



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

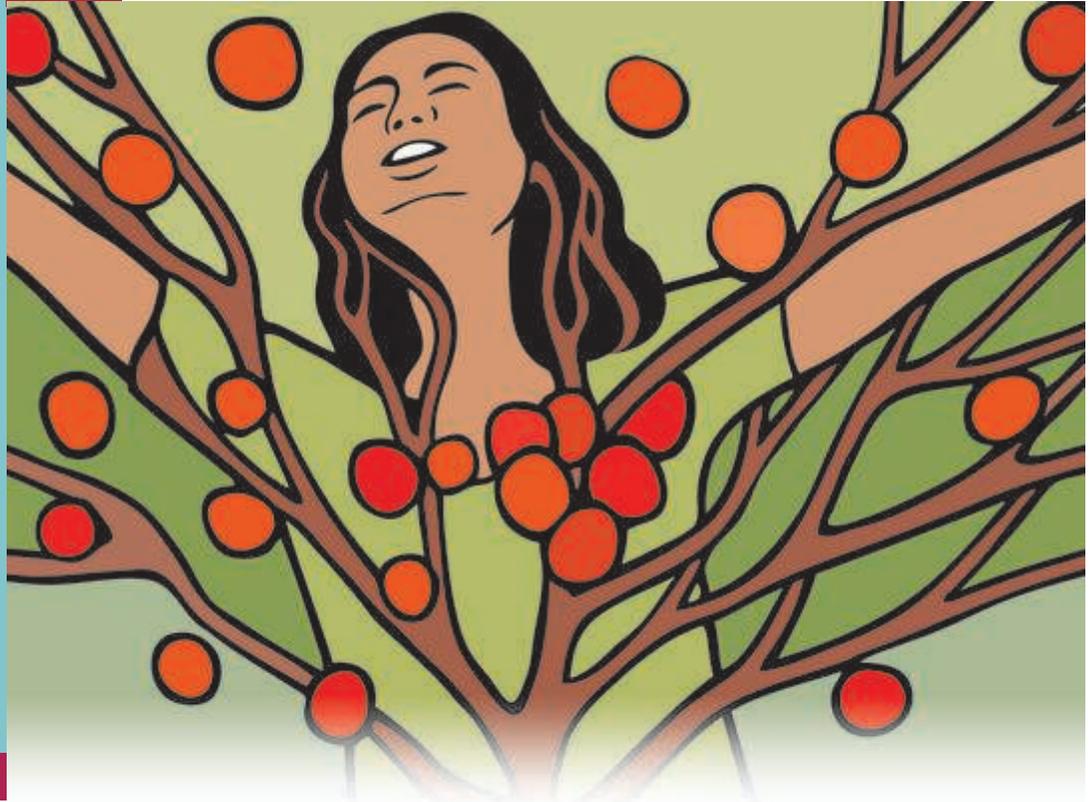
Saturday -4:00-4:30 pm at the church or by appointment.

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

Lk 6:43, 45

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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Cover Design © Liturgical Publications Inc

Your talents are welcome. We encourage you to call a ministry chairperson to find out more about our on-going programs.

www.princeofpeacema.org • email: princeofpeace@verizon.net FAX: 978-464-0449

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, March 2nd
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested
Sunday, March 3rd
8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners
10:30 AM Unrequested
Monday, March 4th
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls
Tuesday, March 5th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Wednesday, March 6th
8:30 AM Ash Wednesday Mass and Ashes
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass and Ashes
Friday, March 8th
8:30 AM Clare Thorell, 10th Anniversary,
requested by the Thorell and
Schmohl Families
Saturday, March 9th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested
Sunday, March 10th
8:30 AM Blanche and Albert St. John,
requested by Ray and Betty Leroux
10:30 AM Thomas Mack, requested by Karen
Baer

JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM: Students in our Jr/Sr High Program will have class this Monday, **March 4th**, from 7:00 to 8:15 PM.

FIRST EUCHARIST: The students in our First Eucharist class will have class this Sunday, **March 3rd** at 9:30 am.

SUMMER FOLLOW-UP: The students who participated in our 2018 Summer Religious Ed Program will have a follow-up program this Monday, **March 4th**, from 3:45 to 5:00 pm. (Snow date March 11th).

