



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

(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

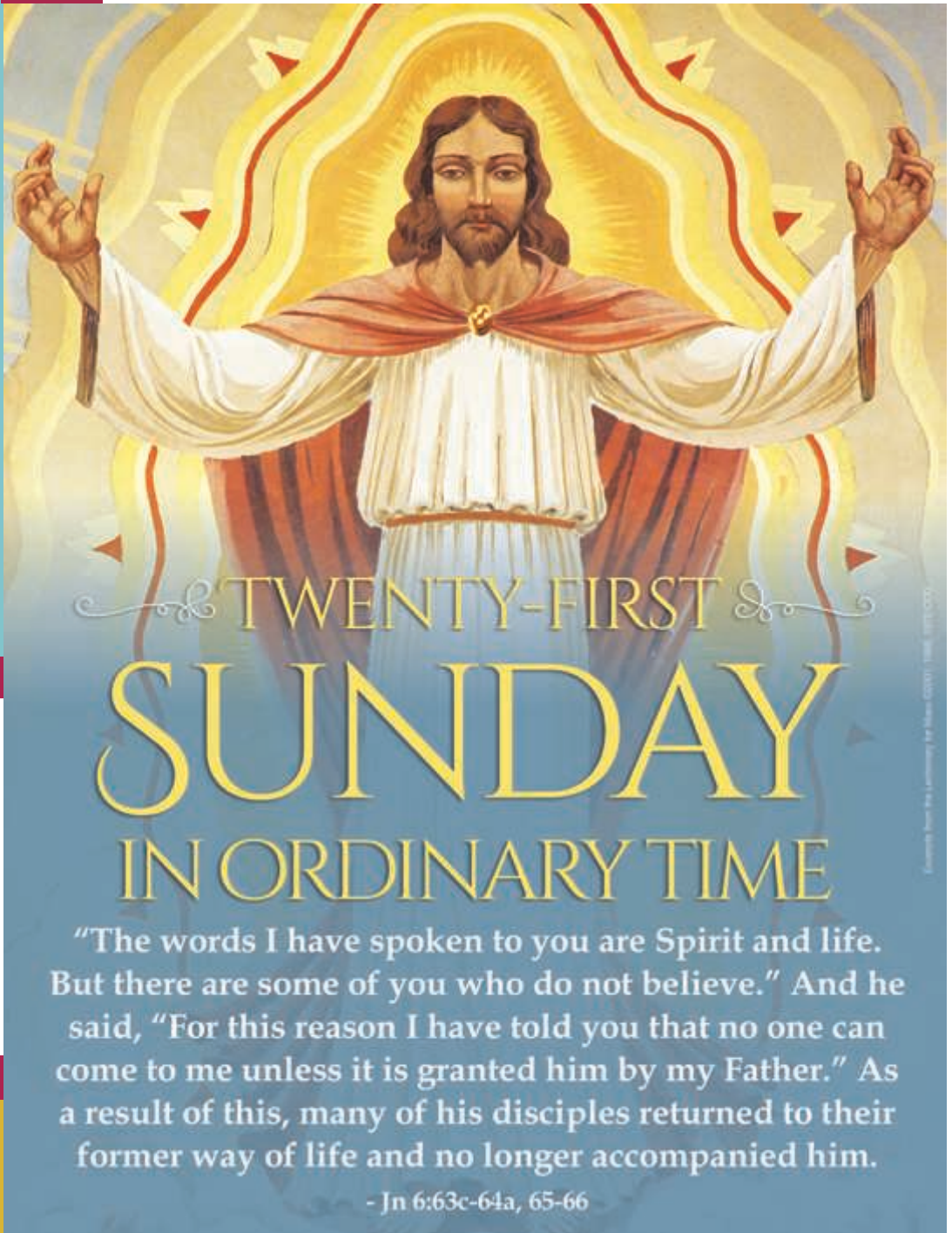
Holy Days/Feast Day 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

- Jn 6:63c-64a, 65-66

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

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, August 25th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM George & Rose Volturo, requested by
the Schmitt Family

Sunday, August 26th
8:30 AM Rita & Al Primeau, requested by the
Greeley Family
10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, August 27th
8:30 AM **NO MASS**

Tuesday, August 28th
8:30 AM **NO MASS**

Wednesday, August 29th
8:30 AM **NO MASS**

Friday, August 31st
8:30 AM **NO MASS**

Saturday, September 1st
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Jon Davies & Edward Breau,
requested by Ruth Breau

Sunday, September 2nd
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM For the Holy Souls

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO MORNING
MASSES during this week.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Those students who have completed the 9th and 10th grade program, or have been enrolled in a Catholic School for these grades, and who wish to be a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation this Fall, should write a letter to Fr. Ed, requesting to be part of the program. The letter is due at the rectory by noon this **Sunday, August 26th**. Also, candidates should be thinking of whom you will choose to be your sponsor for the Sacrament. It must be a person who is an active member of a Roman Catholic Parish, who will be able to obtain a letter from their pastor declaring that they qualify to be a sacramental sponsor.

