

September 11, 2022 | Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# PRINCE of PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH



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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

Luke 15:1-32



*This Week in the Catholic Church ...*



## The Holy Name of Mary

Monday, September 12

Lord our God, when your Son was dying on the altar of the cross, he gave us as our mother the one he had chosen to be his own mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant that we who call upon the holy name of Mary, our mother, with confidence in her protection, may receive strength and comfort in all our needs. Amen.

## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday, September 14

We adore You O Christ and we praise You  
because by your Holy Cross  
You have redeemed the world.



## Our Lady Of Sorrows

Thursday, September 15

Beloved Mother, so stricken with grief, help us to bear our own suffering with courage and love so that we may relieve your Sorrowful Heart and that of Jesus. In doing so, may we give glory to God Who gave you and Jesus to humanity. As you suffered, teach us to suffer silently and patiently.



*Please pray to end  
Abortion  
and Infanticide*

Sat	9/10	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions unrequested
Sun	9/11	8:30am 10:30am	unrequested unrequested
Mon	9/12	8:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue	9/13	8:30am	unrequested
Wed	9/14	8:30am	Intentions of our Prayer Line and Prayer Intention Book
Thu	9/15	8:30am	unrequested
Fri	9/16	8:30am	unrequested
Sat	9/17	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions unrequested
Sun	9/18	8:30am 10:30am	unrequested unrequested

*"I will rise and go to my father."*



A Reflection on the  
Prodigal Son

*He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. - Luke 15:20*

If you had to use only ten words to describe the whole message of Christianity, you would be hard pressed to do better than this single sentence from the parable of the prodigal son.

Like the father in the parable, God brought us into existence; he has provided for us and given us his inheritance. Straying sons? Sadly, you don't have to look far in the Bible for stories of God's people drifting away from their Maker. There's Cain, the first murderer. There's the prophet Hosea's wayward wife, who God said represented the unfaithfulness of Israel. There's Solomon, gifted with wisdom, who began worshipping false gods. Even the people of Israel were carted off to exile after their hearts turned away from God.

Yet throughout history, no matter how far his people have wandered from him, God has been like the father in this parable: always watching and waiting for them to take the first step back to him. God doesn't wait for us passively: he is always seeking, searching, calling out to us, and offering us whatever grace we need to make the journey back. Then he eagerly watches so that he can run to meet us when we do.

This parable also tells us that God loves us enough to respect our free will. Like the father in the story, he doesn't come chasing after us; he doesn't threaten us; he doesn't command us, saying, "Get back here this instant!" Rather, he gives us room to discover our sin and our neediness on our own.

The story of the prodigal son is not just the story of the gospel; it's the story of how we experience this message. It's the story of a prodigal finding the courage to face his sins and confess them. It's the story of a Father who can't help but love and forgive his children. And it's the story of the healing and unity that come about when we decide to return home to the Lord.

"Heavenly Father, thank you for running to me with open arms whenever I turn back to you."

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*Dear Friends,*

*In the second reading from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time this year he wrote, "Beloved I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." In the remaining verses of this reading from First Timothy, St. Paul writes about being a witness of Jesus and the blessings that he has received from our dear Lord.*

*In a splendid way, St. Paul's conversion came about through the grace of God. Jesus touched his life with love and mercy. Traveling to Damascus to arrest Christians, Saul of Tarsus was blinded by the penetrating light of Jesus who said, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Saul responded, "Who are you sir?" The response was, "I am Jesus who you are persecuting." Saul, the persecutor became Paul the apostle. When challenged by Jesus, Saul miraculously changed.*

*For the rest of his life, Saul offered himself to the Lord. He understood that he had to respond positively to God's grace that was given to him. Paul met this challenge as he brought Jesus' message to most of the known world. St. Paul gave his life to Jesus becoming a martyr because of his belief in our dear Lord.*

*May we be inspired by the life of St. Paul. He accepted Jesus' call to become an apostle bearing the responsibility given to him. At this time, we have been called to be present-day apostles. Are we listening? Let us pray that we will persevere in sharing the faith as St. Paul did. May we always be faithful to Jesus' message of love and mercy. Be well and be safe!*

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

The Catechism was not written to please you. It will not make life easy for you, because it demands of you a new life.

-Pope Benedict XVI

**Diocese of Worcester**

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**"Everything I have is yours."**

(Luke 15:31)



Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.



