



# 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



# 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’” - Lk 16:25

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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, September 28th  
 4:00-4:30 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Robert Reidy, requested by Shelly and Joe Reidy

Sunday, September 29th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 10:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

Monday, September 30th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, October 1st  
 8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book

Wednesday, October 2nd  
 8:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Friday, October 4th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, October 5th  
 4:00-4:30 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, October 6th  
 8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners  
 10:30 AM Unrequested

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The students in our **Confirmation Program** will have an enrollment ceremony at the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, **September 29th**. The students will return in the afternoon for class from 4:00 to 5:15 pm.

Students in the **Jr/Sr High Program** will have class this Monday, **September 30th, 7:00-8:15 pm**.

The next class for our **Home Study Program** will be Saturday, **October 5th**, from 10 am to 12 noon.

**OPEN HOUSES**

**Saint John's High School** will hold an Open House on Tuesday, **October 22nd**, at 5:30 pm. Visit [www.stjohnshigh.org](http://www.stjohnshigh.org), or contact the Admissions Office at 508-842-8934 ext. 266, for more information.

Fall Open House at **St. Bernard High School** will be on Sunday, **October 20th, 1-3 pm**. Meet faculty and students, take a tour and learn more about curriculum, athletics, and extracurricular activities. 45 Harvard St., Fitchburg.

Spend a Day at NDA! Discover the difference at **Notre Dame Academy**, Worcester. Now accepting grades 7-12. Fall Open Houses will be on Sunday, **October 27th**, 2-4 pm, and Thursday, **October 30th**, 6-8 pm. More info at [www.nda-worc.org](http://www.nda-worc.org)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 29, 2019

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel reading from Luke, we listen to Jesus tell the Pharisees the parable of the rich man and the beggar, Lazarus. In Jesus' story, the rich man had much in his life, but he never helped Lazarus who had nothing. After dying, Lazarus found peace and the rich man torment. Through this story, Jesus instructed the Pharisees and all who read these verses from the Sixteenth Chapter of the Gospel of Luke that we are responsible to God for all of our actions and for the way we treat people.

As we reflect upon our relationship with God, may we understand the necessity of bringing God into the center of our existence. This reality can be accomplished when we connect spiritually with God through prayer, worship and acts of love. Many pray when tragedies strike, when their lives fall apart, and when they have no place else to turn. However, we need to pray on the joy-filled and ordinary days of our life.

Let us attempt to become more devoted to prayer. As we pray for our family and friends, may we also pray that God's grace will break through the most "hardened of hearts." We become sinners through weakness, ignorance, and indifference. Unfortunately, our sins and the reluctance to confess them to God through the Sacrament of Penance can prohibit us from believing and trusting in God in the way we should. Sadly, our own personal sins can put our soul's salvation in jeopardy if we do not seek out the Lord's forgiveness.

Let us be faithful to Holy Mass and come to Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance. These sacraments are encounters with the love and mercy of God. May we read the Bible and pray with the heart. Jesus is calling us to Himself. Hopefully, we are listening.

Fr. Ed

**FINANCE REPORT**

The collection for the weekend of September 21-22, 2019, was as follows:

Make-up envelopes	\$ 80.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 120.00
Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Yearly	\$1,300.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
All Souls	\$ 5.00
World Mission	\$ 5.00
Catholic Schools	\$ 75.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,425.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$3,080.00

Electronic giving for the month of August, 2019, was \$1,865.

# Good News!

September 29, 2019

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ©*

Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

It's so easy to fall into complacency and not strive for greatness. When we're young, we idealistically dream of reaching the heights of success. Then with time and the resistance of circumstances, we are hypnotized into settling for less and less. Eventually we're content with just getting by, rather than embracing the arduous struggle upon the higher road that once attracted us.

The rich man of the Gospel was also complacent. His wealth blinded him to the needs of Lazarus, the poor man he passed and stepped over every time he entered his home. Even though he could help, the rich man refused. How could he be so inconsiderate? He had everything and was unwilling to offer even leftover food to someone in need.

God is against complacency and settling for the easy and sensual. He upbraids the chosen race for exactly that. They are too comfortable on their expensive, comfortable couches. Saint Paul challenges the young bishop Timothy to pursue high ideals such as righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, gentleness, and all other virtues. We should strive for them as well. How?

Jesus is the beautiful, timeless ideal of every soul aiming for perfect love. Keep your eyes on him and you will never settle for anything but true greatness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

The IHN program unites religious congregations to assist families experiencing homelessness by providing groceries, supplies, and evening and overnight supervision on a rotating basis. Our parish and the First Congregational Church have committed to provide support by hosting two weeks each year. Our week is **October 13-20**, and we need the following:

- Evening host or activity host: Spend time with the guests, socializing, keeping children entertained, arts, crafts, games, etc.
- Overnight host: 8pm-6:30 am Spend time with guests, make sure everyone is up in the morning
- IHN Donor—Due **October 6th**. Families plan menus, shop, and prepare their own meals. Donate cash, or checks (payable to POP with a note designating it for IHN) or **Price Chopper gift cards**.

A volunteer sign-up sheet is at the back of Church.

## CARE NET FUNDRAISER

You are cordially invited to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Banquet to be held on Thursday, **October 24, 2019** – 6 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Leominster. Our mission is a rescue mission. By educating those facing an unplanned pregnancy to the sanctity of life, and by offering life-affirming alternatives to abortion, we rescue babies from death. Please pray for our mission and banquet, for our sponsors, and our guests. Register at [www.friendsofcarenetchurch.org](http://www.friendsofcarenetchurch.org) - Or call 978-342-4244, or email [gail.carenet@verizon.net](mailto:gail.carenet@verizon.net)

## Mini-Retreat for Women

The Commission for Women invites you to a mini-retreat for Women on Saturday, October 19th at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury. The topic will be "Re-entering the Paradise of the Heart: A Spiritual Path for Healing." For info or to register, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women), or email [worcestercmissionforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com), or call 508-841-5621.

## Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, Oct. 20th at 3 pm** at St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester. This liturgy honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow. Family and friends are welcome! Couples should **pre-register no later than October 11th**. To register, complete the form at [worcesterdiocese.org](http://worcesterdiocese.org) or call the Office of Marriage and Family, 508-929-4311.