



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 3:45 pm at the church, or by appointment.

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



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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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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, September 25th
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Bill & Peg Maculevich, requested by the Family

Sunday, September 26th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, September 27th
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, September 28th
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, September 29th
 8:30 AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 30th
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Friday, October 1st
 8:30 AM For the intentions on our prayer line and in our Prayer Intention Book

Saturday, October 2nd
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, October 3rd
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 10:30 AM Unrequested

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, September 26th:
Grades 1-6 will meet for class from **9:30 am to 10:15 am** in the Church hall.
Grades 7-10 will meet for class from **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** at the Rectory.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS APPEAL

This weekend, **September 25-26**, there will be a special collection basket in the back of church for donations for the **Annual Catholic Schools Appeal**. Catholic education provides a solid understanding of who we are, made in the image and likeness of God and with a faith-based sense of purpose. Thank you for prayerfully considering your response to this annual appeal.

“GREEN” MASS IN WORCESTER

All are invited to participate in a Mass for Creating — Celebrating the Care of our Common Home — on **Friday, October 1st, at 6:30 pm** at St. John Church, 44 Temple St., Worcester. Bishop McManus will be the principal celebrant. Sponsored by the Diocese of Worcester environmental Stewardship Team.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26th, 2021

Dear Friends,

As one contemplates the readings from Sacred Scripture given to us by the Church for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, being believers in Jesus we have been challenged to be faithful to God.

In the gospel reading from Mark, Jesus speaks directly to the responsibility that all believers have to reject sin and to never lead other folks to sin. The Lord said, “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.”

As we reflect upon these words of Jesus, may we be a good example to people. May we have the courage to change and reject sin. Sin and evil in all its ugliness is all around us. We should never deny that we are sinners, and we should become more aware of our own personal sinfulness.

Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead to atone for the sins of all humanity. Let us proceed to embrace and accept the person of Jesus. Devoted prayer, acts of charity, and a willingness to attend Holy Mass and receive the Sacrament of Penance can be very helpful in this process. We cannot fall into the “trap” where we think we are better than we are.

From the Catechism, read and reflect upon the Ten Commandments. Become more aware of those sinful actions that we often forget.

May God bless you for the effort that you make to be faithful to His message of love and mercy. May we think about our own personal salvation, and constantly pray for the conversion of sinners and the salvation of all souls. Be well and be safe!

God’s love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

Helping Children in Homeless Shelters

*Horizons for Homeless Children created the Playspace Program with the belief that play is essential to healthy childhood development, and every child has the right to play. Due to the pandemic, many children in shelters have been staying in their rooms and not able to socialize. Through the Playspace Program, these young children are being given the opportunity to heal and to gain cognitive, physical, and social/emotional skills essential to social and academic success. It also provides parents with free time to take a class, make a meal, or even shower. Horizons will be hosting online New Volunteer Orientations on **Tuesday, September 28th, 6-8:30 pm**. Learn more at horizonschildren.org.*

Good News!

September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6;

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

No sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends—even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or health-care workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been at it for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander, gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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The collection for the weekend of September 18-19, 2021, was as follows:

Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 70.00
Catholic School Appeal	\$ 45.00
CCD	\$ 5.00
Higher Energy Cost	\$ 5.00
Religious Ed Registration	\$ 105.00
Regular collection	\$ 941.00
Total Collection:	\$1,176.00

EIGHTH ANNUAL CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD TASTE OF THE DIOCESE GALA

For the past seven years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called “*Celebrate Priesthood—Taste of the Diocese*” as a benefit for Retired Priest’s Care. We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics. On **Thursday, October 28, 2021**, we are planning an in-person **Taste of the Diocese** event preceded by live presentations to be streamed online for those who cannot gather with us in person. We are excited to announce a new venue for this year! **Saint Paul Diocesan Jr/Sr High School** will host our tasting event in the newly refurbished gymnasium and the live presentations will be streamed on the internet from the Burke Auditorium. Attendees can attend both events or simply drop in at any time for the tasting in the gymnasium. To make a donation, buy tickets, or get more information to place an advertisement, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org, or call Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368.

Notre Dame Academy Fall Open House, Sunday, October 17th, 1-3 pm. Register online at www.nda-worc.org/admissions. Meet our faculty, students and parents, and tour our classrooms and campus. Discover the difference at Notre Dame Academy.

Frank Runyeon at Our Lady of Loreto Church

On Saturday, **October 16, at 7:00 pm**, Frank Runyeon will be performing in a special event. Frank, a practicing Catholic, has starred in over 1000 television shows over the last 30 years. Now he does one man performances from the Gospels. Join us for an evening of entertainment and edification as Frank recreates the sights and sounds from the Holy Land as he performs the parables from the **Gospel of Luke**. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 508-799-2445.