



# 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 -4:00-4:30 pm at the church or by appointment.

### Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

#### STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said to them,  
"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

- Jn 6:35

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee  
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Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

Education Committee  
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Liturgical Committee  
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### SCHEDULE/MASSES

Mon—Wed, Friday, ..... 8:30 am

Saturday ..... 4:30 pm

Sunday ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

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

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 4th  
 4:00-4:30 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Anthony Kilenskias, requested by  
 Jeannette Marsh

Sunday, August 5th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested  
 10:30 AM For our Parish and its Parishioners

Monday, August 6th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, August 7th  
 8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line  
 and in our Prayer Intention Book

Wednesday, August 8th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Friday, August 10th  
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, August 11th  
 4:00-4:30 PM Confessions  
 4:30 PM Kwok Chiu Chu, Sue Schmitt's  
 father, requested by Jay and Caroline  
 Perry

Sunday, August 12th  
 8:30 AM For the Holy Souls  
 10:30 AM Unrequested

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

Those students who have completed the 9th and 10th grade program or have been enrolled in a Catholic School for these grades, and who wish to be a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation this Fall, should write a letter to Fr. Ed, requesting to be part of the program. The letter is due at the rectory by noon on **Sunday, August 26th**. Also, candidates should be thinking of whom you will choose to be your sponsor for the Sacrament. It must be a person who is an active member of a Roman Catholic Parish, who will be able to obtain a letter from their pastor declaring that they qualify to be a sacramental sponsor.

**COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

Next weekend, churches in the Diocese of Worcester will take up a second collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. "Restore the Church—Build the Future" is the theme for this year's collection. A letter from Bishop McManus regarding this important collection is available at the back of church as well as on-line. Please give generously to this vital ministry.

*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*August 5, 2018*

Dear Friends,

*In today's gospel reading from John, when asked by the crowds, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus responded, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the One he sent."*

*As baptized Roman Catholics, we are challenged by the Church to believe in Jesus with a fervency and perseverance that allows us to be the Lord's faithful follower. Regularly, may we commit ourselves to the person of Jesus. We should never be satisfied in being a part-time believer. With regards to our faith, may we move beyond that complacency which prohibits us from accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior.*

*As we contemplate the reality of Jesus being the "Bread of Life," let us reflect upon these last few words of today's gospel reading, "Whoever comes to me will never hunger and whoever believes in me will never thirst." In a spiritual sense, we need to allow prayer and worship to be prominent in our busy lives. While attending Holy Mass, let us invoke the Holy Spirit to help us to be truly devoted to the Holy Eucharist.*

*In faith, hope, and love, may we come to Jesus and graciously lead others into His loving arms. The essence of Christian discipleship is to share our faith by bringing Jesus to everyone placed in our lives with a spirit of love, filled with compassion and tenderness. Again, may we continually embrace these challenges to be Jesus' disciples.*

*Fr. Ed*

**NATIONAL NOVENA**

The U.S. Bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide *Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3rd through September 28th*. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray!](http://www.usccb.org/pray!)



The collection for the weekend of July 28-29, 2018 was as follows:

Maintenance	\$ 153.00
Religious Ed Reg.	\$ 265.00
Monthly	\$ 625.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 100.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 34.00
Haiti students	\$ 25.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,583.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,785.00

# Good News!

August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Grumbling is terrible. It spreads discontent, discouragement, a negative spirit. It tells others you are unhappy and tries to drag them down. The Israelites grumbled against Moses and, indirectly, against God. He had taken them from slavery, yes, but led them into the desert with poor food and continual wanderings. At least as slaves they had food to eat and knew where they were. The devil can also trick us into believing that Jesus has done us no favors in saving us from the slavery of sin and feeding us with the gospel as we wander after his will.

Jesus faces this shortsightedness. After he multiplies the bread and feeds the people, they follow him—but not because they want to convert and begin living the life of generosity. They follow him because they got their fill. They want a God that satisfies and takes care of them. They want a credit-card God, an unending source of funds to bail them out—not a God who offers salvation through conversion and generosity.

It is common to want a God who obeys *us* and not the other way around. Saint Jerome went into the desert, just like the Egyptians, to learn this lesson of humble obedience. Rather than grumble, he prayed for conversion. He learned that there is no doubt Jesus gives us all we could need, but we must expand our hearts and minds to receive it. Conversion is stretching our limits to the bountiful measure of God rather than grumbling and shrinking him to our miserly standards.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUMMER LEARNING MODULE

As we write this, we are in our final week, and the teachers, aides and students are all enjoying the summer program.

A field trip is planned for all of the students to Annunciation Church in Gardner on Tuesday, July 31st. A program is planned for the children to learn about this beautiful church with very impressive windows.

We invite you to wander around our church hall to see some of the crafts the children have made during their program.

### SUPPLIES NEEDED

In keeping with our teaching about Stewardship, the students in the Summer Program are being asked to bring in supplies for the backpacks of the **eight children we sponsor in Haiti**. *Please join our students in these efforts*. Suggested items include toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, college ruled notebooks, scissors, small umbrellas, bath towels, wash cloths, twin sized bed sheets (fitted bottom sheet only) and pillow cases, insulated hot/cold travel mugs, etc. Since the backpacks need to be shipped to Haiti, we need any donations by this Sunday, **August 5**. Thank you for your generosity!

### **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 parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer. Starting Oct. 2, each weekly session will be approximately 90 minutes and will include reflection direction and presentation. Sessions will be held Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church, Worcester. Information nights are at St. Mary's in Jefferson on August 26th and at St. Peter's in Worcester on August 28th, each at 6 pm. Info and an application form are available at [www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-hom](http://www.findinggodindailylife.com/worcesterspex-hom). Contact the team at [worcspex19@gmail.com](mailto:worcspex19@gmail.com) or 508-885-4462.

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION PILGRIMAGE

The Sisters of Mercy are hosting the 117th Annual Mass and Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Grotto at Nazareth on Wednesday, **August 15th**, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven. The procession leaves St. Joseph Church at 9:15 am, arriving at the Grotto at 10 am for Mass with Fr. Richard Reidy. Following Mass, there is a reception on the Nazareth grounds. All are welcome!