

May 15, 2022 | Fifth Sunday of Easter



PRINCE of PEACE

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MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am

Daily Masses

Monday – Friday 8:30am

Rosary prayed every weekday at 8:00am

Holy Days/Feast Days

8:30am & 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30pm (In the church)
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 2pm

STAFF

Pastor

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers

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Sharon Bushway

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Terry Hart

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Musicians

Denis and Priscilla Coughlin

Finance Council Chairperson

Gerald Gates

SACRAMENTS / OTHER

Baptism

Instruction is required for all parents seeking baptism of their child. Please contact the Rectory.

Marriage

Please contact the Rectory at least one year in advance.

Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick so that we may keep them in prayer and bring the Eucharist to those who cannot attend Mass.

Confidential Prayer Line

To add intentions please call Ellen Calamari at 978-660-3818 or the Rectory at 978-464-2871.

Adult Bible Study

Please contact the Rectory for schedule

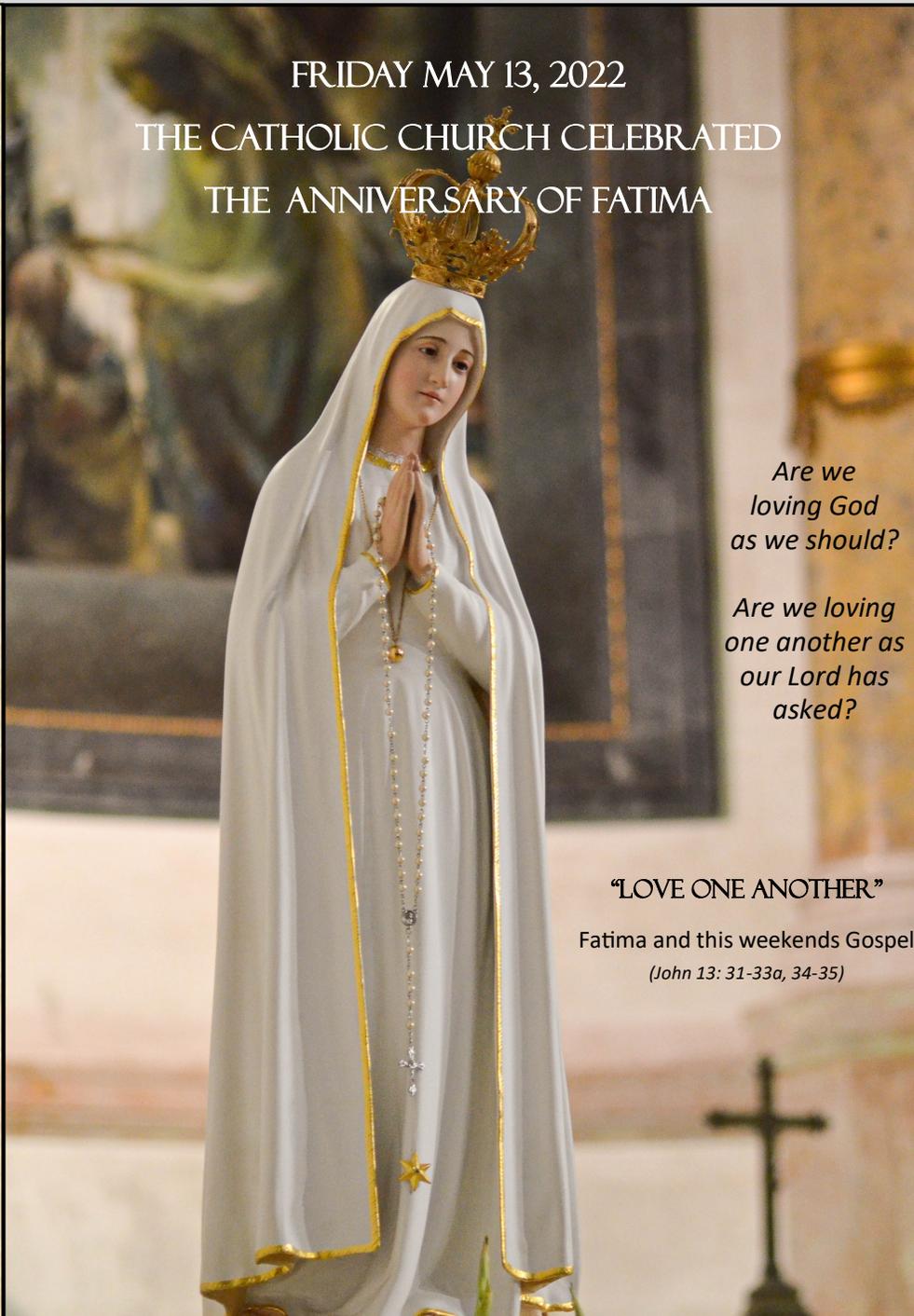
Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Wednesdays at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall

FRIDAY MAY 13, 2022

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CELEBRATED

THE ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA



Are we loving God as we should?

