



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



Jesus, I Trust in You

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee
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Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

Education Committee
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Evangelization & Outreach Committee
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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

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, April 27th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Charles Donovan, 3rd Anniversary,
requested by the Family

Sunday, April 28th
8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners
10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, April 29th
8:30 AM Fr. Robert Kelley

Tuesday, April 30th
8:30 AM Sr. Ann Mary Cobb

Wednesday, May 1st
8:30 AM Unrequested

Friday, May 3rd
8:30 AM For the Intentions on Our Prayer Line
and in our Prayer Intention Book

Saturday, May 4th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, May 5th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM Harold & Ruth Rehrauer, 60th
Anniversary, requested by the
Schmitt Family

FIRST EUCHARIST: The students in our First Eucharist Program will meet for class next Sunday, **May 5th** following the 8:30 Mass. On Wednesday, **May 8th**, the students will have rehearsal from 3:45 to 5:00 pm. The completed banners will be due at that time.

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

HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE

The 15th Annual Divine Mercy Medicine, Bioethics, and Spirituality Conference will be held on **May 7th and 8th** at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester. Sellout expected, register early. For further information, including speakers and topics, and how to register, visit www.TheDivineMercy.org/Worcester or call 1-800-462-7426.

**CAPT CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN
LIBERTY SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications at www.town.princeton.ma.us, must be received by **May 15**. Send to: The Captain Christopher J. Sullivan Committee, PO Box 164, Princeton.

Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

April 28, 2019

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to our Adult Choir, Youth Choir, and to the Musicians for your beautiful music during Holy Week and our Easter Liturgies. Also, many thanks to the lectors, to the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, and to the Altar Servers for a job well done. To those who decorated and prepared the Church for these sacred days, I am most grateful for your efforts.

In the gospel reading today from John, the evangelist describes the first two appearances of Jesus to the apostles after His resurrection from the dead. When Jesus appeared to them, they were shocked by the sight of Him. However, with His greeting of, "Peace be with you," they see that the Lord is not dead but alive.

Saint Thomas, who was not present for the first appearance of Jesus, will not believe the others when told by them that they had seen the Lord. When Jesus returned, St. Thomas was present. Jesus said to him, "Put your finger here and see my hands, bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." St. Thomas responded, "My Lord and My God." Jesus continued, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

In a personal way, let us accept this beautiful blessing of Jesus, challenging ourselves to become more like our dear Lord. With much faith, may we believe totally in God while embracing the immensity of God's love.

As people of God and part of the "Body of Christ," that is the Church, we need to rise above the daily trials that create doubt and confusion within us. We should continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for the inspiration and discernment to spiritually understand the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Through this process, we can accept God's divine mercy that comes to us through His sacred and holy grace.

Fr. Ed

PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2019

At the time of publishing this bulletin, our parish had raised \$32,030 toward our goal of \$36,100 in the *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. If you have not yet contributed, pledge envelopes are available in the pews. Once completed, please place the envelope in the collection basket. You can also donate on-line at www.partners-charity.net. Thank you for your generosity.

Good News!

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter|Sunday of Divine Mercy(C)

Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;

Jn 20:19-31

We're not defined by our weakness, but created for greatness! Look at David, Paul, and the sinful woman. David was an adulterer and murderer, yet he wrote Psalms and was Jesus' ancestor. Paul killed one of the first deacons, Stephen, yet became the greatest apostle to the Gentiles. The sinful woman's misdeeds were public, yet what is most remembered is her repentance and love.

Sin is not the last word. God's recreating mercy is. God's mercy asks for a response so all that transformative power can be unleashed in us. The only thing that stands in the way of God's renewal rushing in and totally transforming us is our own lack of acceptance.

Sin wants to stand in the way of this good news. The evil one tries to convince us that we are too sinful; that salvation and happiness might be for others, but certainly not for us.

But David, Paul, and the sinful woman didn't let that sinister message sink in. David was moved to repentance by Nathan's words. Paul accepted that he wasn't saved by his religious fervor or condemned for his errors. He was saved by letting Christ's merciful love embrace him. The sinful woman refused to be defined by her poor choices. She tearfully made penance at Christ's feet, and this act of her brokenness gave off a consoling aroma that filled the house.

Let the power of Christ's love be unleashed in you by forgiving yourself and others. Then your weakness will be the first step toward the greatness God has in store for you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

DONATIONS FOR NOTRE DAME IN PARIS

Individuals interested in making a donation to help rebuild Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris can do so by clicking on the Notre Dame banner at www.worcesterdiocese.org. The Basilica in Washington DC is coordinating the collection on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.



The collection for the weekend of April 20-21, 2019 was as follows:

Advanced	\$ 100.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 945.00
Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 25.00
Easter	\$1,597.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$ 5.00
Regular collection	\$1,891.00
Total Collection	\$4,603.00

CURSILLO WEEKEND

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Women's weekend is May 2-5. For info, contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 (sleighton1958@gmail.com) or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 (joanlaracy@yahoo.com).

DID YOU KNOW?

CHLD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call the Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363.

ENCOUNTER THE RISEN CHRIST

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate Easter joy! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we encounter our Risen Lord to bring the hope of Resurrection to a world in need. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.