



# PRINCE of PEACE

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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### 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

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### 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

## The Baptism of the Lord

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. *Lk 3:21-22a*

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*Mass Intentions*  *for the Week*

Saturday, January 12th  
 4:00-4:30 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, January 13th  
 8:30 AM Joe and Pauline Genereux, requested by Ray and Betty Leroux  
 10:30 AM The Rehrauer Family, requested by Harold and Ruth Rehrauer

Monday, January 14th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, January 15th  
 8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

Wednesday, January 16th  
 8:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Friday, January 18th  
 8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book

Saturday, January 19th  
 4:00-4:30 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM George and Anne Wengris, requested by Shelly and Joe Reidy

Sunday, January 20th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 10:30 AM Mary Keller, requested by Harold and Ruth Rehrauer

**JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM:** The opening class for students in our Jr/Sr High Program will be Monday, January 28th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP IN GARDNER:** Young adults (college age through their 30's) are invited to join a Theology on Tap gathering on **Friday, Jan. 25th, at 7 pm** at Williams Restaurant, Gardner. Join us for a lively conversation on *Faith and Science: Can they Coexist?* Free appetizers provided, and a cash bar is available.

**TRIP TO GETTYSBURG, EMMITSBURG, & HARPERS FERRY**

Fr. Riley of Immaculate Conception Church in Worcester is leading a trip to historic Gettysburg, PA, Emmitsburg, MD, and Harper's Ferry, WV, from May 13-17. Consider joining us for a wonderful trip combining our nation's history with our Catholic faith (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine) in a visit to this most scenic part of our country. For more detailed information, price, and signup sheet, please visit [icworc.com](http://icworc.com), *Gettysburg Tour* at the top of the page, or see Fr. Ed for a brochure.

*The Baptism the Lord*  
*January 13, 2019*

*Dear Friends,*

*Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by John the Baptist at the Jordan River. Let us reflect upon the last two sentences of today's gospel reading from Luke. It says, "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased,'"*

*I am sure that the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus and the voice of the Eternal Father from heaven must have been inspiring to John the Baptist and those present there.*

*May we be inspired to embrace the Holy Trinity within our lives while being faithful to the love of God. In a complete way, may we believe that Jesus, the Messiah, the Word made Flesh, the Son of God, offered Himself for the salvation of humanity and we have life in His name.*

*As we contemplate the essence of God revealing Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, may we fervently share God's love in a compassionate way. With much hope, may we constantly pray to the Holy Spirit asking for His sanctifying grace to help us understand that Jesus "thirsts" for our love, while also "thirsting" for the salvation of our souls. Through our own free will, may we passionately make the choice for Jesus and His merciful, unconditional love.*

*Fr. Ed*

**MASS FOR LIFE**

All are invited to attend the annual Mass for Life on **Thursday, January 17th at 7:30 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. Please join us as we remember the 46th tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade, and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. We will also pray in a special way for all those who will be travelling to Washington, DC, for the March for Life.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA:** Thanks to your generosity, our parish raised \$511 last weekend in support of the Catholic University of America.

**St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School**, Main St., Worcester, will host an **Open House** on Sunday, **January 27, 2019**, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. St. Peter's has openings in Grades Pre-K through 7. Please visit us on January 27th, or call 508-791-6496 for information, or visit our website at [www.stpetercentralcatholic.com](http://www.stpetercentralcatholic.com).

# Good News!

January 13, 2019

*The Baptism of the Lord (C)*

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38  
or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

We have all received baptism, but why don't the amazing fruits and graces received then always show themselves powerfully in our lives?

Titus tells us what has already happened for us in baptism. We were saved "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit" (3:5). Yet this renewal accomplished by the Spirit needs to be fully embraced by us for it to reach its potential. We know we have been renewed, but how do we keep renewing? This happens by prayerful contact with the Holy Spirit.

In Titus, Spirit is capitalized because it's the Spirit of God. Renewal by the Holy Spirit is a renewal in which God, not man, is the principal protagonist. "Behold, I" (not you) "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

We often think that to be renewed and grow, we have to do something. God tells us it is something he does. "I, the LORD, make you holy" (Leviticus 20:8). We have to give him back the power he already has. Or better yet, we need to recognize God's power and let him use it in us.

A revolution needs to happen in our minds and hearts where we recognize that without the Holy Spirit we can do nothing. So ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you in a real baptism of fire. Then all those baptismal gifts will spark into a flame and help you set the world ablaze with his love!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



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

Monthly	\$ 625.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 465.00
Maintenance	\$ 15.00
Christmas	\$ 320.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 160.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 110.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 50.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,252.00</u>
Total Collection	\$3,017.00

The collection for the weekend of January 5-6, 2019 was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 420.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 70.00
Maintenance	\$ 110.00
Energy	\$ 40.00
Catholic University	\$ 511.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 597.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,575.00</u>
Total Collection	\$3,323.00



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena **January 14-22** via email, text message, or an app. Sign up today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

*Dear Friends,*

*On behalf of Nazareth's Board of Directors, staff and youth, I would like to thank you for your continued outreach to our program. The gifts from your Giving Tree were just what our boys asked for and you have made it so special for them. Christmas is such a joyous time and our youth, like every other kid in the world, LOVE getting presents. They were absolutely thrilled to have these goodies at our party after Mass on the 21st and on Christmas morning.*

*We are so very grateful to you for supporting our mission when there are so many local, state and national charities in need. Patron donors like you continue to be a blessing and allow us to continue in our endeavors to serve the neediest of children in crisis and those in need of long-term stabilization while they wait for a forever home. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and generosity. May you be as blessed in return. Best wishes for a prosperous, healthy, happy New Year!*

*With deepest gratitude,*

*Kim Pare, Executive Director*