



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

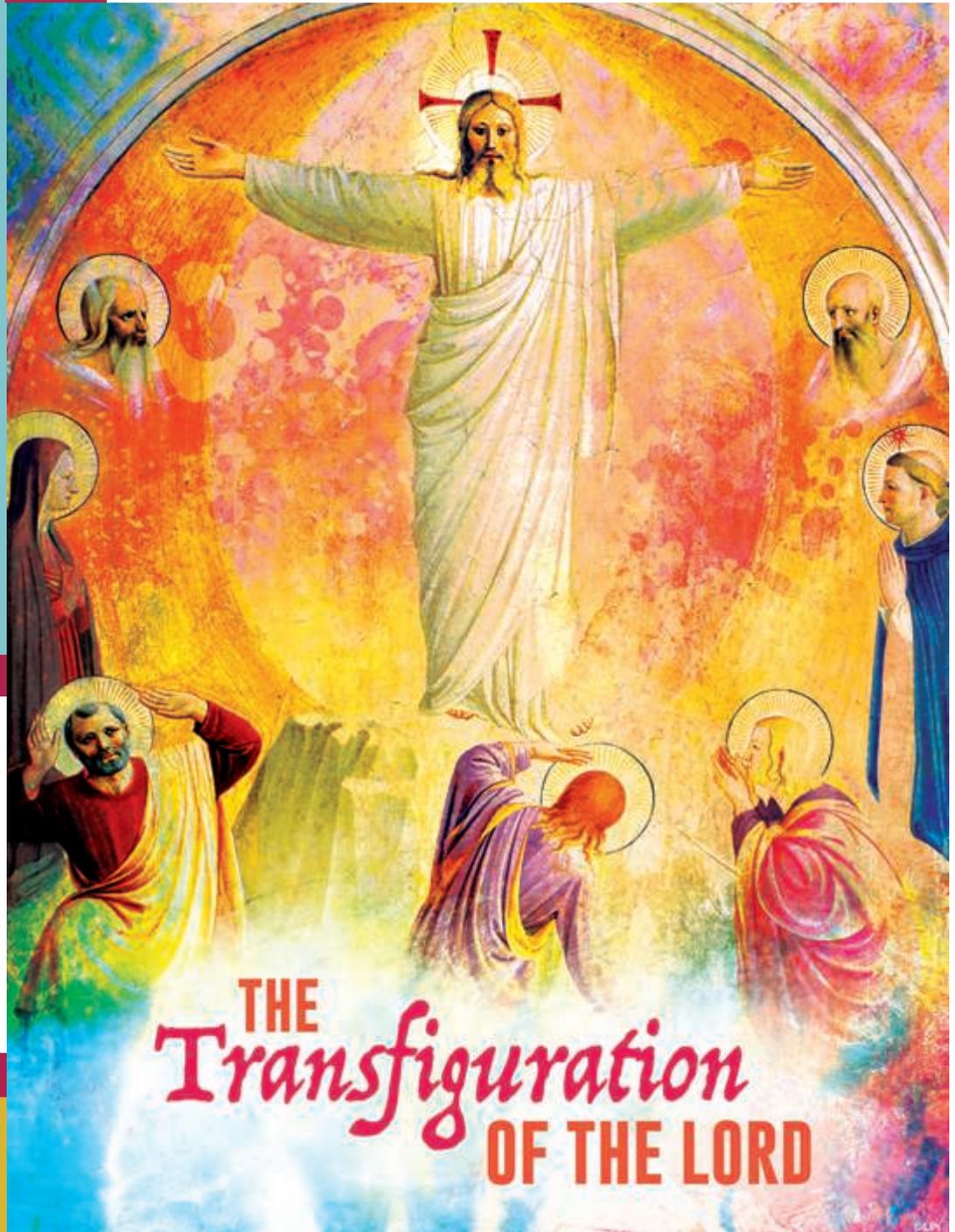
Saturday 3:45 pm at the church, or by appointment.

