



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

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

22nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."

- Mk 7:14-15

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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 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

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

Tuesday, August 31st
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, September 1st
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Thursday, September 2nd
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Friday, September 3rd
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, September 4th
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, September 5th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 10:30 AM Unrequested



The collection for the weekend of August 21-22, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 45.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 95.00
Maintenance	\$ 35.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 20.00
Church in Central Europe	\$ 20.00
Assumption	\$ 20.00
Haiti Special Appeal	\$ 875.00
Regular collection	\$ 781.00
Total Collection	\$1,891.00

Partners In Charity Update

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the *2021 Partners in Charity Appeal*. Our last recorded gift was received August 9, 2021, bringing our total raised to **\$32,715** toward our goal of \$36,100. **The 2021 Appeal closes on Tuesday, August 31st.** If you have not had the opportunity to make a gift yet, please go on-line at www.partners-charity.net as soon as possible. Thank you.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29th, 2021

Dear Friends,

In the gospel reading from Mark for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, Jesus and His disciples are questioned by the Pharisees and some scribes for eating without purifying their hands. Jesus responded by saying, "Hear me, all of you and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person, but things that come from within are what defile. From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

As Christian believers, Jesus challenges us to follow Him in faith and reject sin. These evil actions mentioned in this gospel reading from Mark are sins that defile the human soul and must be avoided at all cost.

Unfortunately, many of the evil actions are prevalent in the world and they come from the capital sins of pride, jealousy, wrath, greed, lust, sloth, and gluttony.

With trust in God's presence among us, may we regularly examine our consciences in a determined way to be sure that we have not committed any serious sins. Sometimes we accept the reality of evil without being fully aware of it. Blasphemy, evil thoughts, deceitful actions, and arrogant attitudes can be serious sins that come from pride and jealousy. Unchastity, adultery and licentiousness result when one is overcome by lust. Murders often occur when people become so angry that their anger causes feelings of wrath or anger toward others. For some, murder can be an act of convenience. Greed and gluttony can cause sinful actions, while laziness often results when people are overcome with sloth.

During these days, let us continually seek out the love of God through prayer, worship, and Christian charity. In this process, we must reject sin and all of its horror, being aware of spiritually protecting our souls. May we pray to Our Triune God, Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. Michael, and our guardian angel for protection from evil. Be well and be safe!

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

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.

Electronic giving for the month of July, 2021, was \$2,355.00.

Good News!

August 29, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Law versus values. That is a very difficult choice to place before people. Why can't we choose both? Actually, that is the ideal.

Law is a legislated way that a group lives out a value. We value safe highways, and so we legislate traffic regulations, speed limits, and so forth. We value communal prayer, and so we devise liturgical calendars and worship ceremonies. Usually, the way we live out a value changes more frequently than the value itself. However, it often happens that people become so attached to a custom or law, though unfamiliar with the underlying value it embodies, that a change of custom becomes very disruptive. This certainly happened in the Church after the Second Vatican Council, which took place in the 1960s.

This seems to be the source of tension in today's Gospel scene. Washing hands before eating was a ritual custom here, not just a hygienic one. It probably originated with priests who bloodied their hands while sacrificing animals. Eventually, ritual washing became one of the 613 customs that Pharisees expected every Jewish man to observe. Referred to as "a hedge around the law," such customs served to ensure the law itself was protected and would not be broken. Jesus' disciples did not observe this ritual, and so they were criticized.

Jesus immediately came to their defense. He did not disparage the value of appropriate ritual behavior. Rather, he accused his opponents of clinging to out-of-date practices while disregarding underlying values. Practices are external; values are internal. Laws and customs can change; fundamental principles and standards endure.

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 the latest 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 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

*God, who made all things,
Who established the foundation of the world,
Set the heavens in motion and the stars alight,
And gives life to every creature,
Open my mind at the beginning of this school year
That I may have a better understanding
Of all that you have made.
Help me learn more about your creation
So that I may be a better steward of all you gave me.
Help me learn more about your people,
So that I may help to build a better society
Founded upon your law and guided by your truth.
Help me learn more about your love,
So that I may show your compassion and kindness
To those who are in need.
Help me to learn.
Amen*

DRINKING WATER QUALITY

Speaker Series — Sept. 9, 2021

Princeton's Environment Acton Committee is pleased to announce that it will host a 2021 Environmental Speaker Series, presenting expert voices on various environment topics of interest and relevance to Princeton residents. "Drinking Water Quality: Well testing and best practices for water supply protection," will take place via a GoToMeeting webinar on Thursday, Sept. 9th, at 7:00 pm. For details email PrincetonEAC@gmail.com or visit the EAC committee webpage.