



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



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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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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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  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, March 7th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Clare Thorell, requested by the
Thorell and Schmohl Families

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

Monday, March 9th
8:30 AM Caroline O'Connell

Tuesday, March 10th
8:30 AM Arthur O'Connell
7:00-8:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, March 11th
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 12th
8:30 AM Ken Moran

Friday, March 13th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, March 14th
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line
and in our Prayer Intention Book
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, March 15th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HOME STUDY: The students in our Home Study Program will meet this Sunday, **March 8th**, at 9:30 am in the Church hall.

JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM: The students in our Jr/Sr High Program will meet for class on Monday, **March 9th**, from 7:00 to 8:15 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.**

FUNDRAISER FOR HAITI

During the weekend Masses on **March 14 and 15**, our 9th and 10th grade religious education students will be selling **baked goods** to raise money for the students we sponsor in Haiti. We hope our parishioners will support this wonderful project.

OPEN HOUSE

Notre Dame Academy, Worcester, Sunday, **March 22nd**, 2:00-4:00 pm. Register at www.nda-worc.org.

Second Sunday of Lent March 8, 2020

Dear Friends,

Our gospel reading today describes the transfiguration on the mountain before Peter, James, and John. In this transfigured state, the Lord is speaking with Moses and Elijah. Soon a bright cloud overshadows them and the apostles listen as a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." (Matthew 17:5).

If Peter, James and John had any doubt of whom Jesus was, now they knew. However, Jesus wished to prepare them for His death. Jesus' appearances to them after the Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost would help these men along with the other apostles to move beyond the devastation of Good Friday. As these experiences relayed to them the necessity of Jesus offering Himself for the salvation of humanity: then they as His apostles would have to take up His cross and follow His way.

As we continue the Lenten Season, may we embrace the cross of Jesus. Carrying Jesus' cross, a challenge faced by Christians for two thousand years, should become part of our lives as believers. Again, let us accept Jesus' cross in a world that leads us in the opposite direction.

To accept Jesus' cross and to be faithful believers is a life-long process: that involves a journey of faith where one focuses each day on God. Lent is the time to accept this endeavor and renew a personal commitment to Jesus.

We should not let these weeks pass by without nourishing our faith through devoted prayer, frequent worship, and acts of charity filled with God's mercy. We have been created, redeemed, and sanctified through the love of God. In a very peaceful way, may we do something for Jesus, being forever grateful for God's blessings and grace in our lives.

Fr. Ed

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Envision Faith in Action!

Next weekend, **March 14-15**, is In-Pew Commitment Weekend for the *2020 Partners in Charity Appeal*. Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life-giving appeal. With your support, *faith in action* is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. Watch the Appeal Video at home this week at www.partners-charity.net. Please come to Mass next weekend prepared to make a commitment to the appeal. Thank you.

Good News!

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Today's readings don't seem Lenten.

They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on *Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.*

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age, but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.* Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from the prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

If anyone would like to send a card to **Fr. Jim Caldarella**, his address is: P. O. Box 538, Old Saybrook, CT 06475. Please keep him in your prayers.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK GALA

The 3rd annual fundraiser, *An Evening of Hope, Taste, Toast and Take Care*, will be held on Saturday, **March 14th**, from 7 to 10 pm at Temple Emanuel Sinai, Worcester. The Gala will feature light fare and sample wines, with a Silent Auction. All proceeds support the work at IHN. Tickets are \$75/person. Call 508-755-2212 or at ihnworchester.org. For more info, contact Bob Sauer (978-464-2777) or Annette Markel (508-662-7473).

20th Anniversary Catholic Men's Conference

Men of all ages are invited to the Conference at Assumption College on **Saturday, March 28th**. Info and tickets at www.firstmensconf.org, or call 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 **until March 11th**, \$60 afterwards. Students are \$30

FINANCE REPORT

The collection for the weekend of February 29-March 1, 2020, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 525.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 205.00
Maintenance	\$ 60.00
Energy	\$ 20.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 386.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 10.00
Regular collection	\$1,488.00
Total Collection	\$2,694.00