# 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.

## 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

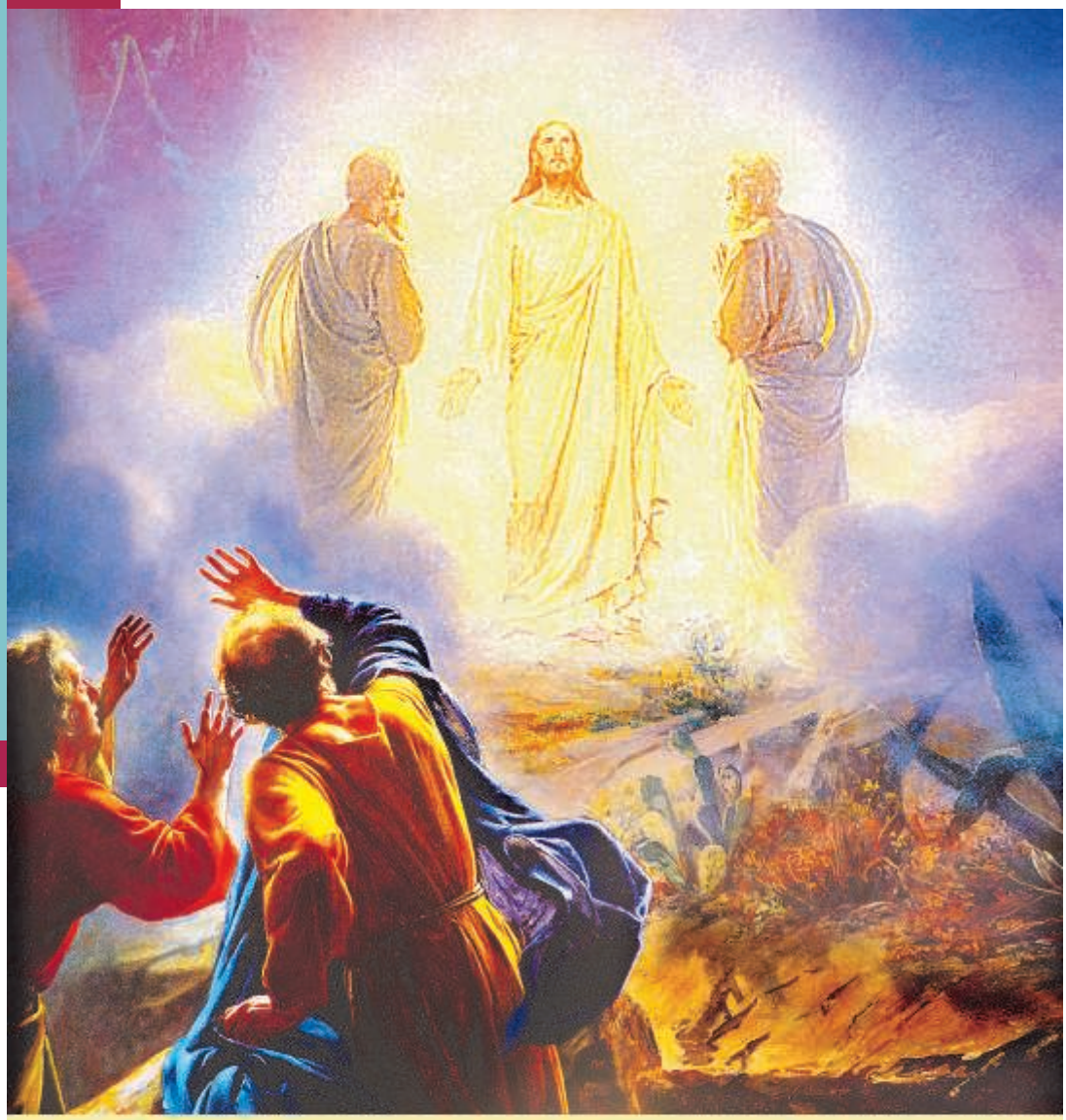
## SCHEDULE/MASSES

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

## Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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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, March 16th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Lise Swenson, requested by Jay and Caroline Perry
Sunday, March 17th
8:30 AM David Schmitt, requested by the Schmitt Family
10:30 AM Bart Kincaid, 5th Anniversary, requested by his Family
Monday, March 18th
8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners
Tuesday, March 19th
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book
Wednesday, March 20th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Friday, March 22nd
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls
Saturday, March 23rd
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Paul and Judy Leroux, requested by Ray and Betty Leroux
Sunday, March 24th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

**JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM**: Students in our Jr/Sr High Program will have class this Monday, **March 18th**, from 7:00 to 8:15 PM.

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** The students in our First Eucharist class will take part in a Ritual during the 8:30 Mass this Sunday, **March 17th**, followed by a class.

