



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

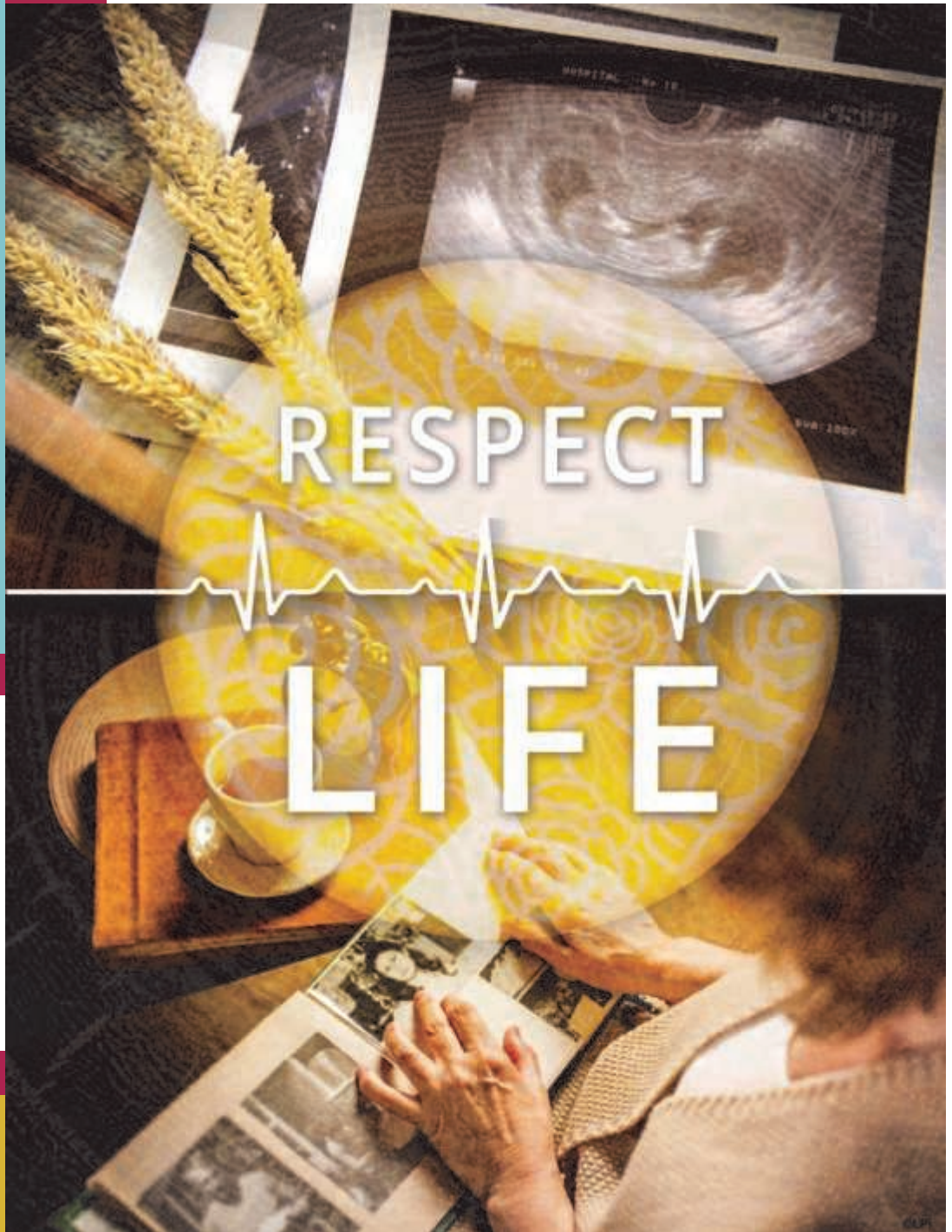
- Adult Bible Study
Please contact the Rectory for class schedule.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- Reconciliation/Confession
Saturday -4:00-4:30 pm at the church or by appointment.

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee
978-464-2871

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

Education Committee
(978) 464-2871

Liturgical Committee
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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

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, October 6th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, October 7th
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, October 8th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, October 9th
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Wednesday, October 10th
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line
and in our Prayer Intention Book

Friday, October 12th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, October 13th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, October 14th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM For the People of the Parish

FIRST PENANCE PROGRAM

The students in our First Penance Program will not have class this Sunday, October 7th. Next Sunday, **October 14th**, the students will take part in a ritual during the 8:30 Mass and will have class at 9:30.

JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM

Due to the holiday, there will be no class this Monday, October 8th. The students in our Jr/Sr. High School Program will meet for class next Monday, **October 15th**, from 7:00 to 8:15 PM.

CONFIRMATION

Due to the holiday, there will not be a class this Sunday, October 7th. The Confirmation Candidates will have class next Sunday, **October 14th**, from 4:00 to 5:15 PM.

The students in our **HOME STUDY PROGRAM** will meet for class next Saturday, **October 13th**, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

COVENANT RENEWAL MASS—HAITI

Prince of Peace Parishioners are invited to the Annual Renewal Covenant between the Twinning parishes of Worcester and the sister parishes of Les Cayes, Haiti, to be celebrated on Saturday, **October 20th, at 10:30 am** at St. Paul's Cathedral, followed by a brunch at the Cenacle, located in the lower level of the Cathedral.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 7, 2018

Dear Friends,

In our second reading today from the Letter to the Hebrews, we listen to a brief description of Jesus' role as savior. It says, "Brothers and Sisters: He for a little while was made lower than angels, that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering."

