



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



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Lk 12:40

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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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.

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Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, August 10th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Frances Colburn, requested by her neighbors

Sunday, August 11th
8:30 AM David Schmitt, Jr., and Aubrey Schmitt, requested by the Schmitt Family
10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, August 12th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, August 13th
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Wednesday, August 14th
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book

Thursday, August 15th *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin*
8:30 AM For the Parish and Parishioners
7:00 PM For the Parish and Parishioners

Friday, August 16th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, August 17th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, August 18th
8:30 AM Fr. Tom Schmitt, requested by the Schmitt Family
10:30 AM Unrequested

Thursday, August 15th, is the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

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 25th**. 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.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2019

Dear Friends,

The first week of August has passed and the days of summer are dwindling. May we always treasure these summer days spending time outdoors among God's beautiful creation of nature. I hope you had some vacation time with rest and relaxation.

In today's Gospel reading from Luke, Jesus said, "Be sure of this: If the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

I wonder if Jesus' second coming was tomorrow would we be ready? Again, if the Lord called us to Himself on any of the upcoming days, would we be ready? It seems most of us would have a difficult time answering yes to these questions.

As we worship today, may we pray for the courage to continue to prepare ourselves for our loving God. Through all the trials of life, we need to trust in God. Let us seek out Our Lady and her maternal love for this spiritual endeavor. In our prayer, may we bring ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She will lead us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the power and intercession of the Holy Spirit. It is within His dear Sacred Heart that Our Lord will nourish our souls with His love and mercy, preparing us for the Eternal Father.

As we contemplate our personal relationship with God, let us be filled with hope that God is calling us to Himself. May we always be aware of preparing our souls for eternal life, striving "to be perfect as Our Heavenly Father is perfect."

Fr. Ed

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our First Penance Program will begin soon. Registration forms are available at the back of church, or on-line at www.princeofpeacema.org under the Faith & Liturgy heading. Registration forms are due at the rectory by **Sunday, August 25th**, to provide us with enough time to order books.

Church in Central and Eastern Europe

"Restore the Church—Build the Future" is the theme for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, which will be taken up in our diocese this weekend, **August 10-11**. Your donation supports strengthening Catholic education, seminary formation and development of new lay leaders in 28 countries. Please keep these programs in your prayers, and contribute generously to this collection.

Good News!

August 11, 2019

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 18:6-9

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

Lk 12:32-48 or Lk or 12:35-40

Abraham is considered our father in faith because he practiced faith to an amazing degree. His faith brought him to obey God and to hope in him despite an apparent lack of evidence of God's fidelity.

In Ludovico Carracci's painting, *The Sacrifice of Isaac*, Abraham is looking up to God and not focused on the beloved son he is about to sacrifice. We also need to look up to God in order to value and love rightly the things here below.

Abraham understands that no creature, no gift, should take God's place in the human heart—even something as dear as a God-given child. This is the absolute, total trust God asks of us. When dealing with all of the good things God gives us, including those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to trust what he asks of us. God's will doesn't always make sense right away. We're often painfully aware that his ways are not our ways.

The stormy heavens in the painting's background remind us how the winds of our passions and the pressure of our secret expectations can clash with God's plans for us. A darkened front moves into our soul, making it difficult to hear his voice and see the light of his will. Here lies the heroism of faith. We walk by faith, not by sight.

For this reason, Abraham is the faithful servant found doing the Master's will. His treasure was in God.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

SUMMER RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

Our Religious Education Program for the summer was a great success!

Our field trip to Congregation B'nai Shalom in Westborough was a wonderful learning experience. Rabbi Gurevitz told the children about the wood paneling in the Temple (the old temples were made out of wood) and the fact that none of the temples look the same (they cannot reproduce the original temple, which was destroyed so every temple is different). The children also learned about the Star of David which was on the ceiling, and the lineage of Jesus from David. One of the highlights of the trip for everyone was when Rabbi Gurevitz opened the ark to show the Torah, and invited the children up to see them. The children watched as Rabbi Gurevitz read the Ten Commandments from the Torah in Hebrew, and were quite impressed to see her reading this foreign language!

Our entire staff gave freely of their time and talents over these past two weeks. To each of you we offer thanks and praise, and ask God's blessings: Coordinator—**Sharon Bushway**; Teachers—**Marie Kincaid** and **Katie Locke**. Special thanks to **Eleanor Bushway**, **Abigail Martin**, and **Carlos Contreras** who did a wonderful job teaching the children the songs for this cycle. We are also grateful to **Cathy Greene** for serving the snacks, and to our aides **Olivia Darmanin** and **Meg Forkey** for all of their help with the children.

We want to thank the parents for all the adjustments they made in their schedules to make their religious training a priority in the lives of their families. We thank you for your interest in listening to your children, sharing their learning and by re-enforcing it at home.



The collection for the weekend of August 3-4, 2019, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 100.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 153.00
Church in Europe	\$ 30.00
Assumption	\$ 10.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,706.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$2,099.00

Join your fellow parishioners for 8:30 Mass on Wednesdays, followed by coffee and fellowship in the Church Hall.