



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

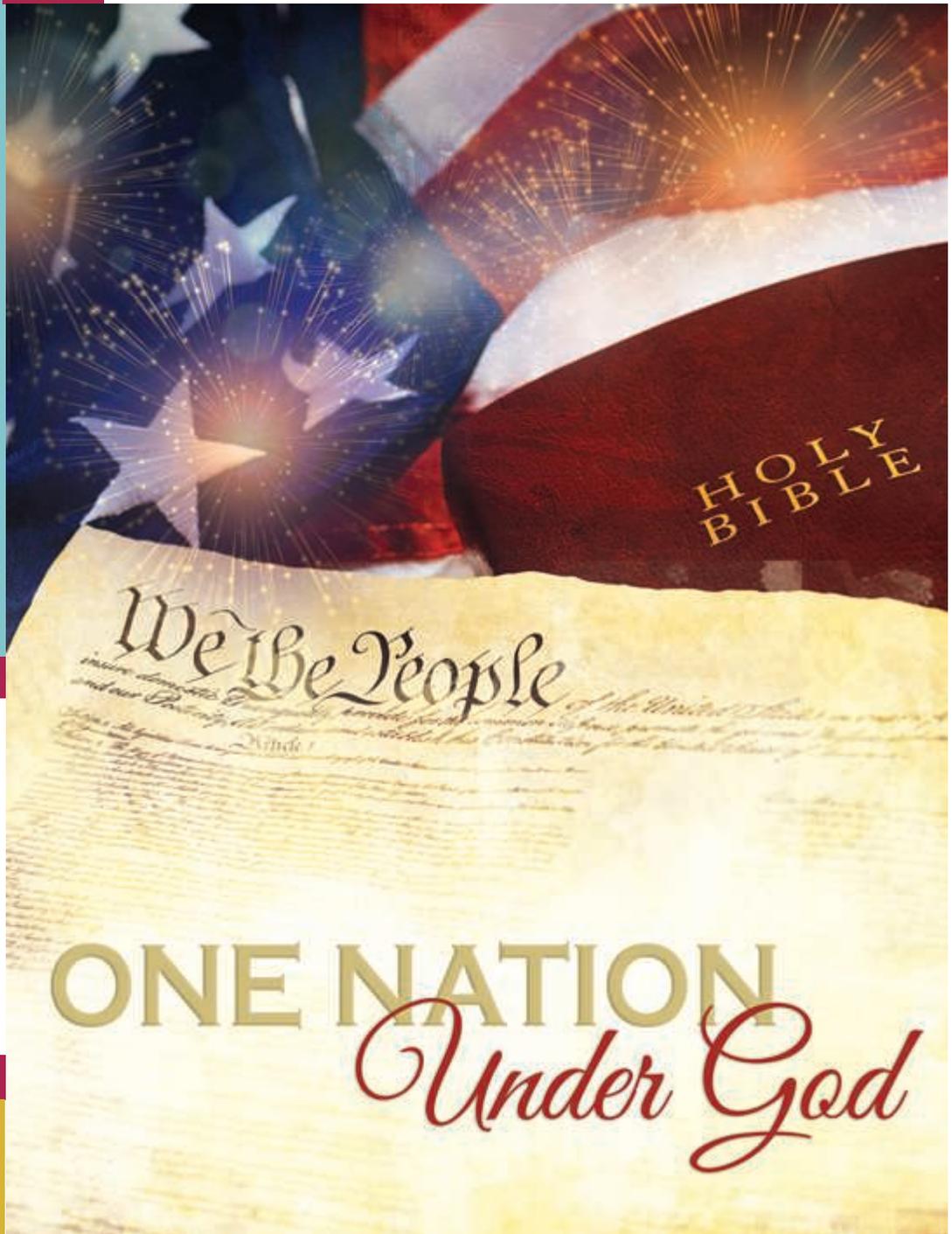
Saturday 3:45 pm at the church, or by appointment.

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee
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Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

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(978) 464-2871

Liturgical Committee
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(978) 464-2871

SCHEDULE/MASSES

Monday—Friday 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

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

Your talents are welcome. We encourage you to call a ministry chairperson to find out more about our on-going programs.

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, July 3rd

3:45 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, July 4th

8:30 AM Kwok Chu, requested by the Schmitt
Family

10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, July 5th

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

Tuesday, July 6th

8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, July 7th

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

Thursday, July 8th

8:30 AM Unrequested

Friday, July 9th

8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, July 10th

3:45 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Albert St. John, requested by the
Leroux Family

Sunday, July 11th

8:30 AM Unrequested

10:30 AM Unrequested

Religious Education Teachers Needed

If anyone is interested in helping to teach Religious Education this year, please email Sharon Bushway at sharonbushway@verizon.net or contact the rectory. Teachers are needed for First through 10th Grades.

