

May 29, 2022 | Seventh Sunday of Easter



# PRINCE of PEACE

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"Lifting up his eyes

to heaven,

Jesus prayed saying,

"Holy Father, I pray not

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but also for those

who will believe in me

through their word, ..."

JESUS PRAYS FOR ONENESS - UNITY

*"The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion."*

## 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

### **Business Manager**

Bill Lawton

### **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	5/28	3:30pm 4:30pm	<i>Confessions</i> unrequested
Sun	5/29	8:30am 10:30am	unrequested unrequested
Mon	5/30	8:30am	unrequested
Tue	5/31	8:30am	NO MASS
Wed	6/1	8:30am	NO MASS
Thu	6/2	8:30am	Special Intention: <i>For Fr. Asante in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood</i>
Fri	6/3	8:30am	unrequested
Sat	6/4	3:30pm 4:30pm	<i>Confessions</i> unrequested
Sun	6/5	8:30am 10:30am	unrequested unrequested

*The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth*



#### Important - No Mass

Since Father Ed will be attending the Diocesan Presbyteral Assembly, there will be no Mass on Tuesday May 31 and Wednesday June 1.

***Do not forget that true love sets no conditions, it does not calculate or complain, it simply loves.***

*Saint John Paul II*

## Good News!

May 29, 2022

*The Ascension of the Lord (C) • Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53*

It depends upon your understanding of cosmology, the religious explanation of the nature and structure of the universe. If Jesus ascended into heaven, how far up did he go? This also depends upon your understanding of cosmology. These are not foolish questions. We might not be experts in the field of cosmology, but many of us know a bit about galaxies, spacetime, and black holes, if only from *Star Trek*. So with this minimal cosmological knowledge, how should we understand Acts 1:9 when “a cloud took [Jesus] from their sight”? Did he just keep going up?

In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul refers to Jesus’ ascension, but he does not describe a mystifying event, as the Gospel reading does. Instead, he speaks of Jesus’ exaltation at God’s right hand. Perhaps it was fitting that Jesus ascended into the sky a little way, emphasizing that what occurred was more than mere physical exaltation. Rather, it is a way of stating that Jesus has now achieved honor and glory far beyond anything that is human, earthly, or created. He now enjoys divine glorification.

Still, even Paul uses metaphorical language when he says that Jesus sits at God’s right hand in heaven. We know that heaven is more than a place but is also a state of total fulfillment. We also know that to be seated at the host’s right hand means to be awarded the place of honor at the banquet. So, Paul is saying that Jesus enjoys total fulfillment in the place of honor next to his Father, where he is now praised as the beginning and end of all that is. This is reason to rejoice.

*Liguori.org Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

**Pray to end Abortion and Infanticide**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 29, 2022*

*Dear Friends,*



*The gospel reading from the Seventeenth Chapter of the *Gospel of John*, for the Seventh Sunday of Easter this year begins with these words, “Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying, “Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.”*

*Let us pray that we will always be one with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We have been given a treasured gift of faith to respond to God’s revelation as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As we contemplate the reality of being one with our Triune God, again may we reflect upon the immensity of Jesus’ gracious sacrifice for the salvation of humanity. God’s love flows upon us through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Through the celebration of the Easter Season, the Church challenges us to be filled with hope and to, “fully believe,” in God’s unconditional love for us. As we challenge ourselves to nourish and strengthen our faith to, “fully believe,” in our Triune God, may we be courageous ambassadors of God’s love in this world.*

*As we celebrate Memorial Day this weekend, let us remember all of our beloved deceased. May we be grateful to God for all that these folks did for us. Also, let us pray continually for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Our Masses, prayer, devotions and sacrifices can help to release these souls from Purgatory into Heaven.*

*May we take the responsibility to pray for the Holy Souls very seriously. Also, may we be grateful to all the soldiers who sacrificed much for freedom throughout the world. God’s blessings to you. Be well and be safe!*

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

## Diocese of Worcester

### The Ascension of the Lord



*“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”  
(REVELATIONS 22:13)*

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

### Weekend Mass Collection

Sunday Offertory:	\$1,379.00	M
Monthly:	\$270.00	A
Make-up envelopes:	\$40.00	Y
Maintenance:	\$45.00	
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,734.00</b>	22

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### "Who" are the Boundaries that Await our Love?

#### *Pondering this weekends Gospel of John*

If Jesus is praying for our oneness, then he is also recognizing and rejecting the boundaries and differences that divide us. There are divisions within ourselves, our families, our churches, our nation. We live in a world full of divisions – male or female; rich or poor; Christian or Muslim; conservative or liberal; educated or uneducated; young or old. We could go on and on listing the boundaries that we encounter and all too often establish or promote. They are not just divisions, they have become oppositions. These divisions exist not only out there in the world but primarily and first in the human heart. We project onto the world our fragmented lives.

