



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



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee
978-464-2871

Finance Council
Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

Education Committee
(978) 464-2871

Liturgical Committee
(978) 464-2871

Evangelization & Outreach Committee
(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

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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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 24th
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Unrequested
 Sunday, July 25th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 10:30 AM Unrequested
 Monday, July 26th
 8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
 Tuesday, July 27th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 Wednesday, July 28th
 8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line
 and in our Prayer Intention Book
 Thursday, July 29th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 Friday, July 30th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 Saturday, July 31st
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Unrequested
 Sunday, August 1st
 8:30 AM Anthony Kilinkas, requested by his
 Family
 10:30 AM Unrequested

Have you noticed? More parishioners have stepped forward to help with the maintenance of our beautiful property! The tree outside the front entrance to Church was in dire need of trimming, with several dead branches. *Charlie Doe* volunteered and did a wonderful job saving the beauty of that tree and our entrance! Also, the cross on the hill was barely visible with all the weeds and brush growing on it, and *Dan Greeley* took it upon himself to remedy that! Thank you to Charlie and Dan, and to all who give of their time and talents to keep our parish active and beautiful.

REGARDNG 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.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 25th, 2021

Dear Friends,

In today's second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, he wrote, "Brothers and Sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all and in all."

St. Paul is writing about God's personal call to each believer to embrace the reality of Christian discipleship. In this process, St. Paul challenges Christians to be humble, gentle and patient responding to people with God's love while preserving the unity and oneness of the faith.

May we accept the mission of the Roman Catholic Church: which is to teach, preach, and evangelize the message of Jesus Christ proclaimed through Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and Church Teaching. In a personal way, let us be committed to Jesus Christ. In the Gospel reading from John for this Sunday, Jesus manifested His love by feeding five thousand people. May we be inspired to share God's love with others, a love that has been graciously given to each of us by our dear and loving God.

*God's love and prayers always,
 Fr. Ed*

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Two stories today tell of people hungry for bread who amazingly receive more than enough. In both the first reading and the Gospel passage, a few loaves feed a multitude of people, and there are baskets of leftovers. How did this happen? Did the loaves multiply before their eyes? Did more food drop from heaven? Who of us would not have been thrilled to witness a miraculous feeding like that?

These stories are rich in religious meaning. First, they are meant to show that God meets the needs of vulnerable people—and meets those needs in ways only God can. Second, the surplus bread reveals the overabundance of divine graciousness. God gives us much more than we need. In other words, God's generosity is boundless. Third, these marvels don't just happen out of the blue. They occur through the agency of very ordinary people. In the first reading it is Elisha's unnamed servant who distributes the loaves. The miracle seems to happen in his very hands. In the Gospel passage it is the disciples of Jesus—ordinary, questioning people like you and me who gather up twelve baskets of leftovers.

Did this event really happen? Of course, it did. In fact, these kinds of occurrences continue today. God is continually meeting our needs. God's generosity is always boundless. And God still accomplishes marvelous things in our lives through very ordinary people. The problem is that we often fail to realize this. We sometimes wish to see loaves of bread miraculously appear.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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Due to vacation schedules, the finance report for the weekend of July 17-18, 2021, will be printed in an upcoming bulletin.

REST AND RELAXATION

For several decades now there has been a debate about the number of hours and the days of vacation afforded to Americans versus workers in most European countries. While Europeans are famous for their month-long vacations in August, workers in the United States enjoy a series of three-day weekends throughout the year, in addition to shorter vacation time. No matter which side of the discussion you come down on, the reality is that leisure time used well benefits a person both physically and psychologically. Finding the right balance between job, family, hobbies, friends, and personal time is something that each of us strives for. When is the last time you checked your balance?

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.

EMMANUEL RADIO BOOK OFFER

Summer greetings from 1230AM, 970AM, and 101.1FM Emmanuel Radio! God knows you deserve a summer vacation this year, but don't take a vacation FROM him. Help bring the Mass, Holy Rosary and Catholic programs to you and others in need of His word this summer by donating at 508-767-1230, online at www.1230radio.cm, or mail Emmanuel Radio, PO Box 20027, Worcester, MA 01602. Donors of \$40 or more receive a free copy of "Do Something Beautiful for God: The Essential Teaching of Mother Teresa." Great summer reading.

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.