



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
978-464-2871

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Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

Education Committee
(978) 464-2871

Liturgical Committee
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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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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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, July 17th
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Roland Laprade, requested by the Greeley Family

Sunday, July 18th
8:30 AM Albert St. John, requested by the Leroux Family
10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, July 19th
8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, July 20th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, July 21st
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book

Thursday, July 22nd
8:30 AM Unrequested

Friday, July 23rd
8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, July 24th
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, July 25th
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.

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.

Teach Children to be Safe at Home

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children. But being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not with them at home: Never answer the door if alone. Do not invite anyone in the house without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Don't tell anyone on the phone that your parents are not home. Instead tell them that your parents can't come to the phone, and take a message. For more tips, please visit www.kidsafe.com. For particular help, you may call Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 18th, 2021

Dear Friends,

During His public ministry, Jesus often encountered crowds of people. The gospel reading from Mark for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time this year describes one of those occasions, relating the concern that Jesus had for these people. In the last verse of this gospel passage, the evangelist wrote, "when he disembarked and sees the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them. For they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

In our lives, sometimes spiritually we feel like "sheep without a shepherd." We can struggle to be close to God while feeling overwhelmed by our personal daily routine. On these occasions, we need to pause and reflect upon the love of Jesus; manifested through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. If the Christian believer can spiritually embrace Jesus' love, he or she can be focused upon recommitting oneself to Christian service and thus become one with Jesus.

Christian discipleship is not about seeking the easy life. It involves a willingness to accept both our Lord's cross and His unconditional love. As we continue to reflect upon our personal journeys of faith in this world, may we be ready for this challenge.

Everything that we do should lead us to a process of saving souls and helping other folks to save theirs. May we pray that all Christians including ourselves will realize the importance of protecting and nourishing our souls; especially through prayer, worship, sacrifice, love and acts of charity. In faith, let us reject sin and those indifferent attitudes that often lead to sin. Again, the Church encourages us to be Christ-like. May we have the courage to do so. Be well and be safe!

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

REGARDING THE TENNIS COURT

Since the court is parish property, the guidelines for the Protection of Children **MUST** be adhered to. No one is allowed on the court with children who are not their own children unless they have attended the Safe Environment Training Course and have been CORI'd by the Diocese of Worcester. These rules are set down by the Bishops of the United States and monitored by the FBI for compliance. Any failure to follow these rules will shut down the tennis court. Please follow the rules for everyone's safety and for the good of all.

Good News!

July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

Follow the leader. This is not simply the name of a childhood game. It is actually an essential directive for living. We learn so many things in life because we followed someone. That is how we learned to read, to play a musical instrument, to speak another language, or to understand social behavior.

Many nations at the time of Jeremiah represented their kings as shepherds, leading the people to verdant pastures and restful waters. We see this in the art they left behind. However, many of the kings of Jeremiah's day were not good leaders—not attentive shepherds, nor faithful to God, who had entrusted the people to their care. Consequently, God stepped in to be their shepherd. This is the image of the divine shepherd found in the responsorial psalm. Jesus also characterized religious leaders as shepherds. He was distraught that the people were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34).

Is this situation different today? Many are eager to follow a leader, but which one? Ours is a multicultural, pluralistic, international society with innumerable viewpoints. Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed? Which worldly leaders should we follow? It's apparent that our leaders, both civic and religious, disagree on certain matters. What are we to do? The issue is not “with whom do I agree?” but rather “whose point of view makes me a better person? More compassionate? More understanding? More selfless? More Christlike?” Are we following the right leader?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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The collection for the weekend of July 3-4, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 750.00
Maintenance	\$ 123.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,435.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,308.00

The collection for the weekend of July 10-11, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 525.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 150.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 180.00
Maintenance	\$ 65.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,348.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,268.00

Electronic giving for the month of June, 2021, totaled \$2,780.00

134th Annual Novena to Saint Anne

*Celebrating the First World Day
For Grandparents and the Elderly*

July 18-26: 5:30 pm Confessions at St. Ann Church, 6:30 Rosary Procession from the Generations Statue in front of the Gift Shop; 7 pm Novena Mass in the Outdoor Pavilion. On the Feast of Sts. Anne and Joachim, Monday July 26th—Healing Mass at 11 am in the Pavilion and Closing Liturgy at 7 pm. Visit stannestpatrickparish.com for more information.

STAY 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.

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 close to making our goal of \$36,100, but still need your help. If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift yet, you can go on-line at www.partners-charity.net.