For every boundary we establish there is a human being. Ultimately, boundaries and differences are not about issues. They are about real people, with names, lives, joys, sorrows, concerns, and needs just like us. I think we sometimes forget or ignore this. It is easier to deal with an issue than a real person.

Whether or not we admit it, the boundaries we establish and enforce are usually done in such a way as to favor us; to make us feel ok, to reassure us that we are right and in control, chosen and desired, seen and recognized, approved of and accepted. In order for me to win, someone must lose, in order for me to be included, someone must be excluded, otherwise winning and being included, mean nothing. The divisions of our lives in some way become self-perpetuating.

We often deal with the boundaries and differences that divide us by writing agreements, covenants, treaties, and legislation that govern how we will get along with each other and behave in the midst of our differences. But that is not Jesus' prayer.

Jesus does not pray for our tolerance, our getting along, or just being nice to each other. He does not even pray that our differences would be eliminated. Instead he prays for our oneness. He prays that we would be one as he and the Father are one so that our oneness would be the revelation of God's presence to the world. Oneness in the midst of difference becomes a sacramental presence of God's life in the world.

Oneness is not about eliminating differences - It is about love. Love is the only thing that can ever overcomes division. Over and over Jesus tells us that. Love God - love your neighbor - love yourself - love your enemies.

Our love for God, neighbor, self, and enemy reveals our oneness, and the measure of our oneness, our God-likeness, is love. In love there may be differences, but there is no division.

God does not even draw boundaries between Jesus and us. If we think God loves Jesus more than anyone else we have missed the point of the Gospel. God loves you the same as he loves Jesus. God loves your neighbor the same as he loves Jesus. God loves your enemy the same as he loves Jesus. If that is how God loves, how can we do anything less and still call ourselves Christians? For far too long we have dealt with each other through our boundaries, differences, and divisions. You can see where that has gotten us. There is no oneness in that.

We answer His prayer every time we choose how to love, who to love, where to love. It is time we answer Jesus' prayer and deal with one another in love.

<https://interruptingthesilence.com/2010/05/16/that-they-may-all-be-one-a-sermon-for-easter-7c-john-1720-26/>



### Mary and the Birds

*Is it possible that bird watching and Marian devotion could be united? Did Mary watch the birds come and go in Egypt and the Holy Land? Did birds come and rest on her hand and eat? Mary's relationship to the birds was discovered in a book by Venerable Maria of Agreda, the mystic responsible for the four-volume, *Mystical City of God*.*

*During difficult moments for the Blessed Virgin, birds would often come to bring her joy and happiness, as if they knew her spirit needed to be lifted. Maria of Agreda writes: "Sometimes, in order to afford Her sensible relief, innumerable birds would come to visit Her by the command of the Lord. As if they were endowed with intellect, they would salute Her by their lively movements, and dividing into harmonious choirs, would furnish her with sweetest music, and they would wait for her blessing before again disappearing."*

*Maria of Agreda says that Mary spoke to the birds and commanded them to remain with her and praise with her to Almighty God. It's a reminder to us that everything God has created gives praise to God by who or what it is. It's why Daniel's hymn (chapter 3) can say, "Ice and snow, bless the Lord." Or appropriate here, "All you birds of the air, bless the Lord." Maria of Agreda also remarked that the birds would bring flowers to Mary.*

*The next time you see birds at your feeders, allow it to be a reminder of Our Lady, who apparently had a great love for birds, and was a birdwatcher just like you and me. Like the birds, may we sing the praises of God and fly to Mary's protection in times of trouble.*

<https://catholicexchange.com/mary-and-the-birds/>

### Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles

**Sunday, June 26 - Webster**

Inspired By Carlo Acutis - Scientific Evidence of Eucharistic Miracles



Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 18 East Main Street, will present free to the public, a Vatican-approved International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles of the World on

Sunday, June 26th. A short presentation about Eucharistic Miracles will take place at 2 p.m. in the church, followed by the exhibit in the parish hall located at 11 Day St. The exhibit, which has been shown at more than 3,000 parishes in Italy, the US, Canada, and many other countries, was created and designed by Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old from Milan who died of leukemia in 2006. He was beatified in 2020. A first-class relic of this young man will be present for veneration at the exposition. For more information, call the parish office at 508-941-3140 or visit [www.sacredheartwebster.org](http://www.sacredheartwebster.org).

### 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.