



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.

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



“Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’” - Lk 10:8-9

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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 Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 6th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Frances Colburn, month's mind,
requested by her neighbors

Sunday, July 7th
8:30 AM Kwok Chu, requested by the Schmitt
Family
10:30 AM Thomas Glenn, requested by Karen
Zgurzynski

Monday, July 8th
8:30 AM Rudolph & Julia Rehrauer, requested
by Harold and Ruth Rehrauer

Tuesday, July 9th
8:30 AM Unrequested

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

Friday, July 12th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, July 13th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM For the Parish and its Parishioners

Sunday, July 14th
8:30 AM Roland Laprade, requested by the
Greeley Family
10:30 AM Unrequested

BACKPACKS FOR HAITI

While you are out shopping, please remember that our Junior/Senior High School CCD program sponsors eight Haitian children in Haiti. Every summer the students in our Summer Religious Ed Program also contribute to their support by filling backpacks. This year, the backpacks must be brought to the diocese by July 18th. Suggested items for the backpacks include: binders; college-ruled paper; pens; pencils; inexpensive calculators; hot/cold travel mug; umbrellas; rain coat; any other items you feel our students may need. In addition, toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, bath towels, lotion, face cloths, twin size sheets, pillow cases, combs, etc. are also needed. Donations can also be made to help pay for the cost of the backpacks, mosquito bed nets, and for shipping the backpacks. We are asking that all items be at the parish by next Sunday, **July 14th**, to give us time to assemble and deliver them to the diocese.

Thank you again for your generosity!

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2019

Dear Friends,

I hope you had a happy and safe Fourth of July. As we remember our country's two hundred and forty-third birthday, may we pray for a spirit of unity among all Americans. We are so divided! As Roman Catholics, let us continue to accept a process of on-going conversion. Are we willing to make the radical changes within our lives and hearts that allow us to fully accept our dear Lord and Savior? May we move away from those selfish attitudes of indifference that contribute to the "spirit of relativism" all around us.

In today's second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, he wrote, "Brothers and Sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation."

With much devotion, enthusiasm, and love, St. Paul offered himself to Jesus for the glory of God. He carried Jesus' cross courageously and accepted suffering as he preached, taught, and wrote about Jesus' message of love and mercy.

May we be inspired by the life of St. Paul. In a fervent, passionate way, Paul made people aware of the person of Jesus. In a similar way, let us share our faith, bringing Jesus to those who have been placed in our lives. In this process, we need to love unconditionally as God has loved us.

Fr. Ed

REGARDING THE TENNIS COURT

Tennis lessons for the summer will begin this week on the Prince of Peace Tennis Court through the generosity of Terry Hart. Since the lessons are on parish property, the guidelines for the Protection of Children **MUST** be adhered to. Only those who have been CORI'd and who have attended the Safe Environment Training Course run by the Diocese of Worcester are allowed on the court with the young people. If you need to be CORI'd, please contact the rectory.

At all times, **NO** parents are allowed on the court with children who are not their own kids unless they have been CORI'd by the Diocese of Worcester.

Any failure to follow these rules will shut down the tennis court for tennis lessons for young people. Please follow the rules for everyone's safety and for the good of all.

Good News!

June 30, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

One characteristic of Luke's Gospel is that he arranges most of Christ's preaching within a long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. Jesus leaves behind his home in the north and travels south toward Jerusalem, where his passion and death await. This steady focus on his true homeland is often depicted on early Christian tombs. What better thing to put on a tomb than Jesus' focus on heaven!

A farmer who plows a furrow or tills between rows of crops can't be looking back at what he has already plowed or he will inevitably stray off course. He keeps looking forward toward the end of the line. In the same way, we can't constantly look back at the pleasures, opportunities, and goods we have left behind to follow our Lord.

Elisha burns his plow in sacrifice and also to express his definitive yes to the call. Like an explorer who burns his ships upon reaching a new land, his acceptance of Elijah's invitation to be a prophet of Yahweh is total; there's no turning back.

As disciples of Jesus, we're called to a yes with no ifs, ands, or buts. Contradictory as this may seem, this is true freedom. Freedom isn't doing what we want when we want. That's actually slavery to our whims and constantly changing passions. We go nowhere and build nothing. Real freedom is having an unbounded capacity to recognize the truth, choose what's good, and live in the beauty of a life directed toward where we've set our hearts and minds.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

FINANCE REPORT

Due to the publication schedule for the Fourth of July holiday, the finance report for the weekend of June 29-30 will be published in a future bulletin.

The electronic giving for the month of May was \$1,795.00.

PLEASE USE YOUR ENVELOPES

Please don't forget to make up your weekly envelopes while you are on vacation! Please call the office at 978-464-2871 if you are not receiving envelopes or if you have a change of address, phone number, or are moving.

For added convenience, please consider using an **electronic giving program**. If you currently pay bills on-line, just add the Parish to your list. Our on-line giving program is available through our website, www.princeofpeacema.org. It is a secure site managed by Sage.

132nd NOVENA TO SAINT ANNE

Every year St. Anne-St. Patrick Parish, Sturbridge, celebrates a nine-day Novena beginning on **July 18th** and concluding on July 26th, the feast day of Saints Anne and Joachim. The theme of this year's Novena is "*We are called to holiness each in our own way.*" During these nine days, a variety of celebrants and music ministers (African, Vietnamese, Filipino, Haitian and others) will enhance the liturgies. Confessions will be heard at 5:30 pm each night, followed by the Rosary Procession at 6:30 pm, and Novena Mass outdoors at 7:00 pm. For more information visit www.stannestpatrickparish.com or call 508-347-7338.

PRAYER FOR TRAVEL

*God of our ancestors,
Long ago you sent Abraham on a journey of faith
To a land promised to him and his descendants.
You led the People of Israel through the desert
To a land flowing with milk and honey
Where they might live according to your covenant.
You continued to protect and guide your people
Sending Raphael to watch over Tobiah on his way
As he journeyed to fulfill his father's command.
Watch over us as we travel and keep us secure.
May your angels protect us on our journey
And lead us safely home at the end of our trip.
Let your provident hand guide us while we're gone
And upon our return may we offer you thanks
For your protection and watchfulness over our days.
Amen.*