



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

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

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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, February 15th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, February 16th
8:30 AM Alice & Ray Bousquet, requested by the Greeley Family
10:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

Monday, February 17th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, February 18th
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book

Wednesday, February 19th
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 21st
8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, February 22nd
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM For the Parish and its Parishioners

Sunday, February 23rd
8:30 AM George & Rose Volturo, requested by the Schmitt Family
10:30 AM Unrequested

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM: Due to school vacation, the students in our Jr/Sr High Program will meet for their next class on Monday, **February 24th**, from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.

HOME STUDY: The students in our Home Study Program will meet on Sunday, **February 23rd**, at 9:30 am in the Church hall.

SUMMER PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP: The students who attended our 2019 Summer Religious Ed program will have a Lenten follow-up class on Monday, **February 24th**, from 4:00 to 5:15 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Summer Religious Ed Program 2020 will be held during the last week of July and the first week of August, **July 27-July 31, and August 3-August 7.**

2019 TAX LETTERS

If you would like a copy of your contributions to Prince of Peace Parish for 2019, please email princeofpeace@verizon.net, or contact the rectory at 978-464-2871.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel reading from Matthew, Jesus said to His disciples and those gathered for the Sermon on the Mount, "I tell you unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the Kingdom of God." These direct words of Jesus continue as He spoke of the evil of killing, anger, adultery, lust, divorce, and not hearing the truth.

As baptized Roman Catholics, we have declared our belief in Jesus, accepting the responsibility of loving people in the unconditional way that God has loved us. Adopting this challenge within our hearts can be difficult. However, strictly adhering to the Ten Commandments can help us to reject sin and evil while nourishing our soul with a holy way of life that includes a spirit of devoted Christian charity.

One week from this Wednesday, the Church will begin another Lenten Season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. May we begin to prepare our souls for the ninety-day period that the Church refers to as the Lenten and Easter Season. The remembrance and celebration of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection, Ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost is a beautiful opportunity to renew our faith in God.

Let us pray that through God's grace we will trust in His sacred presence among us; and continue to develop a personal relationship with the Eternal Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and our dear Blessed Mother.

Fr. Ed

OPEN HOUSES

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, Worcester, will host an Open House on Sunday, **March 1st** from 1:00-3:00 pm, for openings in Grades Pre-K to 7. For more info visit www.stpetercentralcatholic.com or call 508-791-6496.

Notre Dame Academy, Worcester, will hold its Spring Open House on Sunday, **March 22nd**, 2:00-4:00 pm. Register online at www.nda-worc.org. Spend a Day at NDA—discover the difference! Register your daughter to spend the day shadowing one of the students at the all-girls, Catholic, college-preparatory school.

COLLECTION FOR PUERTO RICO

Thanks to your generosity, our parish raised \$478 to aid Puerto Rico in its recovery from the devastating earthquakes.

Good News!

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or

Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Law, wisdom, or virtue. Choose one. Today's first reading talks about wisdom. Throughout life, options are placed before us. Which should we pick? Life or death? Good or evil? How do we know which one to choose? Actually, we learn to choose through experience, either our own or the experience of those who have gone before us and left us their insights within our traditions—whether social, political, or religious. Some of these traditions come to us as advice, others as law. One might say that law is really the expression or codification of social, political, or religious traditions. So, to follow law is really to obey a certain kind of codified wisdom.

When St. Paul speaks about wisdom, he is referring to wisdom that comes from following the directives of God, not merely the insights gained through experience. He calls that a mature wisdom as opposed to the wisdom of this age. It is the kind of wisdom we find in Jesus, who lived his life for others, a kind of wisdom that some might consider foolish.

In the Gospel, Jesus insists that he is not abolishing law but fulfilling it. He urges us to go deeper into law and find wisdom, to go even deeper into human wisdom, and there to find virtue. Law deals with exterior; virtue addresses the inner heart. Law forbids murder; virtue forbids hatred. Where do you live? In law? In wisdom? Or in virtue? Choose one.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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The collection for the weekend of February 8-9, 2020, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 200.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 175.00
Advanced	\$ 20.00
Maintenance	\$ 80.00
Energy	\$ 70.00
Puerto Rico Aid	\$ 478.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,435.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,458.00

THE CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

One of the challenges of our baptism is to inform ourselves of the work of the Church and the teachings of Christ. *The Catholic Free Press*, the Worcester Diocesan weekly newspaper, attempts to help us with that challenge. This is the time of year for subscribers to renew, or to consider a new subscription at the low cost of \$39 for home delivery and on-line access for the year. Subscription envelopes are in the current packet of monthly envelopes or subscribe on-line at www.catholicfreepress.org.

Bereavement Support Group

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will hold a six-session bereavement support group beginning Monday, **March 2nd**, from 1:00-2:30 pm in the parish hall. The faith based program offers insights about grieving in a healthy way to work toward healing. For more information or to register (required) please call Renate Isbell at 508-835-3286.

Captain Christopher J. Sullivan Liberty Scholarship

A \$1,000 Scholarship is available to any Princeton resident who has completed at least one year of post secondary education with a minimum GPA of 2.5, and who is registered for at least one more semester of school. Applications and information are available on the Town website: www.town.princeton.ma.us. All applications must be completed and postmarked by May 8, 2020.

20th Anniversary Catholic Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important Conference at Assumption College on **Saturday, March 28th**. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. For information and to purchase tickets, visit www.firstmensconf.org, or call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 **until March 11th**, \$60 afterwards. Students are \$30.