FIRST PENANCE PROGRAM

Our First Penance Program will begin soon. Registration forms are available at the back of Church or on-line at www.princeofpeace.org under the Faith & Liturgy heading. Registration forms are due at the rectory this **Sunday, August 26th**, to provide us with enough time to order books.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time August 26, 2018

Dear Friends,

Each year on August 28th, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Augustine. During his younger years, St. Augustine struggled to believe in God. In fact, his mother, St. Monica, prayed for thirty years for his conversion. Her persistence in prayer came to fruition as Augustine converted to the faith.

After his conversion, St. Augustine was ordained a priest, lived an ascetic life, and later became Bishop of Hippo. His preaching, teaching, and writings have been an inspiration to believers throughout the history of Christianity. St. Augustine has been designated as one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church.

In his book, *The Confessions of St. Augustine*, where he described his personal life, there is a part where he discussed his relationship with God after his conversion. He wrote, "Late have I loved you, O beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness, I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me and I burned for your peace."

As believers in Jesus, may we be inspired by these words of St. Augustine describing his personal journey to God. Once he believed, he fully accepted God's love. Let us pray that we embrace the love of God in our lives. May we serve God in that special way that St. Augustine did; as he overcame his selfishness and indifference to be a devoted servant of the ever-loving Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Fr. Ed

If anyone is interested in serving as an **Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, or Lector**, please contact Fr. Ed.

COOKING FOR VETERANS

We are in need of people to help prepare the meals for the Veterans. Many teams are looking for **new members**; each team only meets twice per year. Teams meet to prepare for the meal on the Monday before the first Tuesday of each month. In addition, we are looking for volunteers **to cook the rice for the meal**. Please contact the rectory (princeofpeace@verizon.net) if you are able to help with this important ministry.

Good News!

August 26, 2018
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or
5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

We all want to leave a legacy, to be remembered when we're gone. A legacy comes from faithfully and lovingly living your convictions. Joshua challenges the Israelites, making a definitive statement as their leader and head of his family: "We will serve the Lord." Notice that it isn't a question of if you will serve someone, but who you will serve.

The easiest way to find out who you are serving is to look where your heart, thoughts, and worries are. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:21).

Peter also had this hard choice placed to him, and he spoke up as the first pope, the head of a family of believers. When Jesus revealed the doctrine of the Eucharist, that it was truly his body and blood, many left him over this difficult saying.

Jesus asks the apostles if they want to leave, too. He could have said this was just a symbol—that those who left had misunderstood. But he doesn't change his teaching. He merely asks the apostles if they accept and believe him.

Peter's answer, like Joshua's, is a fundamental option. He finds in Jesus' words eternal life. There is nowhere else to go when you have tasted the goodness and truth of Jesus. As hard as some of those truths may be, for Peter there is no turning away. Following Jesus faithfully will lead him to lay down his life for Jesus, crucified upside down, and buried on Vatican Hill where you can visit his tomb today. How's that for a legacy?—*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

*God, who made all things,
Who established the foundations of the world,
Set the heavens in motion and the stars alight,
And gives life to every creature,
Open my mind at the beginning of this school year
That I may have a better understanding
Of all that you have made.
Help me learn more about your creation
So that I may be a better steward of all you gave me.
Help me learn more about your people,
So that I may help to build a better society
Founded upon your law and guided by your truth.
Help me learn more about your love,
So that I may show your compassion and kindness
To those who are in need.
Help me to learn.
Amen*

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life

A 30-week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered starting Oct. 2. Each weekly session will be approximately 90 minutes and will include reflection direction and presentation. Sessions will be held Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church, Worcester. Information nights are St. Mary's in Jefferson on August 26th and at St. Peter's in Worcester on August 28th, each at 6 pm. Info and an application form is available at www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-hom, worcspex19@gmail.com, or 508-885-4462.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, at Assumption College on Saturday, **November 10th**. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. For info or to register, visit worcestercatholicwomensconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited register today!



The collection for the weekend of August 18-19, 2018 was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 875.00
Assumption	\$ 220.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,528.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,623.00