Are we loving one another as our Lord has asked?

“LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

Fatima and this weekends Gospel

(John 13: 31-33a, 34-35)

“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you. I ask pardon of you for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love you.”

THE IMPORTANCE OF FATIMA TODAY



Sat	5/14	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions Victor Schuster III by Rosemary Fudeman
Sun	5/15	8:30am 10:30am	Louise Schmitt by the Family unrequested
Mon	5/16	8:30am	unrequested
Tue	5/17	8:30am	unrequested
Wed	5/18	8:30am	For the intentions of our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book
Thu	5/19	8:30am	unrequested
Fri	5/20	8:30am	unrequested
Sat	5/21	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions Kenneth Dunker by the Family
Sun	5/22	8:30am 10:30am	Jane Dube by the Schmitt Family unrequested

Request a Mass Intention

In our funeral liturgies today, we have a tendency to canonize the deceased, and assume they are already in Heaven. This has led to fewer and fewer people offering Masses for their beloved dead. Don't stop praying for your loved ones who have gone before you. If they are already in Heaven, your prayers will help their intercessory efficacy.

<https://catholicexchange.com/need-fatimas-message-today>

Good News!

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C) • Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Everyone gets a bit excited with the prospect of something new, whether it's a new job, a new car, or a new iPhone. This new thing might simply be a replacement. However, when it is a new model, an upgrade, we get even more excited. Revelation uses a distinctive Greek word, *kainós*, for this second kind of newness. The new heaven, the new earth, the new Jerusalem (and the new commandment mentioned in the Gospel) suggest radical newness—the kind resulting from an act of God. Centuries earlier, the prophet Isaiah had promised a new heaven and a new earth (see Isaiah 65:17). This metaphor pointed to a time of eschatological peace and fulfillment, a time when the covenant relationship between God and the people would be renewed and last forever. This was a promise the people held dear.

How are we to read this passage from Revelation today? Is it referring to a time in this life? Or, after this life? It may actually refer to both. We believe that, with his death and resurrection, Jesus inaugurated this time of fulfillment. However, its full establishment is not yet complete, hence the new commandment: "Love one another" (John 13:34). When we truly follow this commandment and love each other, we actually make present the new heaven and new earth; we make real the new Jerusalem, God's covenant partner. However, the ultimate fulfillment will come when God finally brings all things to completion. That is when everything will be new.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA
Liguori.org



Volunteer Opportunity

Little Audrey Santo Foundation is welcoming volunteers. For more information call: 508-755-8712.

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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to Richard Granger, Andrew Joyce, Gunnar Martunas, Samantha Martunas, Jack O'Connor and Luca Saccoccio who received First Eucharist last Sunday. May they always believe in Jesus' sacred presence that comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

In the gospel reading from John, for the Fifth Sunday of Easter this year, Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." With these words, Jesus challenges all Christian believers to share the unconditional love of God with each other. However, to love in the self-sacrificing way of Jesus, one has to spiritually embrace our Lord within his or her heart. One way that we can accomplish this task of bringing Jesus into the center of our lives is to be fully devoted to the Holy Eucharist.

Let us accept the spiritual need that we have to attend the Holy Eucharist each week and more than weekly if possible. Jesus has given us this sacrament to be present in our lives. I wonder do we believe in His sacred presence in the Holy Eucharist. As we celebrate the Paschal Mystery (Jesus' passion, death and resurrection) at each Holy Mass while receiving Jesus' sacred body and blood, soul and divinity, the grace of God fills our soul with His divine love.

With much persistence, may we share the love of Jesus with everyone that appears in our lives. This endeavor, however, will never be easy. The words describing St. Paul and St. Barnabas' encouragement to the disciples in the First Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter from The Acts of the Apostles can be helpful. It says, "They strengthened the spirit of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith saying it is necessary to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God."

As we reflect upon the hardships, difficulties and disappointments that we often encounter, again may we prayerfully seek out the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. For further spiritual consolation, let us contemplate these words of St. Francis of Assisi regarding the priest consecrating bread and wine into the sacred body and blood of our dear Lord. "Man should tremble, the world should shake, all Heaven should be deeply moved, when the Son of God appears on the altar in the hands of the priest." Be well and be safe!

God's love and prayers always,
Fr. Ed



A very warm thank you to everyone who stopped by to wish us well on Sunday, May 1st. It was wonderful to see you again, and a great opportunity to say good bye as well as to thank you for all of your help throughout the years. We have truly appreciated our time at Prince of Peace and all of the friendships we have made here. A special thank you to Fr. Ed, Sandy Lord, and Terry Cote for the beautiful party for us—the food and decorations were incredible—and the beautiful plaque and plant look perfect in our new home! We will miss you, but you will always be in our hearts and prayers. God be with you.

