



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



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*"

- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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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  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, March 9th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, March 10th
8:30 AM Blanche and Albert St. John,
requested by Ray and Betty Leroux
10:30 AM Thomas Mack, requested by Karen
Baer

Monday, March 11th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, March 12th
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line
and in our Prayer Intention Book

Wednesday, March 13th
8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

Friday, March 15th
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Saturday, March 16th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Lise Swenson, requested by Jay and
Caroline Perry

Sunday, March 17th
8:30 AM David Schmitt, requested by the
Schmitt Family
10:30 AM Bart Kincaid, 5th Anniversary,
requested by his Family

JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM: Students in our Jr/Sr High Program will have class this Monday, **March 11th**, from 7:00 to 8:15 PM.

FIRST EUCHARIST: The students in our First Eucharist class will have class this Sunday, **March 10th** at 9:30 am.

SUMMER FOLLOW-UP: The students who participated in our 2018 Summer Religious Ed Program will have a follow-up program this Monday, **March 11th**, from 3:45 to 5:00 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our Religious Ed Program for 2019 will be held the weeks of **July 22nd through 26th, and July 29th through August 2nd**. You must attend both weeks to meet the requirements.

The **Collection for the Church in Latin America** helps empower the faithful of Latin America and the Caribbean. A significant portion of this collection is also used by our **Diocesan Hispanic Ministry**. Please support this special collection taken up at all Masses this weekend, **March 9-10**.

First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019

Dear Friends,

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the gospel reading describes Jesus being tempted by the devil. In today's gospel reading from Luke, Jesus vehemently rejects the temptations of the devil. When urged by Satan to change rocks into bread to alleviate His hunger, Jesus said, "One does not live on bread alone." When offered all the kingdoms of the world if He will worship Satan, Jesus responded, "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve." Finally, Jesus is brought to the parapet of the temple and the devil commands: "If you are the Son of God throw yourself down from here for it is written: He will command His Angels concerning you, to guard you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your feet against a stone." Jesus answered, "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

During these days, we can be overwhelmed by sin and evil, if we do not stay focused upon God and His gracious love for us. It is only through the love, mercy, forgiveness and humility of Jesus, that one can acquire the strength to reject the temptations of the evil one. We must seek out holiness, proclaiming the truth, while staying away from sin and those occasions that lead to sin. May we not be satisfied with that spiritual mediocrity that can envelop our lives.

Let us come to Jesus with spiritual strength. In faith, may we give ourselves totally to the Lord, remembering that He suffered for each one of us. Encounter the love and mercy of Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. Confessing one's sins through this beautiful sacrament is very uplifting. We are called to be willing servants of God's love. In courage, let us do so.

Fr. Ed

EASTER CHOIR

We are asking parishioners to share their voices and join with us in God's gift of music as we prepare to sing for the holiest of days in our Church—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. Sign up sheets are located at the back of Church.

**19th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Men of all ages are invited to this important annual conference, at Assumption College on Saturday, **April 6th**. For a brochure, further info or registration, call 508-929-4345 or visit www.firstmensconf.org.

Notre Dame Academy's Open House for prospective students will be held on Sunday, **March 24th, 2-4 pm**. Visit www.nda-worc.org to register.

Good News!

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Every Lent, priests, nuns, monks, and many laypeople pray the following: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus encountered this truth in his temptations in the desert, another place in his ministry where he experienced the struggle of humanity.

The temptations begin, "If you are the Son of God..." All our temptations begin by doubting and challenging Jesus to prove himself. Although Jesus is all-powerful and all-good, we struggle to make sense of suffering and tragedies.

The temptations continue as Jesus is invited to satisfy himself, impress others, and skip suffering. But Jesus responds repeatedly in humility. In the desert he doesn't turn stones into bread. Later, he does something far greater; he turns bread and wine into himself. When tempted, we cry out to him to soften the hard realities of our lives. And Jesus does just that. He suffers in his passion, dies, and rises again to become life-giving bread for us. He becomes manna in our desert.

When we wish for power, Jesus promises we will reign with him if we also let him suffer for us and we with him. The devil would have us take matters into our own hands, doubt God, and make him prove himself by our measures. Yet if we listen to Jesus, look at his answers, and learn from his life, then true power will be ours.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

THANK YOU RECEIVED:

Dear Parishioners of Prince of Peace,

On behalf of our members, I would like to thank you for your recent donation to our Food Pantry. Without contributions from people in the community we would not be able to serve those who come to us for assistance.

Yours,

Karen Lyons, Chairperson

St. Joan of Arc Food Pantry

FINANCE REPORT

The collection for the weekend of March 2-3, 2019 was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 370.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 290.00
Maintenance	\$ 105.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 39.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 10.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,527.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,341.00

CSR RICE BOWL

Join our faith community and Catholics across the U.S. in a Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Bowls are available on the table at the back of Church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. So we begin with the first week of Lent:

Encounter Norma

In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit csrricebowl.org for more information.

EASTER FLOWERS

Traditionally, funds for Easter Flowers have been donated as a memorial for friends and relatives, or as a family gift. If anyone wishes to make an offering in memory of a loved one or as a gift, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it in.

Name/s of those remembered: _____

Your name (if you wish): _____

Amount: _____