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee
978-464-2871

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

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

Mass Intentions for the Week



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
Monday, August 2nd
8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, August 3rd
8:30 AM Unrequested
Wednesday, August 4th
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book
Thursday, August 5th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Friday, August 6th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Saturday, August 7th
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested
Sunday, August 8th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM Fr. Robert Brusio

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next weekend, **August 7/8**, churches in the Diocese of Worcester will take up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. "Restore the Church—Build the Future" is the theme for this year's collection. A letter from Bishop McManus regarding this important collection is available online and was emailed through the Flocknote app. Please give generously to this vital ministry. A separate collection basket will be available at the back of Church at all Masses next weekend.

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.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1st, 2021

Dear Friends,

In the gospel reading from John for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, when asked by the crowds, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus responded, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the One he sent."

As baptized Roman Catholics, we are challenged by the Church to believe in Jesus with a fervency and perseverance that allows us to be the Lord's faithful follower. Regularly, may we commit ourselves to the person of Jesus. We should never be satisfied in being a part-time believer. With regards to our faith, may we move beyond that complacency which prohibits us from accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

As we contemplate the reality of Jesus being the "Bread of Life," let us reflect upon these last few words of this gospel reading. "Whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst." In a spiritual sense, may prayer and worship be prominent in our lives. While attending Holy Mass, let us invoke the Holy Spirit to help us to be truly devoted to the Holy Eucharist.

In faith, hope, and love, may we come to Jesus and graciously lead folks into His loving arms. The essence of Christian discipleship is to share our faith by bringing Jesus to those placed in our lives with a spirit of love, filled with compassion and tenderness. Be well and be safe.

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life

A 30-week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and lay people experienced in Ignatian prayer. The program will begin on September 28, 2021. Each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes long and will include reflection, direction, and a presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church, Worcester, at 6:30 pm, in the lower church hall.

Information nights will be held on Tuesday, August 17th at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's upper Church, and on Wednesday, August 25th at 6:30 pm at St. Richard's Church in Sterling. Information about the retreat and application forms are available at www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com. Info is also available by email at worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

Good News!

August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Last week's stories about bread take a very different turn this week. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the bread theme as a metaphor. Here bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs. Jesus employs a method of interpretation favored by the rabbis of his day. He refers to a passage from the religious tradition (the passage that happens to be the first reading for today), and then, step by step, explains its meaning for the people of his day. His "homily" is really a response to the challenge from those who demanded a sign that would give evidence of the authority with which he spoke.

Those who challenged Jesus did so after they had been filled by the bread that he earlier miraculously provided. Jesus knew they weren't looking for signs of the presence of God in their midst. They simply wanted more food.

Jesus pointed out that the people of Moses' time had been called to trust that, day by day, God would provide them with food—as impossible as that might have seemed. Likewise, Jesus' hearers were called to trust his claims about his unique relationship with God, whom he called Father—as impossible as that might have seemed. This really isn't a story just about bread—the edible kind or the eucharistic kind. It is a story about believing in Jesus and accepting his teaching about the bread from heaven that promises eternal life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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The collection for the weekend of July 17-18, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 240.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 295.00
Advanced	\$ 70.00
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Religious Ed Registration	\$ 60.00
Yearly	\$ 500.00
Ascension	\$ 20.00
Assumption	\$ 5.00
Regular collection	<u>\$ 855.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,095.00

The collection for the weekend of July 24-25, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$1,000.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 50.00
Advanced	\$ 225.00
Maintenance	\$ 55.00
Religious Ed Registration	\$ 20.00
Assumption	\$ 8.00
Regular collection	<u>\$ 835.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,273.00

ADORATION IN GARDNER

Annunciation Parish is adding a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday evenings at Holy Spirit Church, 50 Lovewell St., at the request of a number of parishioners. Everyone is welcome—including anyone who is regularly attending Adoration in another parish or looking for an additional weekly opportunity to spend with the Lord. Begins on Monday, August 2nd, from 6-8 pm, and will continue weekly.

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.

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. As of the end of July, we are \$4,085 away from our goal. If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift yet, you can go on-line at www.partners-charity.net.