The **Collection for the Church in Latin America** helps empower the faithful of Latin America and the Caribbean. A significant portion of this collection is also used by our **Diocesan Hispanic Ministry**. Please support this special collection taken up at all Masses next weekend, **March 9-10**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Our Religious Ed Program for 2019 will be held the weeks of **July 22nd through 26th, and July 29th through August 2nd**. You must attend both weeks to meet the requirements.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3, 2019

Dear Friends,

This coming Wednesday, the Church throughout the world begins another Lenten Season with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. As ashes are distributed, one of the rituals states, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." These words proclaim the necessity that each Christian has to embrace repentance and conversion during the Lenten Season that leads into Holy Week for the celebration of Jesus' Paschal Mystery (His Passion, death, and Resurrection).

For all of us who are sinners, we need to adopt acts of repentance that bring us to a process of conversion: that leads us away from our selfish wants, desires, and our sinfulness to the person of Jesus. However, this process of conversion must be on-going. It should not end on Easter Sunday. As we celebrate the Easter Season, may we be filled with hope that God's grace is leading us to holiness, but we must continue to do our part. Prayer, worship, acts of charity and accepting our own personal crosses can lead us away from that pride that always inhibits us from being devoted to our Loving God.

In today's gospel reading from Luke, Jesus said, "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit." I wonder, are we bearing good spiritual fruit for Jesus? Are we bringing Jesus and His message of love and mercy to those we encounter on a daily basis? In this year of 2019, may that 96 day period between Ash Wednesday (March 6) and Pentecost Sunday (June 9) be a time of spiritual growth for all of us. Let us be committed to Holy Mass, to the sacraments, especially Reconciliation, and to a willingness to accept that all of the goodness within us comes from the Love of God. Our Triune God is calling us to love Him with our total being. Let us pray that we will always be willing to open our hearts to the self-sacrificing, unconditional love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Fr. Ed

**19th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Men of all ages are invited to this important annual conference, at Assumption College on Saturday, **April 6th**. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a brochure, further info or registration, call 508-929-4345. Adult tickets \$45 until March 25; \$60 after. Students \$30. Visit www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets.

Good News!

March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

A fresco by Paris Nogari outside the pope's residence reminds us of an important virtue that is often absent in modern times: the capacity to be silent. "Be still and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11).

The figure in the fresco, titled *Silence*, holds a finger over his mouth, indicating that silence starts with us. Speak less! Then we should muffle the background noise, represented by a stork with a stone in its bill to stifle its squawk.

How often do we have times of silence in our lives—and not just moments when there doesn't happen to be a radio or TV on? I mean purposeful, intentional periods of quiet to be alone with God and ourselves.

Regular times of quiet offer many benefits. They help us reflect, order our thoughts, and contemplate what's happening inside our hearts and minds. Silence is regenerative and gives us new energy, clarity, and serenity. If we add to this quietude an internal dialogue with ourselves and our Lord, it can take our inner sanctuary to a new level. One will not only find strength but also purpose and focus. Silence is the natural habitat of a flourishing soul, yet we often lock out our inner self in the mayhem of the external world, never allowing it to take in what gives it life—silence.

How about taking an hour without phones, radios, TVs, and computers to dedicate yourself to some meditative work or recreation? Or better yet, take a moment and go to a local perpetual adoration chapel to quietly sit with our Lord.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK

In the midst of winter's beauty, we are called to gather, celebrate, and prepare for the Lord's resurrection as we begin our Lenten journey this Wednesday. It is a wonderful time to put a little extra effort into our prayer life and be renewed as a faith community.

For your aid, please consider daily Mass during Lent or join some of the parish activities, such as Stations of the Cross and Benediction. Stations will be held each Friday of Lent at 7:00 pm at St. Mary's in Jefferson, and at 6:00 pm at St. Richard's in Sterling.

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on *Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent.*

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age, but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.*

Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from the prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

ASH WEDNESDAY

We will have Mass and distribution of ashes at Prince of Peace at **8:30 AM** and at **7:00 PM**. If you are not able to attend here at Prince of Peace, St. Mary's in Jefferson will have Mass at 8:00 AM, 4:30 PM, and 7:00 PM; St. Richard's in Sterling will have Mass at 9:00 AM, and Distribution of Ashes at Noon and 6:00 PM.

FINANCE REPORT

The collection for the weekend of February 23-24, 2019 was as follows:

Monthly	\$1,430.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 385.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Energy/Utilities	\$ 60.00
Religious Ed Reg.	\$ 30.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 5.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 15.00
Verizon Internet Refund	\$ 32.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,512.00</u>
Total Collection	<u>\$3,598.00</u>

Electronic giving for January: \$2,063.00