



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



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

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:30

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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, August 24th
 4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Vic Schuster, requested by his wife, Nancy

Sunday, August 25th
 8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners
 10:30 AM Kathi Trow, requested by Dorothy Trow

Monday, August 26th
 8:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Tuesday, August 27th
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, August 28th
 8:30 AM NO MASS

Friday, August 30th
 8:30 AM NO MASS

Saturday, August 31st
 4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Rita and Al Primeau, requested by the Greeley Family

Sunday, September 1st
 8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners
 10:30 AM Barbara Reidy, requested by Joe and Shelly Reidy

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass on Wednesday and Friday this week, as Fr. Ed will be away.

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 this **Sunday, August 25th**, to provide us with enough time to order books.

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 this **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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 25, 2019

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel reading from Luke, Jesus is asked, "Lord will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many I tell you will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

May we reflect upon these words of Jesus. Continually, we need to evaluate our own personal relationship with God. Let us ask ourselves a very direct two-part question: Are we fervent in our belief, and where does God fit in our lives? Unfortunately, God is not always found in the center of our lives where He belongs. Sometimes, we develop all kinds of excuses to legitimize our behavior. We fool ourselves, but God knows the truth.

In faith, we should constantly renew our baptismal commitment to Our Eternal Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. We can and should reject the self-righteousness, complacency, and indifferent attitudes that fill our hearts. Instead, may we embrace the humility, love, mercy, and self-sacrifice of Jesus.

Devoted prayer, worship, and acts of charity can lead us to God. A spirit of ongoing conversion where we make those changes that allow us to spiritually come to God, are needed by all believers. Let us strive to be faithful to the Christian message of love and mercy. Personally, may we be courageous in accepting this challenge daily. Again, may we become more aware of finding the "narrow way" that leads to our dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Fr. Ed

FINANCE REPORT

The collection for the weekend of August 17-18, 2019, was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 200.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 110.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 145.00
Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Religious Ed Reg.	\$ 8.00
Assumption	\$ 442.00
Catholic Schools	\$ 7.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,155.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$2,072.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Opening class for the **Jr/Sr High Program** will be Monday, **September 23rd, 7-8:30 pm**.

Enrollment for the **Home Study Program** will be at the **8:30 Mass** on Sunday, **September 16th**, followed by a parent meeting.

Good News!

August 25, 2019

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

A fragment from a church ceiling fresco crumbled and fell to the ground. It was eventually added to the Vatican collection. This piece of rubble is now a priceless object of art. Viewers look up at *Head of an Apostle* from below as he gazes toward Christ's divine glory.

We also are striving to attain that heavenly vision, and Jesus advises us on how to realize it. We should work to enter the smaller gate, the narrow door. It's not the bigger main entrance that everyone uses. The narrow door is a less-traveled side entrance used by those who are close to the owner and his family. Christ invites us to be so familiar and comfortable with him that we come through the side door.

Many pass the Master's house, know where it is, but have lost the practice of stopping inside. They know about God, even pray occasionally, and don't hurt anyone. No doubt not hurting others is admirable, but there is so much more for someone baptized into Christ. We're not called to merely avoid hurting others but to have a deep, transforming experience of healing love that we then share with others.

Jesus' warning seems to be that when there is a mad rush to enter the front gate, those well-intentioned but out-of-practice souls who "don't know him" might find themselves struggling to squeeze in.

Jesus and the Church don't want that to happen to anyone. He invites us to get familiar, stop in often. He might say, "When you get here, just come in the side door!"

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

LEGACY OF HOPE

What's New? The Catholic Church in Worcester is on the move. Every day we do our best to live out the mission Jesus Christ left for us: "go out and make disciples" while caring for those most in need in our society and in our communities. In January of this year we began the **Legacy of Hope** Campaign to help address important and urgent needs throughout our diocese—Caring for our retired priests, renovating our cathedral, providing financial help to families with children in our Catholic schools and providing direct funding to our parishes and communities to help with evangelization and social outreach programs.

A portion of this campaign will directly benefit our parish and allow us to address urgent things around our parish grounds. Legacy of Hope will be one of our main focuses as a parish family this coming fall. However, the potential positive impact of Legacy of Hope will be felt in our parish and in Worcester county for years to come.

To learn more, or to watch the campaign video, please visit: legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org.

If you can help with making phone calls for receptions, help with reception set-up, hospitality, or envelope stuffing, please fill out a volunteer card, or contact the rectory. Thank you.

If anyone is interested in serving as an **Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, or Lector**, please contact Fr. Ed.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

*God, who made all things,
Who established the foundations of the world,
Set the heavens in motion and the stars alight,
And gives life to every creature,
Open my mind at the beginning of this school year
That I may have a better understanding
Of all that you have made.
Help me learn more about your creation
So that I may be a better steward of all you gave me.
Help me learn more about your people,
So that I may help to build a better society
Founded upon your law and guided by your truth.
Help me learn more about your love,
So that I may show your compassion and kindness
To those who are in need.
Help me to learn.
Amen*