



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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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” *Lk 12:20-21*

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

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, August 3rd

4:00-4:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Anthony Kilinskis, requested by
Jeannette Marsh

Sunday, August 4th

8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, August 5th

8:30 AM Robert Keller, requested by Ruth and
Harold Rehrauer

Tuesday, August 6th

8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, August 7th

8:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Friday, August 9th

8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line
and in our Prayer Intention Book

Saturday, August 10th

4:00-4:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Frances Colburn, requested by her
neighbors

Sunday, August 11th

8:30 AM David Schmitt, Jr., and Aubrey
Schmitt, requested by the Schmitt
Family

10:30 AM Unrequested

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Those students who have completed the 9th and 10th grade program or have been enrolled in a Catholic School for these grades, and who wish to be a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation this Fall, should write a letter to Fr. Ed, requesting to be part of the program. The letter is due at the rectory by noon on **Sunday, August 25th**. Also, candidates should be thinking of whom you will choose to be your sponsor for the Sacrament. It must be a person who is an active member of a Roman Catholic Parish, who will be able to obtain a letter from their pastor declaring that they qualify to be a sacramental sponsor.

Church in Central and Eastern Europe

“Restore the Church—Build the Future” is the theme for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, which will be taken up in our diocese next weekend, **August 10-11**. Your donation supports strengthening Catholic education, seminary formation and development of new lay leaders in 28 countries. Please keep these programs in your prayers, and contribute generously to this collection.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2019

Dear Friends,

In today's second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians, he wrote, "Seek what is above not of what is on earth." St. Paul continued, "Put to death then, the parts of you that are earthly; immorality, impurity, passion, evil desires, and the greed that is idolatry."

As we come together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, may we reflect upon these words of St. Paul. Through our baptism, we have become sons and daughters of the Eternal Father. Thus, we need to accept the ways of Jesus while rejecting the selfish ways of the world. Let us seek out holiness and reject all sin, not just those activities we think are sins. Self-sacrifice, accepting Jesus' cross while being devoted to Christian charity can bring us to the Lord. The question can be asked, are we willing to be faithful Christians or are we satisfied to be half-hearted ones?

As one attempts to accept God in a complete way, it is necessary that he or she reject sin. However, for most of us this becomes a very serious challenge. Temptations are all around us. Abortion, adultery, fornication, intimate physical activity among people of the same sex, and the use of artificial means of birth control are rampant in this country and throughout the world. Lust, greed, jealousy, anger, murder, rape, and other forms of violence, including the physical and sexual abuse of people, shows the influence of Satan in our world.

Sin is so dangerous. Besides destroying personal relationships among people, sin fractures our relationship with God. As people are overcome by sin, they begin to doubt God's presence, and they can fail to understand that God's love and mercy comes to us through grace.

Fervent prayer, regular attendance at Holy Mass, and a willingness to receive the Sacrament of Penance can help us to reject sin and those occasions that lead to sin. Let us seek out the humility of Jesus, while praying to the Holy Spirit asking for the grace to help us to believe in the spiritual power that comes from the sacraments. God's blessing to all.

Fr. Ed

ST. BERNARD'S CCHS

St. Bernard's is accepting registrations for incoming freshmen and transfer students for the 2019-2020 school year. To learn more about STB visit www.stbernardscchs.org or by contacting Principal Linda Anderson at landerson@stbernardscchs.oeg.

Good News!

August 4, 2019

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

What are we working for? What is the desire that moves us to sacrifice every day? Where is our heart? These are the deep questions that Qoheleth ponders. He sees people around him struggling for years and then, as fate would have it, their wealth falls into the hands of someone who hasn't worked for it. He sees others, toiling and anxious, and wonders, "What does it really get them?"

Jesus also saw the vanity of making your life's goal a struggle to amass wealth, as if that was the source of security. To keep us from spiritual shortsightedness, he reminds us of an undeniable truth: we know neither the day nor the hour when we will be called before God to give an accounting of how we invested the talents he gave us.

We have been raised with Christ. Our greedy, miserly nature has been buried with Christ so that our generous, magnanimous, and farsighted nature could be set free. So if we believe in Christ, in the one who left all his heavenly treasures and became poor so that we might become rich, then the best investment is in him and his truths. He guarantees a return, even if it is deferred. He promises that what we surrender to him will be reimbursed a hundredfold and will give dividends for eternity.

So when examining where our treasure is, where our hearts and worries go, Jesus would have us ask ourselves: Will this make me richer in what matters to God?

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

SUMMER RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

As we write this, we are in our final week, and the teachers, aides and students are all enjoying the summer program.

The students took a field trip to visit *Congregation B'nai Shalom* in Westborough on Tuesday, July 30th, where a special program was planned for the students.

We invite you to wander around our church hall to see some of the crafts the children have made during their program.

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life

A 30 week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer. Starting October 1, 2019. Each weekly session will be approximately 90 minutes and will include reflection, direction and presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church, Worcester.

An information night will be held at Our Lady of the Lake, Leominster, on Sunday, **August 25th**, at 6:30 pm. Information and applications are available online at IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com, or email worcspex19@gmail.com, or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

BACKPACKS FOR HAITI

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously for the backpacks for our students in Haiti. Through your generosity, we were able to fill all 8 backpacks with items that are so necessary and important for these students.

Thank you again for your generosity!



The collection for the weekend of July 27-28, 2019, was as follows:

Monthly	\$1,100.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 125.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 120.00
Maintenance	\$ 75.00
Church in Europe	\$ 5.00
Assumption	\$ 5.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 12.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,297.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$2,739.00