**Notre Dame Academy's Open House** for prospective students will be held on Sunday, **March 24th, 2-4 pm.** Visit www.nda-worc.org to register.

### PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2019

Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life-giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own. With your support, *faith in action* is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. Our parish goal once again is $36,100. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Thank you!

## *Second Sunday of Lent*
## *March 17, 2019*

*Dear Friends,*

*Today's gospel reading from Luke describes Jesus's transfiguration before Peter, James, and John. Seeing Jesus in His transfigured state must have been an extraordinary experience for these apostles. They saw the Lord speaking to Moses and Elijah about His passion and sacrificial death. Peter wished to erect a tent for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. As they entered the cloud above them they heard the words, "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him."*

*They heard the voice of the Eternal Father. It seems that if these apostles had any question of whom Jesus was, the doubt must have left them after that experience. I am sure that Peter, James, and John would have liked to stay there forever. However, this experience ended as quickly as it began. Jesus' glory would be for another time. His sacrifice of Himself for the salvation of humanity would soon be upon them.*

*During the liturgies of Lent, let us listen attentively to the readings from Sacred Scripture. We should reflect upon their meaning and be inspired by the messages proclaimed in the Gospels, as well as the readings from the Old and New Testaments. In this way, we can contemplate the ways in which God has interacted with His people throughout salvation history.*

*Let us believe in the person of Jesus with much fervency and perseverance. Through prayer, worship, and charitable works, we can spiritually connect with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We need to be devoted to the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance. In this way, the grace of God will help us to continue to be devoted servants of our loving God.*

*Fr. Ed*

### EASTER CHOIR

We are asking parishioners to share their voices and join with us in God's gift of music as we prepare to sing for the holiest of days in our Church—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. Sign up sheets are located at the back of Church.

### CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN LIBERTY SCHOLARSHIP

Applicant must be a resident of Princeton, who has completed at least one academic year of post-secondary education with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and who will be registering for the next academic year. Applications can be downloaded at www.townofprinceton.ma.us. Completed application for the $1000 scholarship must be received by May 15, 2019. Please send to: The Captain Christopher J. Sullivan Committee, P O Box 164, Princeton 01541-0164.

# Good News!

March 17, 2019
*Second Sunday of Lent (C)*
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17–4:1 or
Phil 3:20–4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

The same three apostles who are present in the Garden of Gethsemane are also at the transfiguration. On both occasions they fall asleep! But when they awake at the transfiguration, they see something totally different. They see Jesus radiant and resplendent like they had never seen him before. This revelation of his glory is meant to strengthen their faith and prepare them for seeing Jesus later, sweating blood in the agony of the Garden. Experiencing the joy and beauty of Jesus is essential to persevering through the inevitable passions we will have to undergo. Faith is not all about suffering, but about joy, love, and intimacy with Christ. Yes, love sometimes means we must suffer, but the fruit is greater intimacy. A diamond is made under great pressure and love must past through temptations.

All three synoptic Gospels unite the transfiguration with Peter's profession of faith. The reality of the passion and cross should not shake the apostle's faith, but they should realize that his exaltation can only be accomplished in the cross: "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32).

The sufferings we see in the world, in our own past and present, shouldn't shake our faith in Jesus, either. Overcoming sin comes from embracing suffering.

Jesus is so radiant that he awakes the apostles from their slumber. May the consuming love with which we burn for Jesus transfigure us into beautiful lights that awaken this world from its slumber of faith as well.

*—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

## FINANCE REPORT

The collection for the weekend of March 9-10, 2019 was as follows:

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| Make-up envelopes | $ 215.00 |
| Maintenance | $ 57.00 |
| Church in Latin America | $ 231.00 |
| Regular collection | $1,317.00 |
| Total Collection | $1,810.00 |

Electronic giving for February was $2,015.00.

## CHURCH HALL RENOVATIONS

The need for this work is the result of the frozen pipe in the radiator of the "crying room" that flooded the two classrooms in the Church hall on January 23rd. Since the inspection showed that there is asbestos in the floor tiles, and with many of the tiles cracked and worn throughout the hall, it has been recommended by the Diocese that the parish undertake this work.

The floor and the carpeting in the two classrooms will be removed, and the flooring will be replaced. The ceiling in the classrooms will be renovated and painted. The ceiling and walls in the main hall will be painted, and the flooring in the hall will be replaced. The flooring in the bathrooms will be replaced, the walls will be painted, and new toilets will be installed. The price for this renovation will be approximately $35,000 to $40,000. There will be some reimbursement from the insurance company.

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.** For a brochure, further info or registration, call 508-929-4345 or visit www.firstmensconf.org.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Traditionally, funds for Easter Flowers have been donated as a memorial for friends and relatives, or as a family gift. If anyone wishes to make an offering in memory of a loved one or as a gift, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it in.

Name/s of those remembered:_____
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Your name (if you wish):_____

Amount:_____