

May 22, 2022 | Sixth Sunday of Easter



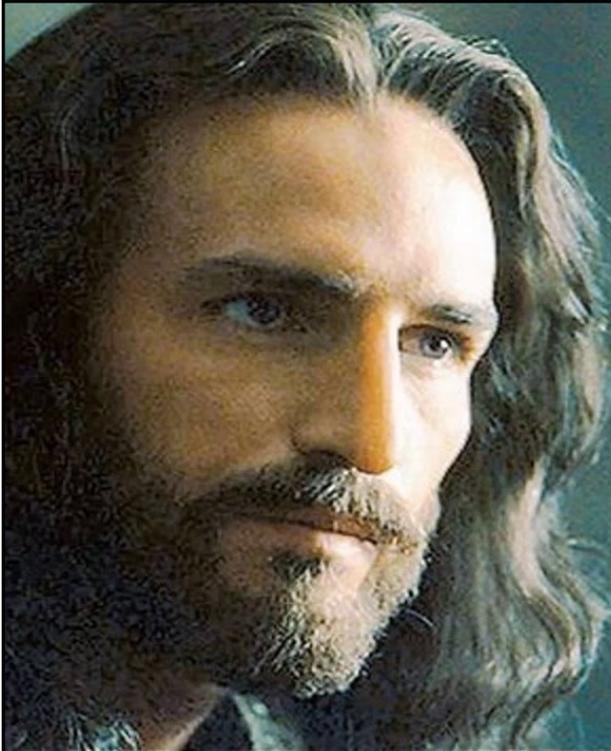
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Jesus Said to His Disciples:

“Whoever loves me will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him
and make our dwelling with him.”

(John 14:23-29)

We are solely responsible with preparing for
Jesus taking up residency within us.
How well have we prepared our souls to be a hospitable home?

Holy Day of Obligation - Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord

Thursday, May 26th

Masses will be celebrated at Prince of Peace at 8:30am and 7:00pm.

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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Religious Ed Coordinator

Sharon Bushway

Secretary

Deborah Harding

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



Sat	5/21	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions Kenneth C. Dunker by the Family
Sun	5/22	8:30am 10:30am	Jane Dube by the Schmitt Family unrequested
Mon	5/23	8:30am	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue	5/24	8:30am	unrequested
Wed	5/25	8:30am	For the intentions of our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book
Thu	5/26	8:30am 7:00pm	Holy Mass of The Ascension of The Lord Holy Mass of The Ascension of The Lord
Fri	5/27	8:30am	unrequested
Sat	5/28	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions unrequested
Sun	5/29	8:30am 10:30am	unrequested unrequested

Holy Thursday - Feast of the Ascension



The Catechism of the Catholic Church summarizes three important theological aspects of the Ascension.

Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11).

Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever.

Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit (665-667).

Prayer to Christ Ascended Into Heaven

O Lord Jesus, I adore You, Son of Mary, my Savior and my Brother, for You are God. I follow You in my thoughts, O first fruits of our race, as I hope one day by Your grace to follow You in my person into heavenly glory. In the meantime, do let me neglect the earthly task that You have given me. Let me labor diligently all my life with a greater appreciation for the present. Let me realize that only by accomplishing true human fulfillment can I attain Divine fulfillment and ascend to You at the completion of my work.

New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book

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Dear Friends,

During these days of the Easter Season, may we constantly be aware of improving our relationship with God. May we never take for granted God's unconditional love for us. On the other hand, may we embrace God's love while sharing it unconditionally with those whom we encounter on a daily basis.

We believe that Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead to give each one of us an opportunity for eternal life in Heaven. In a spiritual way, we should continue to prepare our souls for Jesus. We need to reject sin, while seeking out the Lord's love, mercy and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance. Attaining salvation is the most important task of our existence, since the salvation of souls means everything to our Triune God. In a gentle and compassionate way, may we be ambassadors of God's unconditional love.

In our prayer, may we offer intentions for the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. Also, in prayer, let us seek out the Holy Spirit, asking for His grace, sanctification and discernment to help us be devoted servants of God's love.

Many thanks to all those who continue to financially support Prince of Peace Parish. Your generosity is most appreciated. Be well and be safe!

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

"Out of compassion for us He descended from Heaven, and although He ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in Him by grace."

Saint Augustine

Diocese of Worcester

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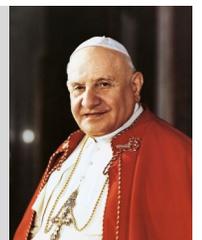
"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."
(JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

Preoccupations about the future, which arise from self-love, delay the work of God in us and hinder His purposes.