### Sung Mass in Clinton

*St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish*

Friday, October 7, at 7:00pm

Please mark your calendars for Friday, Oct. 21 at 7 pm when **Bishop McManus** and St. John the Guardian of Our Lady Parish in Clinton will be hosting a fully sung Mass for **Persecuted Christians**. Beautiful new sacred music for congregation and choir will be led by the 100+ voice Cor Unum Chorale under the direction of composer Paul Jernberg. Fr. Alfredo Porras will be the celebrant and Fr. Benedict Kiely (founding director of Nasarean.org) will be the homilist. To see and hear a similar sung Liturgy with the Cor Unum Chorale, visit The Fire of Your Love - The Sacred Liturgy on YouTube! For further info and to RSVP, visit [magnificatinstitute.org/mass!](http://magnificatinstitute.org/mass!)

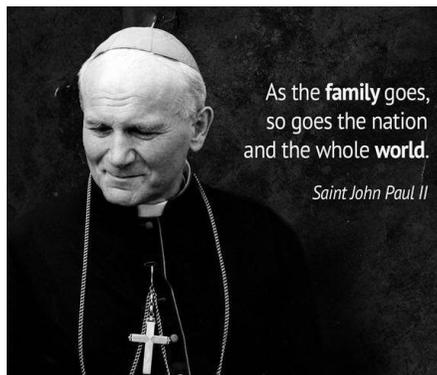


### International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

#### Coming to Spencer

The Real Presence Eucharistic Adoration Association is presenting a photographic exhibit of Vatican-approved Eucharistic Miracles from around the world which includes 187 full-color, laminated posters. Join us in the church on **Saturday, Oct. 1** at Noon for a presentation on Blessed Carlo Acutis and the extensively studied miracles of the Eucharist. The exhibit will be on display in the parish hall from 1-4 pm and his first-class relic will be on display for veneration. Books which include all the miracles will be available for purchase that day. The full schedule is as follows: Mass & Adoration in the church 8am-12 noon, followed by a presentation on blessed Carlo Acutis & the Miracles of the Eucharist in the church and 1-4pm for the Exhibit and veneration of the relic in the parish hall. Confessions will be heard at 3:30pm followed by evening Mass at 4:30pm. All are welcome to come.

*A talkative soul lacks both the essential virtues and intimacy with God. A deeper interior life, one of gentle peace and of that silence where the Lord dwells, is quite out of the question. A soul that has never tasted the sweetness of inner silence is a restless spirit which disturbs the silence of others.*  
- St. Faustina



As the **family** goes,  
so goes the nation  
and the whole **world**.

*Saint John Paul II*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

First classes begin  
Sunday, September 18th  
9:30am - 10:15am



To help with the flow of traffic please be mindful that the driveway in front of the church will be one way. Please enter by way of Gregory Hill and where the classes will be held.

The locations for specific grades will be as follows:

**Grades 9-10** will meet at the rectory on the porch facing the tennis court.

**Grades 7-8** will meet at the rectory on the porch facing the church.

**Grades 4-6** will meet in the church hall.

**Grades 1-3** will meet in the church hall.

### Thank you to our Catechists

This academic year our Catechists are **Katie Locke teaching (7-8), Marie Kincaid (9-10), Ed Harley (4-6) and Beth Duffy as our needed substitute.**

*"Being a catechist is not a title; it is an attitude of abiding with Him, and it lasts a lifetime! It means abiding in the Lord's presence and letting ourselves be led by Him." - Pope Francis*

Our religious education teachers and assistants every academic year, spend a great deal of selfless time in order to prepare and to teach the youth of our parish. They do this in order to accomplish one amazing task, and that is to help pass on the Catholic faith to the most impressionable of this community. It is done so with the hope that one day their students will also become firm believers in Christ, and all that He instituted, as they become the 'new generation' of believers.



It is with deep appreciation that we not only thank these teachers, but that we pray for them in the year ahead, as they will face many challenges in this ministry. May they instill great love for Jesus in the hearts and minds of those they teach, while helping their students build a budding and lasting relationship with our Lord for a lifetime to come. We thank you so much for your 'yes' in this role as a catechist, and your powerful witness of Christian discipleship.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you is extended to Sharon Bushway, our *Religious Education Coordinator*, to whom this program would not exist. We thank you for the endless time and dedication that you have continued to provide to this program. May you be blessed for your commitment to Christ and your nurturing devotion in service to His children. We are blessed and grateful as a parish family to have you.

**IF WE DON'T TEACH  
OUR CHILDREN TO  
FOLLOW CHRIST,  
THE WORLD  
WILL TEACH  
THEM NOT TO**

### Weekend Collection - Sept. 4th

Sunday Offertory:	\$956.00
Monthly:	\$275.00
Make-up envelopes:	\$145.00
Advance envelopes:	\$60.00
Maintenance:	\$120.00
Fall Appeal Cath. Schools:	<u>\$10.00</u>
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$1,566.00</b>

*Thank you for your generous support!*

### 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.