



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

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

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway

19th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

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**"I am the bread of life.
Your ancestors ate the
manna in the desert, but
they died; this is the bread
that comes down from
heaven so that one may
eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50**

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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.

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, August 7th
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Unrequested
 Sunday, August 8th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 10:30 AM Fr. Robert Brusio
 Monday, August 9th
 8:30 AM Special Intention
 Tuesday, August 10th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 Wednesday, August 11th
 8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line
 and in our Prayer Intention Book
 Thursday, August 12th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 Friday, August 13th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 Saturday, August 14th
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Unrequested
 Sunday, August 15th
 8:30 AM Fr. Tom Schmitt, requested by the
 Schmitt Family
 10:30 AM Kathi Trow, requested by Denis and
 Priscilla Coughlin

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 8th, 2021

Dear Friends,

As people of faith, we are challenged by Almighty God to become holy. Through the love of God, we receive sufficient grace to embrace holiness. As we contemplate and reflect upon this gift of God within our hearts, may we believe that we can be holy.

In dealing with the experiences of daily living, may we remain focused on our faith and on our personal relationship with God. We need to accept the opportunity to attend Holy Mass each weekend while rejecting those indifferent attitudes that can lead us away from God. We are responsible to God for the way that we live. Let us ponder these questions: Are we preparing our souls for Jesus, and does the salvation of our souls mean as much as it should?

With faith and trust in God, may we reflect upon these questions, and be willing to make the necessary adjustments that allow us to be faithful to Jesus. In prayer, let us call upon the power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Our Lady to help us be servants of Jesus' love.

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity, the personification of the love that the Eternal Father and Jesus have for each other, is given to us to be our sanctifier leading us to holiness. Also, Jesus from the cross gave us His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be our spiritual mother. She wishes to lead us to her Son. In faith, hope, love, prayer, and reflection, may we allow Her to do so. Be well and be safe!

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

The Prevalence of Abuse in Society

In surveys of adults, one out of five women and one out of ten men reported that they were sexually molested before they were 18 years old. This means that an estimated 40 million adult survivors of child sexual abuse are living in the United States today. An estimated 9.6% of all school children will be molested by an educator or an employee of a school between kindergarten and 12th grade. Between 13 and 34% of all females will be victims of sexual assault before the age of 18, and 7 to 16% of all males will also be victimized before they are 18. For particular help you may call: Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363
 Source: D. Finkelhor, "Current Information on the Scope and Nature of Child Sexual Abuse," *The Future of Children* 2 (1994): 31-53.

Partners In Charity Update

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the *2021 Partners in Charity Appeal*. If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift yet, you can go on-line at www.partners-charity.net.

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 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Live in Love. Now that's an exhortation that should be easy to follow, because everyone wants to love and to be loved. However, it's not as easy as it appears. Today's second reading contains a list of offenses against love: "bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling" (Ephesians 4:31). Even those we should love the most can so annoy us that we lose control and might respond with bitterness or shouting. Furthermore, this exhortation is difficult because we are told to refrain from such anger toward people we don't even know or those we don't like.

We are to show kindness toward everyone. How can we ever do this? We might not have the courage or the desire. We are, after all, just weak human beings. True, but we have been "sealed for the day of redemption" with the "holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30). For the Jewish people, the Spirit of God referred to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. This means that the dynamic power of God is with us to transform us from bitter, angry people to be "imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

Because this *is* the case, because this transforming power *is* available to us, why don't we allow it to transform us and, in so doing, transform our world? Why is the world in such disarray? Why is there so much violence, oppression, and despair? Why are the most vulnerable among us often preyed upon? If we so desperately want to give and receive love, then why don't we?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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The collection for the weekend of July 31-August 1, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 925.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 115.00
Maintenance	\$ 61.00
Religious Ed Registration	\$ 135.00
Church in Central Europe	\$ 65.00
Assumption	\$ 10.00
Regular collection	\$ 993.00
Total Collection	\$2,304.00

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This 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 on-line and was emailed through the Flocknote app. Please give generously to this vital ministry. A separate collection basket is available at the back of Church at all Masses this weekend.

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.

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. Adoration will continue every Monday, from 6-8 pm.,

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"