Pope St. John XXIII

ARE YOU PREOCCUPIED?





Partners in Charity - 2022

We are still in need of your participation in the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. To date we have received 48 gifts for a total of \$33,240. This leaves Prince of Peace Parish \$2,860 short of the goal of \$36,100. If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Annual Appeal. Pledge envelopes are available on the table in the back of the church. You can also donate on-line at <https://www.partners-charity.net>
Thank you to all who have given so generously!

Gateway to Jesus and the Mass: The Art of Accompaniment

- Keys to Reaching Inactive Catholics Training -

Deepen your capacity to be present and attentive to inactive Catholics on their journeys to discover or rediscover Jesus in daily life and the sacraments. Instructors: John and Therese Boucher. Saturday, May 28 from 9:30 am to Noon. NO COST This is a **Zoom.com workshop**. To register, send name, email, & phone to: boucherjohn@hotmail.com by Wednesday, May 25.

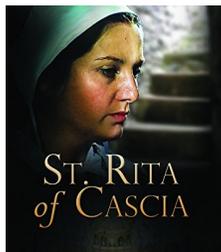


A prayer of offering during the month of May and every day of our lives

Morning Consecration to Mary

My Queen, My Mother,
I offer myself entirely to thee. And to show my devotion to thee, I offer thee this day, my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve.
Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own, keep me, guard me as thy property and possession. Amen.

To Jesus, through Mary



Feast Day of Saint Rita of Cascia - Sunday, May 22

On May 22, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Rita of Cascia, who the late John Paul II called “a disciple of the Crucified One” and an “expert in suffering.” Known in Spain as “La Santa de los impossibles” (the saint of the impossible), St. Rita has become immensely popular throughout the centuries. She is invoked by people in all situations and stations of life, since she had embraced suffering with charity and wrongs with forgiveness in the many trials she experienced in her life: as a wife, widow, a mother surviving the death of her children, and a nun.

Born in 1386 in Roccaparena, Umbria, St. Rita was married at the age of 12 to a violent and ill-tempered husband. He was murdered 18 years later and she forgave his murderers, praying that her twin sons, who had sworn to avenge their father’s death may also forgive. She was granted this grace, and her sons, who died young, died reconciled to God.

The saint heard the call to become a nun in the Augustinian convent at Cascia, but was refused entry at first. She asked the intercession of Sts. Augustine, Mary Magdalene and John the Baptist and was finally allowed to enter the convent where she lived the last 40 years of her life in prayer, mortification and service to the people of Cascia.

For the last 15 years of her life she received a stigmata-like thorn wound in answer to her prayers to be more profoundly conformed to the passion of the Lord Jesus. Rita was bedridden for the last four years of her life, consuming almost nothing except for the Eucharist. She died of tuberculosis at the age of 70 on May 22, 1456. St. Rita was canonized in 1900 by Pope Leo XIII. She is the patron saint of impossible causes, sterility, abuse victims, loneliness, marriage difficulties and widows. <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-rita-of-cascia-464>



Memorial Day Masses at Diocesan Cemeteries

On Memorial Day, May 30, Bishop McManus will be celebrating Mass at 10:00 am at St. John’s Cemetery in the Clergy Section if good weather and in the chapel of St. John’s Mausoleum if inclement weather. Msgr. Robert Johnson will be celebrating Mass at 10:00 am in the Main Chapel of Notre Dame Cemetery. All are welcome.



2022 Captain Christopher Sullivan Scholarship

Final Call. The deadline for submission is May 27, 2022

This **\$1,000 scholarship** is aimed to assist a student from Princeton who has given back to their community through volunteer work or service and to encourage independence, morality, and good citizenship. Applicants must have completed one academic year of post-secondary education with a minimum GPA of 2.5, and must be a resident of Princeton at the time of application. Please visit the Town of Princeton web page for the application and details: www.town.princeton.ma.us.

Weekend Mass Collection

Sunday Offertory:	\$902.00	M
Monthly:	\$760.00	A
Make-up envelopes:	\$465.00	Y
Total Collection:	\$2,127.00	15

Thank you for your generous support!

Handbell Concert in Shrewsbury

St. Anne Parish, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury is hosting a handbell concert by the Merrimack Valley Ringers on Saturday, JUNE 4 at 7:00pm in the church. Open to the public; appropriate for all ages. Free-will offering at it’s conclusion.

Pray to end Abortion and Infanticide

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.