Partners In Charity Update

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the *2021 Partners in Charity Appeal*. We are only \$5,000 away from our goal of \$36,100!! If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift yet, you can go on-line at www.partners-charity.net.

Staying Spiritually Fit

According to Larry Dossey, M.D., author of *Prayer is Good Medicine*, it is proven that people who pray regularly live longer and spend fewer health dollars. Prayer develops our relationship with God and thereby adds a deeper meaning to our lives. Prayer is both personal and communal with our church family. Start simply with prayers of thanks for each other, for our meals, and for another day.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4th, 2021

Dear Friends,

The Second Reading for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time this year is taken from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. He wrote, "Brothers and Sisters; That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this that it might leave me, but He said to me, my grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. I will rather boast most gladly of my weakness in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore, I am content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

May we be inspired by these words of St. Paul. He did not become a successful apostle by his own talents, but through the grace of God. St. Paul recognized and believed that he could not spiritually survive without the cross of Jesus. He was content to accept whatever the Lord gave to him and to do anything, "for the sake of Christ," to use his words.

As believers in God, we should also be willing to do anything for the sake of Christ. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for the grace to carry Jesus' cross courageously. May we constantly reflect upon the necessity of rejecting sin and preparing our souls for Jesus. As we become more like Jesus, we begin to serve the Lord by sharing our faith. In a merciful way, may people see the person of Jesus within our hearts.

Be well and be safe!

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock..." It's time to learn more about your Faith. It's time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Two weekends are being offered in 2021. A women's weekend October 14-17; and man's weekend on November 11-14. Go to www.fourthday.org and download an application today, or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information.

If anyone is interested in serving as an **Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, or Lector**, please contact Fr. Ed or email the office at princeofpeace@verizon.net.

Good News!

July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

Who do you think you are? This question is not always posed in a spirit of light-heartedness. It could be hurled at someone in indignation. This indignation might be justified; the other could be assuming an unwarranted attitude of superiority. However, the fault could be our own. We might resent another's genuine insight or unquestionable wisdom. There seems to be within some of us a sense of inferiority that is threatened by the abilities of others—as if their talents diminish those of us who feel inferior. And what do we do about this? We might ignore such an individual, implying that she or he has nothing that interests us. This probably happens more often than we like to admit. Or we might try to embarrass the person, thus lowering the individual in the estimation of others. This is how some people depicted in the Gospel passage acted toward Jesus.

Prophets are not people who only look into the future. Such people are called seers. Genuine prophets have insight into the present, understanding the implications of the social forces that are operative and the challenge they might pose to religious traditions. That's why they are so often resented. We see this attitude in the passage from Ezekiel. God sent him to a rebellious people to call them to repentance. Chances are, this did not make him popular. It also did not make Jesus popular with some.

So often we applaud people who have religious insight—unless we know them well. Then we may think: *You're no better than the rest of us. Who do you think you are?*

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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The collection for the weekend of June 26-27, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 920.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 175.00
Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Wedding Stipend	\$ 200.00
Peter's Pence Collection	\$ 70.00
Regular collection	<u>\$ 900.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,277.00

REGARDING THE TENNIS COURT

Tennis lessons for the summer will begin soon on the Prince of Peace Tennis Court through the generosity of Terry Hart. Since the lessons are on parish property, the guidelines for the Protection of Children **MUST** be adhered to. Only those who have been CORI'd and who have attended the Safe Environment Training Course run by the Diocese of Worcester are allowed on the court with the young people. If you need to be CORI'd, please contact the rector.

At all times, **NO** parents are allowed on the court with children who are not their own kids unless they have been CORI'd by the Diocese of Worcester.

Any failure to follow these rules will shut down the tennis court for tennis lessons for young people. Please follow the rules for everyone's safety and for the good of all.



PRAYER FOR THE NATION

*God of our forebears,
In tumultuous times our ancestors
Made their way
To a new land, seeking prosperity and peace.
The wealth of a new nation lay before them,
As well as the challenge to use wisely
The gifts of the good earth
And the industriousness of a people
Forged in the crucible of revolution
And the high-minded ideals of life and liberty.
Strengthen within us the pursuit of justice,
The desire for equality, the love of true freedom.
May all the citizens of our country
Work unceasingly to promote the common good
So that all may share in the pursuit of happiness
Sought by the founders of our land.
Amen*