



# 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

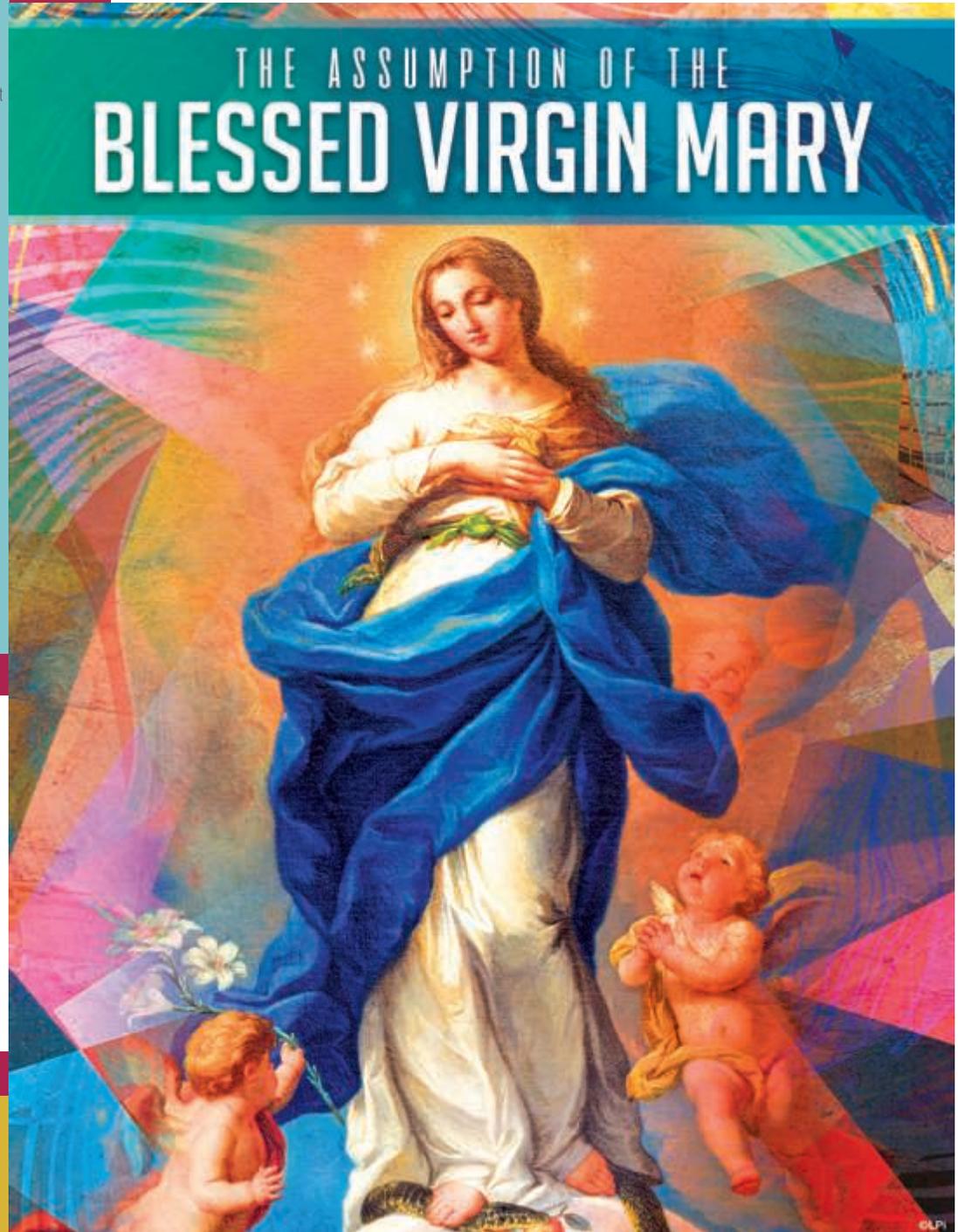
Holy Days/Feast Day 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

**Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor**

#### STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



**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 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 Priscilla and Denis Coughlin

Monday, August 16th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, August 17th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, August 18th  
 8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book

Thursday, August 19th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Friday, August 20th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, August 21st  
 3:45 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Bob Marsh, requested by his Family

Sunday, August 22nd  
 8:30 AM David Schmitt, Jr. and Aubrey Schmitt, requested by the Schmitt Family  
 10:30 AM Unrequested



The collection for the weekend of August 7-8, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 825.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 40.00
Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Religious Ed Registration	\$ 270.00
Church in Central Europe	\$ 90.00
Assumption	\$ 150.00
Regular collection	<u>\$ 898.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,393.00

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Registration forms for all of the Religious Education classes this fall were due on August 9th. We still have a few families who have not returned their forms. Please submit your registration form **ASAP** so that materials can be ordered. You can email the form to princeofpeace@verizon.net.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 15th, 2021

Dear Friends,

*This year the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption in its Sunday Liturgy. The Blessed Mother was assumed body and soul into Heaven. As the Church celebrates this event, Our Lady is honored for her love and faithfulness to God. Let us remember her response to the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. Having been asked to be the Mother of God's Son through the power of the Holy Spirit, and then being told that her relative Elizabeth had conceived in her old age, Mary responded, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me, according to your word." (Luke 1:38)*

*In Our Lady's response, her humility and trust in God is very profound. It was the beginning of the process that allowed Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the World through His passion, death, and resurrection. Mary, along with St. Joseph, protected the young life of Jesus helping Him to prepare for His sacrifice.*

*Jesus embraced His mother's love and that should inspire us to seek out Our Lady's motherly love. I wonder, are we willing to be "her little child," and allow her to bring us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit? As we attempt to personally answer these questions, let us listen to Jesus from the cross. "When Jesus saw his Mother and the disciple whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'woman behold your son' then he said to the disciple, 'behold your mother.' and from that hour, the disciple took her into his home." (John 19-26-27)*

*As Jesus gave us His mother, she became the Spiritual Mother of all humanity, and St. John the Apostle accepted Mary as his mother. Like John, may we allow Our Lady to be our mother. She will nourish us and strengthen our faith through the power of the Holy Spirit, leading us to Jesus. May we have the courage, strength and trust to always say yes to our dear Blessed Mother.*

*God's love and prayers always,*

*Fr. Ed*

*"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."*

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"*

# Good News!

August 15, 2021

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)*  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27;  
Lk 1:39-56

Today's readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet" (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing "aloud in pain as she labored to give birth" (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant.

When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to "Push!" The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as "the birth pangs of the Messiah."

Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich "sent away empty" (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet."

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

The Catholic Church believes that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her life.

We believe in the resurrection of bodies that decay after death; Mary needs no resurrection of the body because hers was preserved from corruption. She was assumed into heaven.

The belief is a counterpart to the Catholic belief in the immaculate conception. To prepare a womb for the coming for the Word-Made-Flesh, God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment of her conception. Mary did not experience any sin—including original sin, which leads to further sin and death. Hence, sinless (immaculate) Mary did not experience death as other mortals do. She was assumed into heaven.

The preface for this day was composed after the Second Vatican Council. It includes these ideas about Mary as well as another idea about the church: we are a pilgrim people. This image was enshrined in the Council's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*. The entire church makes a pilgrimage toward heaven. Mary, who achieved this goal, is a sign of hope and comfort for everyone else along the way. She is the beginning and the image of the church as it comes to perfection.

*~Paul Turner*

### Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

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](http://www.fourthday.org), or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information.

### 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](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com). Info is also available by email at [worcspex19@gmail.com](mailto:worcspex19@gmail.com) or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.