



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

5th Sunday of Lent

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." *Jn 8:6b-7*

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Mass Intentions  for the Week

Saturday, April 6th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM For the Holy Souls
Sunday, April 7th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners
Monday, April 8th
8:30 AM Special Intention
Tuesday, April 9th
8:30 AM Unrequested
7:00-8:00 PM Confessions
Wednesday, April 10th
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line
and in our Prayer Intention Book
Friday, April 12th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Saturday, April 13th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Special Intention
Sunday, April 14th
8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners
10:30 AM Unrequested

CONFESSIONS: Fr. Ed will be available **every Tuesday evening during Lent** from 7 to 8 pm to hear confessions

FIRST EUCHARIST: The students in our First Eucharist class will take part in a ritual during the **8:30 Mass** this Sunday, **April 7th**, and will have class following Mass. On Saturday, April 27th, the students and their parents will attend the 4:30 Mass, followed by a Sharing Supper and Rehearsal.

This weekend, we welcome the **St. Francis and St. Therese Catholic Workers** at all Masses. They will be offering bread and other baked goods to raise funds to support their ministry.

CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN
LIBERTY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications can be downloaded at www.town.princeton.ma.us. Completed application for the \$1000 scholarship must be received by May 15, 2019. Please send to: The Captain Christopher J. Sullivan Committee, P O Box 164, Princeton.

Bake Sale Thank you! Last weekend, Mrs. Zgurzynski's 7th and 8th grade Religious Ed Class raised \$287 from their bake sale to help support our students in Haiti!

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 7, 2019

Dear Friends,

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, one can perceive the love of Jesus as He taught about forgiveness through His beautiful story. In today's gospel reading from the Gospel of John, Jesus' love is manifested in a very profound way.

The Lord's love is shown through His protection of and challenge to a woman brought to Him in the temple area. The woman was accused of adultery. The Scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground. When they persisted with their question, Jesus stood up and said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Soon they leave and Jesus remained there with the woman. He said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

This incident shows us the unconditional love of Jesus. He was not going to allow these people to stone her. Also, Jesus would not let the opportunity pass to challenge the Scribes, Pharisees, and this woman to change their lives. In a very direct way, the Lord told these Jewish authorities, since they were sinners themselves, they should not be judging and condemning other people. Jesus protected this woman, but He continued by urging her strongly, "From now on do not sin any more."

As we go forward preparing to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, may we contemplate and reflect upon God's unconditional love for us. He is waiting patiently for us to reject sin while we become passionate in our love for Him. In this way, we can share God's love in a tender and merciful way.

We have been called to holiness. We must accept the fact that each sin we commit is an affront to the love of God. In hope, with courage, may we reject sin and those occasions that lead us to sin.

Fr. Ed

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This weekend, **April 6-7**, a second collection will be taken up for the national Catholic Relief Services Collection. A letter from Bishop McManus regarding this important collection is at the back of Church and is also available on-line. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Collection this year.

Good News!

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Max Beckmann's drawing, *Christ and the Sinner*, places the viewer outside today's Gospel scene looking in. We're behind the darkened figures standing at a door. We see Jesus in full view, standing in the light blocking the accusers' way toward the woman. He's clearly coming to her defense as he listens, unmoved by their story.

Oftentimes we may feel that Jesus stands more as an accuser than a savior. He's there to point out what we should do in the future, didn't do in the past, or aren't doing in the present. This isn't the Jesus the Gospel presents. He stands to defend the sinner before her accusers. Even to those who so blatantly hurt him, Jesus said "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Sometimes it is hard to let go of an erring view of God. It can be comforting to have someone to blame or fear. Look at St. Paul: He was a zealous persecutor of Christians. Yet, having found Christ, he let go of his erroneous view of God and let Jesus come to his defense. He let go of the guilt of his sinful past and his desire to save himself through his own works. He considered it all trash to be discarded and forgotten as he held on to faith in Jesus.

We need to leave our evil deeds in his merciful heart and forget them there. The sacrament of reconciliation offers the best opportunity to do so. Let him stand at the door of your heart, defending you from those sinister accusers of your past who would haul you back into the darkness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

FINANCE REPORT

The collection for the weekend of March 30-31, 2019 was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 805.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 165.00
Maintenance	\$ 115.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 39.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 110.00
Easter	\$ 15.00
Yearly donations	\$ 400.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,403.00</u>
Total Collection	\$3,062.00

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.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2019

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the *2019 Partners in Charity Appeal*. We have raised \$26,055 towards our goal of \$36,100! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out an envelope located in the pews, or visit www.partners-charity.net. Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship. Thank you!

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: _____