Paula and Dan Greeley



About the Cover and the Importance of Fatima and the Holy Eucharist with Respect to Fr. Ed's Reflection

When Pope John Paul II was recovering from the bullet wounds he suffered during the attempted assassination on May 13, 1981, he made a careful study of the documents related to the Fatima message. He saw himself in the description of the pope who was shot praying before the large cross on the mountain. Realizing the significance of this message for our present time, he said, "Fatima is more important now than in 1917!" The Holy Father was convinced that the contemporary world is engaged in an enormous struggle between the forces of good and evil, between a living faith in the Supreme Being and the absolute rejection of God. He recognized the consequences of this struggle: there will either be a civilization of love and trust based on the sanctity of human life and those rights and responsibilities given by the Creator to each human person, or a tyranny of hate and oppression based on contempt of God, hatred of his Church and relativistic values. Let us recall a statement made by Cardinal Karol Wojtyla on a 1976 visit to the United States, two years before he was elected pope.

"We are today before the greatest combat that mankind has ever seen. I do not believe that the Christian community has completely understood it. We are today before the final struggle between the Church and anti-Church, between the Gospel and the anti-Gospel . . ."

Are we truly loving as we ought according to the command from Jesus in this weekend's Gospel from John, to "Love one another?"

Five significant and urgent messages from our Lady of Fatima which cannot be ignored in our modern-day era are the following: the transformation and renewal of hearts because of our lack of belief, adoration, hope and lack of love; renewal of the devotion to the Holy Rosary; contemplation about death, judgement, heaven and hell; the importance of her Marian request of fulfilling the 'First Five Saturdays' in reparation for the offenses committed against her most Immaculate Heart; and finally, to enhance our Eucharistic Devotion.

Eucharistic Devotion

There were three angelic apparitions before our Lady appeared in 1917. The final two apparitions of the Angel of Peace focused on the Eucharist. Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia were taught a beautiful prayer during the second apparition. And during the third apparition, the children received the Eucharist from the hand of the angel. In the prayer that the angel taught, we are reminded of the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, (body, blood, soul, and divinity), that Jesus is present in all the tabernacles of the world, and lastly that we must make reparation for offenses against the Holy Eucharist.

"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended. And through the infinite merit of His Most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners."

We live in a time where many polls suggest that most Catholics do not believe in the real presence or they misunderstand the Church's teaching—believing the Eucharist is only a symbol. *(continued top right)*

When we enter our local Church, we acknowledge Christ's presence by genuflecting, but how quickly some forget this fact, when we begin to converse with our neighbor, or congregate in the nave after Mass, instead of praying to the God of the Universe. Lastly, when the Fatima children received the Eucharist, the angel told them: "Take and drink the body and blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God." The message calls us to a worthy reception of Holy Communion. After all, the angel tells us Jesus is outraged by ungrateful men and their crimes. The next time you receive Holy Communion, be sure to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to Jesus, thanking him for coming to dwell within you. Be a grateful believer, not an ungrateful one.

Excerpts - <https://catholicexchange.com/need-fatimas-message-today>

Canonization of Blessed Marie Rivier

On May 15, Pope Francis will canonize 10 saints including the foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, Blessed Marie Rivier, the "Woman Apostle". Through her, the Holy Spirit has traced a new path of holiness in the Church, a Gospel path that 875 of her Sisters nurture in the 19 countries where they teach. In this Diocese, these sisters taught in many of our parish schools. Many might remember praying for this gift as a student, in doing the Rivier Retreat or as a Rivier Associate. Today, we invite you to rejoice with the Sisters as we celebrate this important event in the life of the Congregation and of the Church. Hereafter, invoke her powerful intercession. Her path is sown with miracles, favors, and blessings. Let her bless you! Saint Marie Rivier, pray for me!



Diocese of Worcester

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

(JOHN 13:34)



"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you.

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy."

Thomas Merton

Pray to end Abortion and Infanticide

Mass Collection - May 8, 2022

Sunday Offertory:	\$1,150.00
Monthly:	\$100.00
Make-up envelopes:	\$130.00
Advance envelopes:	\$60.00
Maintenance:	\$30.00
<i>Diocesan & Other Collections</i>	
Yearly:	\$300.00
Feast of the Ascension:	\$30.00
Total Collection:	\$1,800.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Electronic Giving for April: \$2,385.00

Safe Environment Notice: Prince of Peace Parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children and young people approved by the US Bishops and Diocese of Worcester policies. If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to Judith Audette, Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester at 508-929-4393.