



# 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 3:45 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

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Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

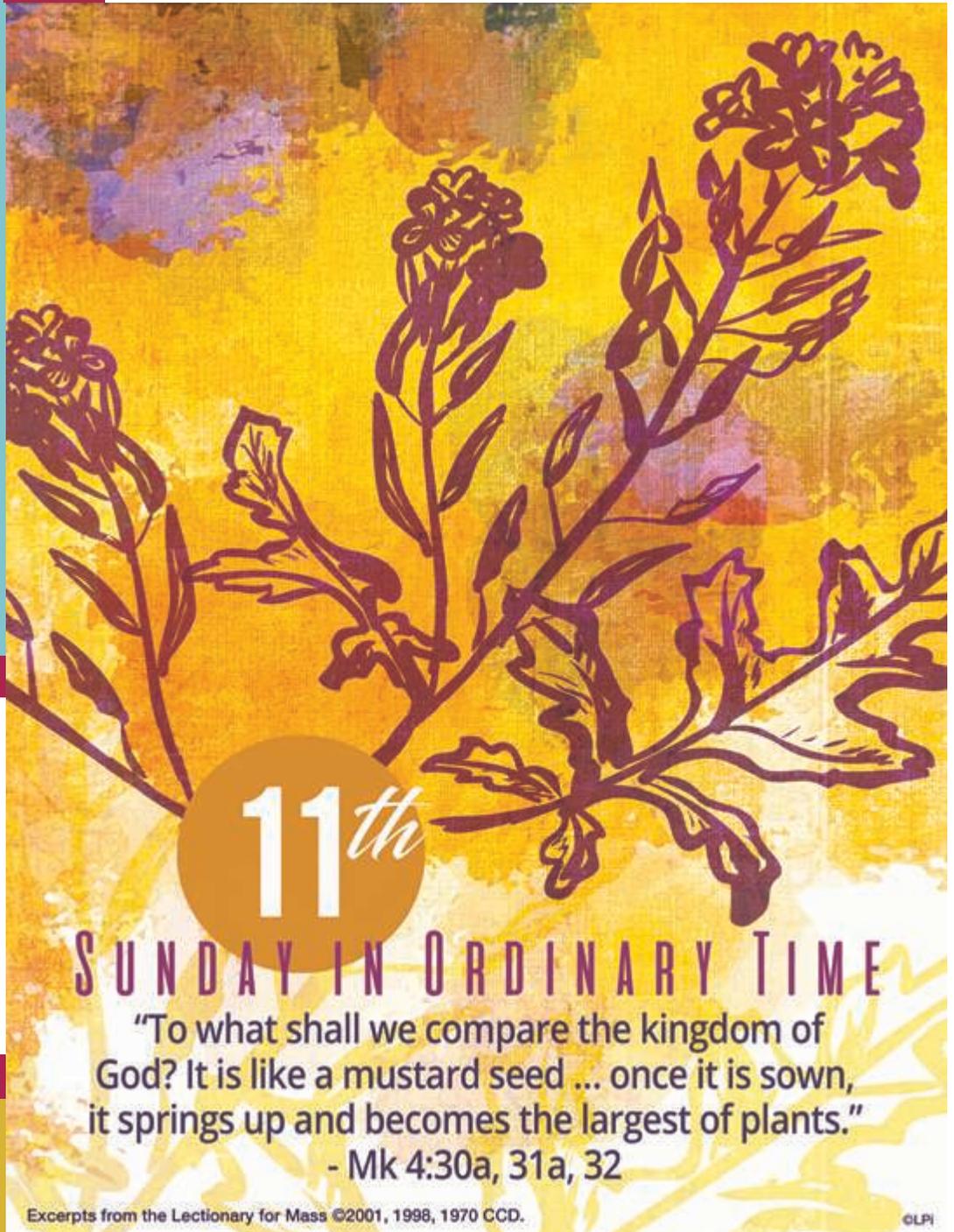
Education Committee  
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Liturgical Committee  
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Evangelization & Outreach Committee  
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### SCHEDULE/MASSES

Monday—Friday ..... 8:30 am  
 Saturday ..... 4:30 pm  
 Sunday ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am  
 Holy Days/Feast Day 8:30 am & 7:00 pm



# 11<sup>th</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."**

**- Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32**

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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.**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



Saturday, June 12th  
3:45 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Mary Kilinskas, requested by her Family

Sunday, June 13th  
8:30 AM Unrequested  
10:30 AM Joanne Arello, requested by her Family

Monday, June 14th  
8:30 AM Repose of the Soul of Andy Tessier

Tuesday, June 15th  
8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, June 16th  
8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, June 17th  
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book

Friday, June 18th  
8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, June 19th  
3:45 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Albert St. John, requested by Betty and Ray Leroux

Sunday, June 20th  
8:30 AM Special Intention  
10:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

