



# 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

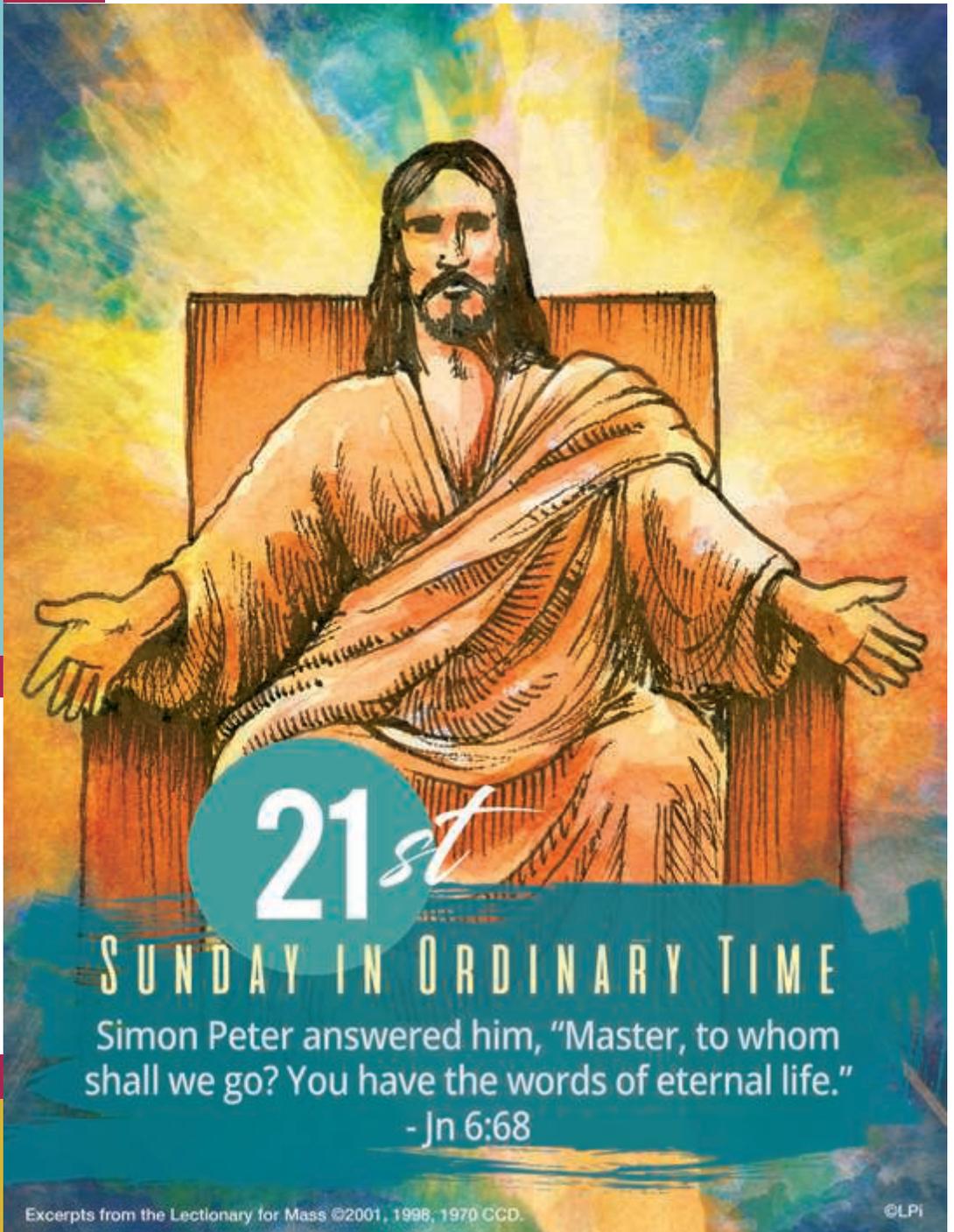
Saturday 3:45 pm at the church, or by appointment.

### Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

#### STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development 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

# 21<sup>st</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

- Jn 6:68

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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, 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

Monday, August 23rd  
 8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 24th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, August 25th  
 8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book

Thursday, August 26th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Friday, August 27th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, August 28th  
 3:45 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Rita and Al Primeau, requested by the Greeley Family

Sunday, August 29th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 10:30 AM Unrequested



The collection for the weekend of August 14-15, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 600.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 40.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
CCD	\$ 5.00
Church in Central Europe	\$ 5.00
Assumption	\$ 120.00
Catholic Schools Appeal	\$ 10.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,093.00</u>
Total Collection	\$1,898.00

**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](http://www.partners-charity.net).

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 22nd, 2021

Dear Friends,

*The Sixth Chapter of the Gospel of John begins with Jesus feeding more than five thousand people from five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus' wonderful miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fish that fed so many folks causes the people to come to Jesus in Capernaum. Jesus proclaimed to them, "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen (me) you do not believe." (John 6:35-37) Jesus continued, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me." (John 38,39)*

*Many of the folks listening to Jesus will not believe that He came down from heaven or that He is "the Bread of Life." When Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven and whoever eats this bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51), the Jews will not believe. Jesus responded, "Amen, amen I say to you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him" (John 6:53-51)*

*The gospel reading for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time is a continuation of Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. Along with the Jews, some of Jesus' disciples cannot accept this teaching of Jesus and many of them leave Jesus. When Jesus asked the twelve apostles if they wanted to leave Him, Simon Peter said, "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69)*

*We as Roman Catholics have been given the opportunity to receive the person of Jesus, body and blood, soul and divinity, each time we receive Holy Communion. I wonder, do we believe in this sacred presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist? If not, one must seek out the inspiration of the Holy Spirit through personal prayer. Again, our faith is about personal belief. Let us continue to move beyond the indifference and discouragement that is all around us. May we accept God and His personal love for us. When you have the opportunity, read and reflect upon Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. Be well and be safe!*

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

# Good News!

August 22, 2021

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32

or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

One can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: red or green? Others are much more important: To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be—trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God. Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: “As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus’ declaration of himself as “the bread of life” (John 6:35) troubled many people. It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim, left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: “Do you also want to leave?” Speaking for all, Peter replied: “Master, to whom shall we go?” (John 6:67-68). How might you answer?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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## COLLECTION FOR HAITI

The Diocese of Worcester has asked all parishes in the Diocese to take up a collection for disaster assistance in the Diocese of Les Cayes. The epicenter of last weekend’s earthquake in Haiti was in Les Cayes, a diocese with which we have had a long association. For more than 25 years, the Diocese has had a covenant of support with the Diocese of Les Cayes. The students our parish sponsored for many years are from the Diocese of Les Cayes. *A special collection basket will be at the back of Church this weekend and next for anyone wishing to donate to this collection, or if it is easier, you may mail a donation to the rectory.* We plan to send in our parish donation by the end of August. Please keep Haiti in your prayers, and thank you for your continued generosity.

## **Fall Festival in Westminster**

Welcome to the Fall Festival at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 10 Church St., Westminster, on **Saturday, September 18, from 10 am to 6 pm.** Join us for a day of bargains in attic treasures, jewelry/gems room, 10-15 craft/boutique vendors, grocery wheel, Eddie’s Auction & Theme Baskets, raffles and games. Chicken BBQ at noon. Free parking. (Attic Treasures early bird entry at 9:30 am, \$5.) Visit [www.stedwardconf.org](http://www.stedwardconf.org) for details.

**STEWARDSHIP NOTE:** “Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” (James 1:22) It’s easy to understand the definition of stewardship—living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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](mailto:princeofpeace@verizon.net).

“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”*