



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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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OLP

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

Mass for the Intentions of the Week

Saturday, February 8th

4:00-4:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM For the Parish and its Parishioners

Sunday, February 9th

8:30 AM Special Intention for Fr. Jim Caldarella

10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, February 10th

8:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Tuesday, February 11th

8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, February 12th

8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book

Friday, February 14th

8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, February 15th

4:00-4:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, February 16th

8:30 AM Alice & Ray Bousquet, requested by the Greeley Family

10:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM: The students in our Jr/Sr High Program will have class this Monday, **February 10th**, from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.

HOME STUDY: The students in our Home Study Program will meet on Sunday, **February 23rd**, at 9:30 am in the Church hall.

SUMMER PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP: The students who attended our 2019 Summer Religious Ed program will have a Lenten follow-up class on Monday, **February 24th**, from 4:00 to 5:15 pm.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support in last week's second collection. Through your generosity, our parish raised \$691.00.



Legacy of Hope Parish Update

As of the printing of this bulletin, our parish has raised \$198,950, through the generosity of 45 families! If you have not had a chance to contribute, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

Dear Friends,

Chapters 5-7 of the Gospel of Matthew relate Jesus's teaching to the crowds and His disciples gathered for the sermon on the Mount. The Lord said, "You are the salt of the earth. But what if salt loses its taste with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot." The Lord continued, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

As we contemplate our personal gift of faith that allows us to believe in the revelation of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are challenged to nourish and strengthen that faith. Does our belief in Jesus allow us to be a spiritual light that shines brightly before other folks? Do we embrace the ways of Jesus and accept the opportunities given to us to carry His cross courageously? As one attempts to answer these questions, he or she will soon realize that our belief is filled with much mystery. Like St. Paul, are we willing "to accept Jesus Christ and him crucified." Christianity is not about looking for the easy life. It seems like the effects of original sin are always "smacking us in the face." The realities of daily life can be very demanding. Let us contemplate these words of St. Paul, "What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love Him." (I Corinthians 2:10)

May we love our Triune God with all of our strength and may we love our neighbor in the unconditional way that God has loved us.

Fr. Ed

2019 TAX LETTERS

If you would like a copy of your contributions to Prince of Peace Parish for 2019, please email princeofpeace@verizon.net, or contact the rectory at 978-464-2871.

COLLECTION FOR PUERTO RICO

Our parish will take up a second collection this weekend, **February 8-9**, to raise funds to aid the residents of Puerto Rico who have been devastated by the recent earthquakes. Please be generous. Thank you.

Good News!

February 9, 2020
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

The description of the disciples found in today's Gospel is an impressive compliment—and an even greater challenge. Jesus tells them they are "salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14), helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say: I am really something!

Such compliments are also a challenge. What must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The Isaian passage provides some suggestions: Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; don't turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the needs of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy as it might at first look.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn't that what we also claim to be—his followers? Haven't we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, "You are really something!"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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The collection for the weekend of February 1-2, 2020, was as follows:

Make-up envelopes	\$ 244.00
Advanced	\$ 249.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00
Energy	\$ 3.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 691.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 195.00
Funeral Stipend	\$ 300.00
Regular collection	\$1,578.00
Total Collection	\$3,280.00

THE CATHOLIC FREE PRESS

One of the challenges of our baptism is to inform ourselves of the work of the Church and the teachings of Christ. *The Catholic Free Press*, the Worcester Diocesan weekly newspaper, attempts to help us with that challenge. This is the time of year for subscribers to renew, or to consider a new subscription at the low cost of \$39 for home delivery and on-line access for the year. Subscription envelopes are in the current packet of monthly envelopes or subscribe on-line at www.catholicfreepress.org.

Bereavement Support Group

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will hold a six-session bereavement support group beginning Monday, **March 2nd**, from 1:00-2:30 pm in the parish hall. The faith based program offers insights about grieving in a healthy way to work toward healing. For more information or to register (required) please call Renate Isbell at 508-835-3286.

Help Reduce Abuse Statistics

Nationally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect, and how to report it to the proper authorities. For more information, please contact those in your parish who are in charge of programs to safeguard children. For particular help, you may call: Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363

20th Anniversary Catholic Men's Conference

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important Conference at Assumption College on **Saturday, March 28th**. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. For information and to purchase tickets, visit www.firstmensconf.org, or call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. Adult tickets are \$45 until **March 11th**, \$60 afterwards. Students are \$30.