**Religious Freedom Week**

Religious Freedom Week will be celebrated in dioceses nationwide from **June 22 to June 29**. Throughout the week, we will focus on the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom, both now and in the future, for Catholics and all people of faith. This year's theme is "Solidarity in Freedom." The significant feast days during the week (Saints Thomas More and John Fisher; Saint John the Baptist; and Saints Peter and Paul) inspire us to follow the example of these great saints who loved God above all and remained faithful in the face of adversity. Please visit [uscbb.org/ReligiousFreedom](http://uscbb.org/ReligiousFreedom) to download the "Pray-Reflect-Act" pages for each day on various religious liberty topics. These are intended to inspire us to learn more about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, help us to pray about particular issues, and provide us with tools to act on what we learn. Additional information and resources for parish and personal use can be found at the website for the Worcester Diocese.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13th, 2021

Dear Friends,

*In the gospel reading from Mark for the Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time this year, Jesus describes the magnificence of the Kingdom of God. By using imagery of seeds sprouting into grain; and a mustard seed, the smallest of seeds becoming large enough "so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade," the Lord impresses upon the crowd that the Kingdom of God is within their lives.*

*Let us reflect upon the reality that the Kingdom of God is present within our life, and by the grace of God, we can respond positively to the love of Jesus. Often we feel overwhelmed as we attempt to make our part of the world a better place. We should begin this quest by becoming more like Jesus. Jesus loves everyone unconditionally and we strive to do likewise. We need to approach the Holy Spirit in prayer, asking for the grace to be humble, and to have the courage to embrace the Lord's self-sacrificing love.*

*In this process, we can be holy. May people see the person of Jesus within our life. Then, through our witness, we can be successful in bringing people to Jesus. It is never easy to do the work of the Lord, but through God's grace we can accomplish wonderful things, becoming one with Jesus in the salvation of souls. Through prayer and reflection, may we welcome God into our hearts allowing Him to nourish us into devoted servants of His love. Be well and be safe!*

*God's love and prayers always,  
Fr. Ed*

***This Journey of Grief***

***Finding Your Way and Healing Your Spirit***

Saturday, June 26, 2021

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St.

Grief is the natural response to a loss. Each loss is unique and there is no prescribed process or timeline for the journey of grief. Many people who lost loved ones during the Covid-19 pandemic have been unable to follow family and faith traditions, delaying the first essential steps to grieving. Join this seminar as we reflect on the impact of the pandemic on grief, recognize complications of loss and explore the fundamental principles of healthy grieving.

Seating is limited. Seminar is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 508-829-4434 or 978-422-0100 for reservations.

Presented by Miles Funeral Homes.

# Good News!

June 13, 2021

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*  
Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

To What Shall We Compare the Kingdom of God? Today's readings are rich with answers to this question posed in Mark's Gospel. The prophet Ezekiel selects the metaphor of a cedar tree. Like such a tree, the kingdom of God begins as a tender shoot planted on a high mountain where it can grow unimpeded by other growth. There it will grow tall and firm, boasting many branches, rich with fruit, the home to various species of birds. The Gospel writer chose another metaphor—that of a small seed. This parable characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin. We may not see it in the beginning because it is so small and surrounded by soil, but it contains within itself the force of life that someday will burst forth into a rich harvest.

The mustard seed is a special kind of seed. Today's Gospel calls it "the smallest of all the seeds on the earth" (Mark 4:31). However, following the pattern of growth that is hidden in the core of its being, it also brings forth one of the marvels of nature, producing "the largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). Metaphors also underscore the fact that these seeds must first transform, lose the appearance of a seed in order to rise, filled with the mysterious character of its growth. All of this happens quietly, unpretentiously, as if under the cover of night.

These are very moving metaphors, quite easy to understand and envision. However, the reality for which the metaphors stand is sometimes very difficult to realize because of human selfishness. Still, it is God's tree, God's seed, God's kingdom, and it is God who declares: "As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do!" (Ezekiel 17:24).

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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Monthly	\$ 925.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 100.00
Advanced	\$ 130.00
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 80.00
Regular collection	\$ 952.00
Total Collection	\$2,237.00



## GRADUATION BLESSING

*Dear Lord,*

*The life that you have given us has many stages. Please bless these young people today, as they leave one stage of life and begin another.*

*Guide them as they finish this chapter in the story you have written for them and begin a new one, written on a fresh page.*

*Help them to make the right choices, Lord. May they always remember that past choices need not sully a bright future, nor good choices in the past ensure that tomorrow will be carefree and easy.*

*Most of all, remind them Lord, that no one's story is fully lived unless you are allowed to be its one, true author by those who live it.*

*Amen*

## Intellectual Retreat Opportunity

"Why College?" is a 3-day retreat being held at St. Mary's Parish, Uxbridge on July 7-9 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. It is an opportunity for young adults to address questions such as: Is higher education worth the cost? Can a reflective life lead to happiness? Are God, math, and politics related to literature, philosophy, and music? Does wisdom matter any more? If you are a rising high school senior, currently in college, or a recent graduate, you are invited to this great conversation about the purpose, fruit, and joy of the intellectual life. There is no cost for the retreat. Questions or more information? Contact Michael Hoyer at [hoyer@cua.edu](mailto:hoyer@cua.edu).

If anyone is interested in serving as an **Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, or Lector**, please contact Fr. Ed or email the office at [princeofpeace@verizon.net](mailto:princeofpeace@verizon.net).