, many thanks to those who donate to the Food Pantry and those who deliver the food to the St. Joan of Arc Parish in Worcester. Many thanks also to those volunteers who coordinate the dinners for the Veterans each month. Finally, thanks to **Kathy Packard** and **Sue Kemp** for the beautiful flower arrangements, and to **Denis and Priscilla Coughlin** for their music during our Christmas Celebration. Everyone who took part in planning and providing the music did a wonderful job!*

Today, we honor Jesus, Mary, and Joseph with the liturgical celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph protected the baby Jesus. They provided a simple environment for Jesus in which our dear Lord could grow and prepare to offer Himself for the salvation of humanity. On this day, as we praise and honor the Holy Family, may we invoke Our Lady and St. Joseph to lead us into the loving embrace of Jesus.

Fr. Ed



The collection for the weekend of December 16-17, 2017, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 565.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 242.50
Energy	\$ 360.00
Religious Retirement	\$1,150.00
Yearly	\$2,250.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 115.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 25.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,609.50</u>
Total Collection	\$6,342.00

Due to holiday printing schedules, the collection for the weekend of December 23-24 will be published in a future bulletin..

Good News!

December 31, 2017

The Holy Family (B)

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Federico Barocci captured the Holy Family escaping to Egypt. Although they are refugees in a dramatic, stressful situation, he chooses to show the delightful communion among them. Mary sits comfortably in the center of the family, busily collecting water. Perhaps she will wash the cherries or the toddler's dirty hands. Her face, full of serenity and joy, is lost in thoughts that go beyond the work of the present. She is the model of so many mothers who, in spite of challenging circumstances, focus their energy on loving their children and creating an oasis of peace.

Saint Joseph stands behind the Madonna and reaches up into the tree to pull off a branch for the child Jesus. His strong arm and hand extend straight down toward the child as they both grasp the wood from opposite ends—one giving and the other receiving. This simple domestic gesture of providing for the son is strongly symbolic of what so many husbands and fathers do on a daily basis. Alongside their wives, they care for their families with hard work.

Jesus is next to Mary, and reaches out to Joseph. He receives love from both parents while returning that love with joy and gratitude.

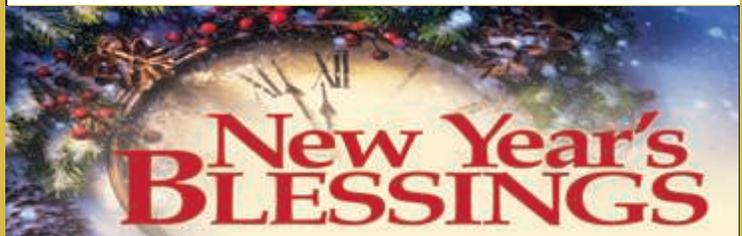
The Holy Family reflects the divine family. One day the heavenly Father will also extend a piece of fruit—this time the bitter passion and the wood of the cross. Although it costs his human nature, Jesus accepts it, thanks in part to the strength he finds in Mary.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States—even among Catholic universities. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic church. In addition to alumni who hail from this diocese, Catholic University claims one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priests and religious as alumni. In Washington, DC, the University provides an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students through its 12 schools.

Next weekend, **January 6-7**, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity. You can learn more at: collection.cua.edu.



Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,

At the beginning of this New Year,

I remember that you are a God of beginnings

And endings.

*You created the world, with all its eternal
Patterns.*

*Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's
Thaw.*

*Spring begins in new, green life, ending in
Summer's heat.*

*Summer begins in sunshine, and ends in Autumn's
breezes.*

*And Autumn's color leads to the white of
Winter again.*

*As another year ends and begins in our lives, help us to
remember that you have made a world of cycles.*

When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns

*To joy, help me take delight in the life I've received
from you.*

*Remind me that I will one day pass from
This world*

*And enter a new life like those who've gone
Before me.*

Amen.