



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

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  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, October 2nd
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested
Sunday, October 3rd
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM Unrequested
Monday, October 4th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Tuesday, October 5th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Wednesday, October 6th
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, October 7th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Friday, October 8th
8:30 AM For the intentions on our prayer line
and in our Prayer Intention Book
Saturday, October 9th
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested
Sunday, October 10th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM Unrequested

Saint John's, Shrewsbury, is offering two **Open Houses**—Saturday, **October 16, 9-11:30 am**, and Tuesday, **November 9, 6-8:30 pm**. Visit stjohnshigh.org/admissions/openhouse for info.

Notre Dame Academy Fall Open House, Sunday, **October 17th**, 1-3 pm. Register online at www.nda-worc.org/admissions. Meet faculty, students and parents, and tour classrooms and campus. Discover the difference at Notre Dame Academy.

Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide

The Mass. State Legislature is considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session which would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. *"The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts stand united in our strong opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. It is an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not to hasten death."* Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter and say NO Physician Assisted Suicide. Log on to www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information. If you do not have internet access, call 617-746-5630 for contact info.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 3rd, 2021

Dear Friends,

Each year in the Catholic Church in the United States, the month of October is designated as Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday. May we consider the moral necessity that Roman Catholics have to respect all human life from conception to natural death. In the culture in which we live, we are constantly challenged to reject the "Pro-Choice rhetoric" that promotes the destruction of innocent human life.

In this year of St. Joseph, may we seek out the intercession of St. Joseph to help us to embrace this necessity of protecting all human life. St. Joseph protected the life of the infant Jesus and the Blessed Mother in a profound and loving way. May this wonderful saint help us to promote the sanctity of all human life.

In our second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, the writer describes a brief description of Jesus' role as savior. It says, "Brothers and Sisters: He for a little while was made lower than the angels, that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he for whom and through whom all things exist in bringing many children to glory should make the leader to their salvation perfect through suffering."

In our prayer, let us constantly thank Jesus for His sacrifice. Jesus willingly atoned for the sins of humanity including our own. Let us never "take for granted" what Jesus has done for us. We are blessed. We have "life in His name" (John 20:31). With much fervency and perseverance, may we accept God's blessings, reject sin, and be faithful to Him as we continue our personal journey of faith. May a respect for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death be part of this process. Be well and be safe!

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, October 3rd:

Grades 1-6 will meet for class from **9:30 am to 10:15 am** in the Church hall.

Grades 7-10 will meet for class from **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** at the Rectory.

Confirmation candidates will meet for class from **5:00 pm to 6:00 pm** on the Rectory porch.

No classes next Sunday, October 10th.

Good News!

October 3, 2021

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word ezer is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as “helper” or “helpmate,” thus making the woman an addition to the man. The *Lectio-nary* translates the word as “suitable partner,” emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority.

Another important Hebrew word is *bad*, usually translated as “alone.” A common meaning is “separated from,” implying incompleteness in a relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones.

The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus’ interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking.

Today’s readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships and to nurture them by respecting our partners.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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The collection for the weekend of September 25-26, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 700.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 715.00
Maintenance	\$ 17.00
Catholic School Appeal	\$ 75.00
Mission Appeal Franciscan	\$ 130.00
Regular collection	\$ 939.00
Total Collection:	\$2,576.00

EIGHTH ANNUAL CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD TASTE OF THE DIOCESE GALA

For the past seven years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called “*Celebrate Priesthood—Taste of the Diocese*” as a benefit for Retired Priest’s Care. We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics. On **Thursday, October 28, 2021**, we are planning an in-person **Taste of the Diocese** event preceded by live presentations to be streamed online for those who cannot gather with us in person. We are excited to announce a new venue for this year! **Saint Paul Diocesan Jr/Sr High School** will host our tasting event in the newly refurbished gymnasium and the live presentations will be streamed on the internet from the Burke Auditorium. Attendees can attend both events or simply drop in at any time for the tasting in the gymnasium. To make a donation, buy tickets, or get more information to place an advertisement, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org, or call Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368.

Bereavement Support Group

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, West Boylston, will hold its next six-part series of “A New Day Ministry” beginning **Monday, Oct. 18th from 1-2:30 pm**. For more information or to register (required prior to start of sessions) call Renate Isbell at 508-835-3286.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock...” It’s time to learn more about your Faith. It’s time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. 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 and download an application today, or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information.