

June 12, 2022 | *The Most Holy Trinity*



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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

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



The Most Holy Trinity

The "name" of the Most Holy Trinity is in a certain way impressed upon everything that exists, because everything that exists, down to the least particle, is a being in relation, and thus God-relation shines forth, ultimately creative Love shines forth. All comes from love, tends toward love, and is moved by love, naturally, according to different grades of consciousness and freedom... The strongest proof that we are made in the image of the Trinity is this: only love makes us happy, because we live in relation, and we live to love and be loved.

Pope Benedict XVI



*Please pray to end
Abortion
and Infanticide*

Sat	6/11	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions unrequested
Sun	6/12	8:30am 10:30am	unrequested Joanne Arello <i>by the family</i>
Mon	6/13	8:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue	6/14	8:30am	unrequested
Wed	6/15	8:30am	For the intentions of our Prayer Line and Prayer Intention Book
Thu	6/16	8:30am	unrequested
Fri	6/17	8:30am	Vanessa Marcotte
Sat	6/18	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions Mary Kilinskas <i>by the family</i>
Sun	6/19	8:30am 10:30am	unrequested Father Dennis O'Brien

© Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!



Thoughts from Bishop Robert Barron

The Trinity is just another way of saying that God is love. But this has to imply that there is a play within the unity of God, of lover, beloved, and shared love. This is precisely what we mean when we speak of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

This love is so white-hot, so intense, that it spills over into creation. In the case of human beings, this communication in love was interrupted by sin. What did the triune God do in order to address this problem? In another place John famously says, "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

The Father so burned with the love of the Holy Spirit that he sent his own Son into the world so that a sinful humanity might be drawn back into community. The Trinity opened up so as to include a sinful and wandering humanity. The Trinity is far from an abstract doctrine. It names the very dynamics of salvation.

Bishop Robert Barron - Word on Fire - Daily Gospel Reflections

Prayer to the Blessed Trinity

I adore and glorify you, O blessed Trinity, God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I offer myself to your divine Majesty, humbly asking you to take from me, and from all the faithful, whatever displeases you, and to give us that which is grateful in your sight. Grant that we may here do what you command, and hereafter receive what you promise. To you O Lord, I commend my soul and body [my spouse and children, my father and mother, my brothers and sisters]; all my relations, benefactors, friends, and acquaintances; all who have injured or offended me; and all whom I have in any way scandalized injured, or offended; all who have asked my prayers, or for whom I am accustomed or bound to pray; supply all their necessities, comfort and support them in all their trials and afflictions, deliver them from all temptations, make them in this world truly to know, love, and serve you, and to enjoy you hereafter in heaven. Lastly, I commend all universally to your divine protection, that you may grant to the living forgiveness of their sins, and to the souls departed, rest and peace. Amen.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
June 12, 2022



Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, may we be more aware of worshipping our Triune God with much devotion. In a fervent way, may we praise, honor, glorify, thank, and love the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. As one contemplates the essence of our faith, may we believe that we have been created, redeemed and sanctified by our loving God. Let us be grateful for all of God's gifts to us. God's presence within our lives is our greatest treasure. May we believe in that sacred presence. However, to believe that God is with us through all the situations of life, we need to be willing to nourish and strengthen our faith. We become devoted servants of God through prayer, worship and acts of charity. May our hearts be open to accept God's call to be His faithful followers.

With much hope, may we constantly proclaim that, "I believe in God," and may our actions show to others our firm belief. Again, we are challenged to bring Jesus and His message of love to everyone we come in contact with. We will be successful in this endeavor when we bring Jesus into our own heart. Let us be courageous and reject those selfish and indifferent attitudes that can envelop us. I wonder, will we make the necessary changes in our life that allow us to be devoted people of faith? Let us never allow pride and selfish interests to "rule" our lives. Be well and be safe!

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



Partners in Charity Update

WE DID IT!

Thanks to you!

Prince of Peace Parish has reached it's goal of **\$36,100**. A tremendous thank you to all who donated so generously to this worthy cause.

Saint Anthony of Padua - June 13th

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me... *(Mention your request here)* Amen.

Diocese of Worcester

Trinity Sunday

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..."

(John 16:13)



It has been said that the best gift we can give someone is to teach them how to pray. If you don't talk and more importantly, listen, to God every day, how else will you know what He is calling you to do? Just as you talk to family and friends every day, get in the habit of talking with God every day. Develop a daily prayer routine. Keep your prayers simple and sincere. This is best done in silence, when you can hear His response.