As people of faith, we should often contemplate the reality of Jesus' suffering both in our prayer and reflection. Beginning with the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus took upon Himself the sins of all humanity. The mental anguish of experiencing the horror of sin and evil that resulted from it caused our dear Lord to sweat drops of blood. Feeling completely abandoned, Jesus prayed to His Father. An angel was sent to console Jesus. Our dear Lord received the strength to continue His passion. He was ready to meet Judas and the representatives of the High Priest who came to arrest Him.

In his book called The Agony of Jesus, St. Padre Pio comments about the experiences of Jesus in the Agony in the Garden. St. Padre Pio remarked, "The Eternal, the Immortal, who debases Himself to undergo an immense martyrdom, the ignominious death on the cross, amidst insults, contempt, and abuse to save the creature which offended Him and which wallows in the slime of sin—man rejoices in his sin and his God is sad, because of sin He suffers, sweats blood amidst a terrible agony of spirit."

In our prayer, let us constantly thank Jesus for His sacrifice through His passion and death. Jesus willingly atoned for the sins of humanity including our own. Let us never "take for granted" what Jesus has done for us. We are blessed. We have spiritual life in His name. With much fervency and perseverance, may we accept God's blessings, reject sin, and be faithful to Him as we continue our journey of faith.

Fr. Ed

FALL ANNUNCIATION PARISH BAZAAR: 3-day event to benefit Holy Family Academy, held at Holy Rosary Church, Gardner, features food, fun activities for all ages, silent & Chinese auctions, games, crafts and yard sale. Oct. 12th-13th, 11 am—7 pm; Oct. 14th, 11 am—6 pm.

MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN: Oct. 20th, 8:30 am—1:30 pm at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Shrewsbury. Info at www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women.

Good News!

October 7, 2018

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 or Mk 10:2-12

On the Sistine Chapel's ceiling, inspired by today's passage from the first reading, Michelangelo painted the amazing moment when God creates woman out of the side of man. He depicts her standing beside the slumbering Adam, almost arguing with God. Perhaps it represents the eternal discussion about the relationship of man and woman. Or perhaps it recalls the perpetual scene of a man asleep on the couch while the woman wonders, "What's wrong with him?" The good thing is that Eve asks the only one who has the answer: God himself.

In fact, Jesus does the same thing in Mark's Gospel. When the Pharisees question him on divorce, Jesus refers them to God's original plan, "But from the beginning of creation..." (10:6). Jesus finds the answer to this challenging question by looking back at God's creative plan for humanity. God has given man and woman to one another as a mutual gift. It is not good that man should be alone, but only God in eternity definitively satisfies the original loneliness found in everyone's heart.

When spousal love breaks down, we would be wise to follow Jesus' advice and refer to God's original plan. Saint John Paul II did that when, in contemplating married love, he dedicated the first years of his Wednesday audiences to reflect on the first three chapters of Genesis.

Those God has placed alongside us, especially our spouses, are meant to wonderfully (but only partially) satisfy that deep longing to be totally accompanied. Mutual self-giving and self-sacrifice in love is the solution to our inherent isolation and loneliness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

The IHN program unites religious congregations to assist families experiencing homelessness. Prince of Peace and the Princeton First Congregational Church have committed to provide hands-on and financial support to the IHN by hosting two weeks each year. Our week is **October 14th-21st**, and we need the following help: **Evening Host (6-8 pm)** or **Activity Host (6:30-7:30 pm)** and **Overnight Host Volunteer (8 pm-6:30 am)**

The families plan their menu, shop for groceries and prepare their own meals. We provide the money either by **cash and checks** or **Price Chopper gift cards**. Please make a note that the donation is for IHN and drop it in the collection basket.

A volunteer sign-up sheet is at the back of church. Please help out with this essential and rewarding mission. So many lives will be enriched, including your own! Any questions, call Bettyanne Hauver at 978-422-8407

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Saint John's High School, Shrewsbury — Oct. 16th at 6:00 pm. www.stjohnshigh.org, 508-842-8934,x266

Notre Dame Academy, Worcester — October 21st, 2-4 pm. www.nda-worc.org, 508-757-6200, x 229.

Holy Name CC Jr/Sr High School — October 28th, 12-2 pm. www.holyname.net, 508-753-6371.

Saint Peter Marian Jr/Sr High School — Oct. 28th, 1-3:30 pm. <http://spmguardians.org> 508-852-5555 x114

FINANCE REPORT

The collection for the weekend of September 29-30, 2018 was as follows:

Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Monthly	\$1,619.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 195.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 40.00
Higher Energy Costs	\$ 15.00
Religious Ed Registration	\$ 125.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 5.00
All Saints Day	\$ 5.00
All Souls Day	\$ 5.00
Wedding and Confirmation	\$ 250.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,755.00</u>
Total Collection	\$4,064.00

Electronic giving for the month of September, 2018, was \$1,870.00.