



# PRINCE of PEACE

## CATHOLIC PARISH

5 Worcester Road (P.O. Box 305) Princeton, MA 01541 | Office hours Mon.-Wed. 9:00 am-2:00 pm | (978) 464-2871

### 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

Development Committee  
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Liturgical Committee  
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### SCHEDULE/MASSES

Monday—Saturday ..... 8:30 am

Saturday ..... 4:30 pm

Sunday ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

Holy Days/Feast Day 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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 14th  
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  
Monday, March 16th  
8:30 AM Bill Ryan  
Tuesday, March 17th  
8:30 AM Unrequested  
7:00-8:00 PM Confessions  
Wednesday, March 18th  
8:30 AM Frank Puglia  
Thursday, March 19th  
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Friday, March 20th  
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line  
and in our Prayer Intention Book  
Saturday, March 21st  
8:30 AM Unrequested  
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Unrequested  
Sunday, March 22nd  
8:30 AM David Schmitt, requested by the  
Schmitt Family  
10:30 AM Deacon John Ledoux, requested by a  
Friend

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM:** The students in our Jr/Sr High Program will meet for class on Monday, **March 16th**, from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.

**HOME STUDY:** The students in our Home Study Program will meet next Sunday, **March 22nd**, at 9:30 am in the Church hall.

**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.**

**Notre Dame Academy, Worcester, Sunday, March 22nd, 2:00-4:00 pm.** Register at [www.nda-worc.org](http://www.nda-worc.org).

**Bake Sale FUNDRAISER FOR HAITI**  
During all Masses this weekend, **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 appreciate your support.

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 15, 2020

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel reading from John relates an encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. While Jesus and the woman are speaking, the Lord teaches, challenges, and is willing to spend some time with a person who needed to be with Him.

At first, the woman is reluctant to speak to Jesus. The Lord asked for a drink and the woman responded, "How can you a Jew ask me a Samaritan woman for a drink?" Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you give me a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water." Her indifferent attitude toward Jesus continued until He said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but he who drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Then the woman realized that the person who was talking to her was someone special. After telling the woman about her life and explaining the importance of worshipping God in spirit and truth, the woman responded, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when He comes He will tell us everything." Jesus said, "I am He, the one speaking with you." The woman left the well and went in to the town. She told the people, "come and see a man who told me everything that I have done." Then many came to Jesus and believed in Him.

These verses from Chapter 4 of the Gospel of John should be inspirational to any believer. Jesus challenged many to believe in faith. The change in the Samaritan woman after talking to Jesus is amazing. One can admire the fact that Jesus, "broke a heart of stone" into a person who craved His word and delighted in His presence. She responded to Jesus in a faith-filled way.

As we continue the Lenten Season, we should look at ourselves. Do we need to break up "that stone" which is keeping us away from God? May we respond positively to the word of Jesus fully believing in His sacred presence among us. Let us embrace the love and mercy of Jesus. May we prepare ourselves for Jesus through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, Our Lady, and St. Joseph.

Fr. Ed

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.

Anyone interested in serving as an **Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, or Lector**, should contact Fr. Ed or email the office at [princeofpeace@verizon.net](mailto:princeofpeace@verizon.net).

# Good News!

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

**Water flows through this Sunday's readings.** In the passage from Exodus, the Hebrews cry out for the water so necessary for life. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of living water that provides eternal life.

The exchange between the Hebrews and Moses is straightforward and startling. Physical thirst led them to question the divine care that miraculously delivered them from the hands of Egyptian oppressors. We shouldn't be too quick to shake our fingers at them. How many times have we looked past blessings we take for granted, only to focus on lesser immediate needs? These desert people are our ancestors in more ways than one.

The Gospel of John is most interesting. Jesus is in Samaria, a land hated by the Jews. There he initiates a conversation with an inhabitant of the town of Sychar, someone who is an outcast in three major ways. She is a woman—no self-respecting man would be alone with a woman he didn't know. She is a Samaritan—Jews considered Samaritans unclean. And she is promiscuous—his own honor might be at risk. The woman's questionable social status does not prevent Jesus from engaging her, first in social etiquette ("Give me a drink" [4:7]), then in a theological exchange ("Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst" [4:14]).

The Hebrews experienced God's saving action in their exodus, but they lacked trust. The woman, hated by the Jews, was an outcast of her own people, yet she believed. How do we respond to the water?

—*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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## PARTNERS IN CHARITY

### Envision Faith in Action!

This weekend is **In Pew Commitment Weekend** for the *2020 Partners in Charity Appeal*. This weekend every member of Prince of Peace is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$36,100. Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2020 appeal, we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you!

### EMMANUEL RADIO SPRING PLEDGE DRIVE

Emmanuel Catholic Radio will host a live 3-day Spring Pledge Drive from 7 am to 6 pm, March 25-27. Emmanuel Radio is a non-profit organization whose express ministry is to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord. To donate call 508-767-1230; visit [1230radio.com](http://1230radio.com); or mail to Emmanuel Radio, P O Box 20027, Worcester, MA 01602. Thank you.

Eddy's Chowder House is open the **Fridays of Lent, through April 3rd, from 4 to 7 pm**. Eat in or take out. St. Edward Church Hall, Westminster.

Come and learn what children are being taught in sex ed class. Sunday, **March 15th**, 1:00-2:00 pm, Horizon Christian Fellowship, 356 Broad St., Fitchburg, MA. Sponsored by Massachusetts Informed Parents.

### 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](http://www.firstmensconf.org), or call 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$60. Students are \$30.

### FINANCE REPORT

The collection for the weekend of March 7-8, 2020, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 450.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 190.00
Advanced	\$ 45.00
Maintenance	\$ 80.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 35.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 15.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,221.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,036.00

Electronic giving for the month of February was \$1,935.00.