



# 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



## 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” - Mk 13:31

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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  for the  
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, November 13th  
 3:45 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Norman Emmons, requested by  
 Priscilla & Denis Coughlin

Sunday, November 14th  
 8:30 AM Alice Ovian  
 10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, November 15th  
 8:30 AM Jim Sicard

Tuesday, November 16th  
 8:30 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory, requested  
 by Gino and Anita Masciari

Wednesday, November 17th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Thursday, November 18th  
 8:30 AM McEnaney Family

Friday, November 19th  
 8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line  
 and in our Prayer Intention Book

Saturday, November 20th  
 3:45 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, November 21st  
 8:30 AM Cecilia & Anthony Laconte and  
 Family  
 10:30 AM Unrequested

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Sunday, November 14th:**

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.

***Bake Sale***

Mrs. Zgurzynski's religious education class will be doing a BAKE SALE as a service project to support the students in Haiti on the weekend of **November 20th and 21st**.

**FOOD PANTRY**



All items for the St. Joan of Arc food pantry **must be in this weekend**. May God bless you for your generosity.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 14, 2021

Dear Friends,

*In two weeks, on the weekend of November 27 and 28, the Church begins a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. As we celebrate another Advent Season, may we reflect upon our relationship with God by meditating on these questions: Are we willing to become more like Jesus as we live each day? Most importantly, does my personal salvation and the salvation of all souls challenge me to be faithful to the Lord's message of love and mercy? Am I spiritually ready to meet the Lord? Let us seriously ponder these questions as we live out our belief in Jesus.*

*As the Christian believer contemplates the spiritual state of his or her soul, may God's grace lead us to the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance. Celebrating Holy Mass and receiving the Sacrament of Penance is the best way to spiritually prepare for Christmas. In these two sacraments the believer encounters and experiences the love and mercy of God.*

*Let us make the changes in our life that bring the person of Jesus into the center of our lives. With profound faith, may we reject sin and those occasions that lead to sin. In hope, let us embrace the self-sacrificing, unconditional love of God, having the courage to consistently share God's love with all those whom He places in our lives. Be well and be safe!*

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well...Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "An Adoption Love Story" (respectlife.org/adoption-love-story)*

**Campaign for Human Development**

Next weekend, November 20-21, there will be a Special Collection Basket at the back of Church at all Masses to support the Campaign for Human Development. This collection is the primary source of funding for the CCHD's anti-poverty and education programs. *75% of the collection stays here in our diocese!* For more information about the CCHD and the scope of poverty in America, please visit [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org).

If anyone is interested in serving as a **Eucharistic Minister, or Lector**, please contact Fr. Ed or email the office at [princeofpeace@verizon.net](mailto:princeofpeace@verizon.net).

# Good News!

November 14, 2021

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

In Those Days...This phrase is frequently found in the writings of the prophets. While it sometimes points to a future time of peace and happiness, it often portends imminent fear and trembling, as it does in today's readings. Both Daniel and Jesus speak of the suffering that will precede the end of the world. This suffering is often called the "birth pangs of the Messiah" (Matthew 24:8; Mark 13:8; John 16:21). This apt metaphor includes both life-threatening distress and wondrous joy over new birth. Pain and subsequent happiness are both described in today's readings.

The author of Daniel may be referring to the end of the whole world but is probably also presenting that in terms of the end of his own world, which would have included the suffering and even death of Jews who remained faithful under persecution. Some interpreters suggest Jesus is speaking similarly. That is, he is using a familiar figure of speech that characterizes suffering as birth pangs. According to this metaphor, there might be terrible suffering, but at the end there is utter happiness.

Both Daniel and Jesus seek to encourage their hearers to remain faithful even in the face of torment, for new life can come out of such suffering. This is a message we all need to hear. Suffering is a reality in every life. How do we endure it? Does it sour us, break us down? Or do we come out of it new people, more sensitive and understanding? It is up to us.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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The collection for the weekend of November 6-7, 2021, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 620.00
Make Up Envelopes	\$ 40.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 60.00
Maintenance	\$ 130.00
Higher Energy Costs	\$ 125.00
All Saints	\$ 15.00
Camp. For Human Dev.	\$ 35.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,589.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$2,614.00

Electronic giving for the Month of October was \$2,248.00

Legacy of Hope distribution in October was \$2,040.10.

**Sacred Relics of the Saints** will be presented on November 28th at 2 pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Webster. Exposition includes presentation and opportunity to venerate the relics.

## CHRISTMAS FAIRS

**St. John the Baptist Parish, East Brookfield, Saturday, November 20th** from 9 am to 2 pm in the Parish Hall, 131 Blaine Ave. Enjoy Christmas items, baked goods, pies, cookies, fudge, raffle baskets, lottery tree and more!

**St. Joseph's Fitchburg, Christmas Fair, Saturday, December 4th**, from 9 am to 4 pm, in the church hall, 49 Woodland St. Raffles, food, games, crafts!

**Mary Queen of the Rosary, Spencer, Saturday, December 4th**, 8:30 am-2 pm in Church hall. Features crafts and second chance treasures, home baked treats, lunch Café, poinsettias, raffles and a lottery tree raffle.

**St. Joseph Parish, Auburn, Saturday, December 4th**, 9 am—2 pm at Parish Center. Enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas Bazaar, check out collectibles, attic treasures, plants, jewelry, knit goods, and so much more!

**St. Christopher Church, Worcester, Saturday, December 4th**, 9 am—3 pm, featuring food, raffles, flea market, crafts, jewelry, baked goods and much more!