WHAT GOD GIVES

When we want something and pray for it, often we then wait and expect for God to put it in our hands.

That happens. But not often. For what God usually does is not just hand us stuff — not just place it smack in the palms of our hands, with little or no effort on our part — but put it within our reach. The rest — reaching for it; grasping it — requires faith and effort on our part. Prayer and effort plus faith = miracles (when God so wills; when it’s in our long-term interest).

And so, reach for what the Lord Creator grants as a possibility, and also: realize you are in this world but not to be part of it. The flow you must go with is His. It is not visible. And so it may entail what seems irrational except through the eyes of faith.

The world places things right in your palm, if you do its bidding. The world rewards according to its own. Then, it owns you. The others — the minority; those of faith — it resists; it may even spit out.

Realize that as Christians we used to be the “home team.” Our country was amicable; welcoming; we were its standard. Holiness was admired. Goodness was rewarded. Christianity was part of the fabric.

Now, we are the “visiting team.” We are foreigners in an alien land.

And so more than ever, God has called every Christian to leave worldliness — not leave the earth, not quit our jobs, not forsake our chores and responsibilities, and certainly not to leave those who need us — but leave attitudes and actions that leave out God.

View the world as the foreign territory and place of exile that it is.

You’ll never know where God is taking you, and what He is placing within your reach, without leaving where you are, the world. As long as you hold onto the world, you will not find your true destiny. You will find instead what the world wants you to be. Do you live with affections and actions that leave God out? Do you compromise with the culture, with trends, with the societies of men? God doesn’t want you to love the world because His enemy runs it. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15).

The question is: who do you love? Who and how do you believe? If you are a serious Christian, the preacher Tony Evans reminds us, you don’t “believe in God” so much as “believe God.” And He should never be seen in competition with the devil. He is a gazillion lights years above that.

Yes, Christians have lost home-field advantage. That makes us the visiting team. The crowd is not in our favor. It’s not on our side. There is little rooting for us. We are no longer supported in school, at work, even at home; no longer do we live in a land that holds the Judeo-Christian view. Womb to tomb: we are now the aliens.

Because of that, many Christians have become treasonous; they want to be accepted and affirmed by the culture, applauded, cheered by it. They take a worldly (“mainstream”) approach to Christianity. They focus on the cheerleaders, not Jesus.

This is false Christianity — worldliness no matter the storefront, uniform, or facade of the stadium.

If you’re the visiting team, you’re going to be booed when you make a great play, when you score. You can’t care about the crowd. You can’t care if there’s no applause when you hit the long shot, when you pass for a touchdown.

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God’s at the scoreboard.

Didn’t God’s people of Israel have to survive and win victory in Babylon?

Our spiritual rebellion like Israel’s has put us in this mess. It has let the worldly become the home team — humanists, the secular, materialists, the “nones.” For a Christian, the world is dying out.

We have to leave it. We shouldn’t look back at Sodom. The “world” can be defined as that system ruled over by Satan that leaves God out.

We leave it without leaving it. We live in peace without giving up the fight. We learn that the best defense is a good offense — one that follows a coach named Christ.

The crowd may not cheer, there will be no roar, but you’ll win. When the clock runs out, you’ll be the victor.

Michael Brown - Spiritdaily.com - June 2, 2022

Religious Freedom Week
(Life and Dignity for All)

This week long event 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 “Life and Dignity for All”. The significant feast days during the week (Saints Thomas More and John Fisher – June 22, Saint John the Baptist – June 24, and Saints Peter and Paul – June 29) 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 www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek to download the “Pray-Reflect-Act” pages for each day on various religious liberty topics. These excellent resources 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 worcestardiocese.org/religiousfreedomweek.

<u>Weekend Mass Collections</u>		
Sunday Offertory:	\$1,258.00	<i>M</i>
Monthly:	\$625.00	<i>A</i>
Make-up envelopes:	\$202.00	<i>Y</i>
Maintenance:	\$45.00	<i>29TH</i>
Ascension Thursday:	\$247.00	
Cath. Comm. Campaign:	<u>\$30.00</u>	
Total Collection:	\$2,407.00	
Sunday Offertory:	\$1,056.00	<i>J</i>
Monthly:	\$430.00	<i>U</i>
Maintenance:	\$84.00	<i>N</i>
Cath. Comm. Campaign:	\$100.00	<i>E</i>
Peter’s Pence:	<u>\$25.00</u>	<i>5TH</i>
Total Collection:	\$1,695.00	
<i>Thank you for your generous support!</i>		

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.