



PRINCE of PEACE

CATHOLIC PARISH

5 Worcester Road (P.O. Box 305) Princeton, MA 01541 | Office hours Mon.-Wed. 9:00 am-2:00 pm | (978) 464-2871

MEETINGS

Baptism

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

Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick that we may keep them in prayer. We would also like to bring the Eucharist to those who cannot celebrate Mass with us in church.

Confidential Prayer Line

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

Marriage

Interviews, instruction and Pre-Cana are required. Please contact the Rectory at least one year in advance.

Programs

- Adult Bible Study

Please contact the Rectory for class schedule.

- Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Wednesdays at 8:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

- Reconciliation/Confession

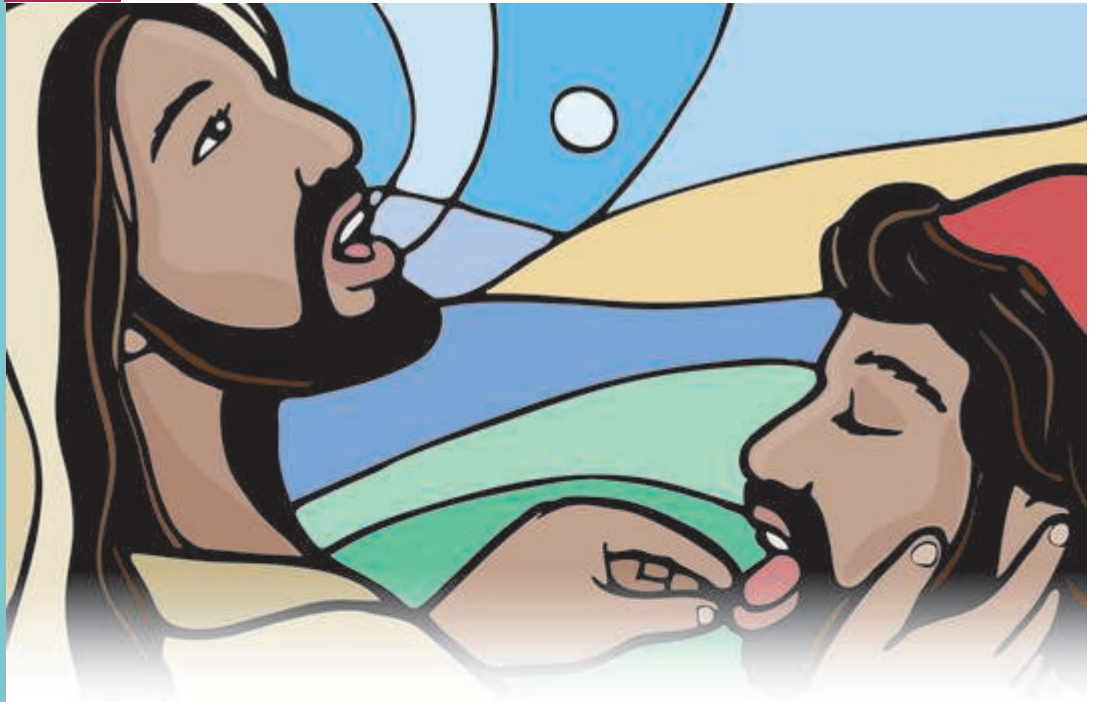
Saturday -4:00-4:30 pm at the church or by appointment.

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!"

- Mk 7:32-34

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Development Committee
978-464-2871

Finance Council
Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

Education Committee
(978) 464-2871

Liturgical Committee
(978) 464-2871

Evangelization & Outreach Committee
(978) 464-2871

SCHEDULE/MASSES

Mon—Wed, Friday, 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

Holy Days/Feast Day 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Your talents are welcome. We encourage you to call a ministry chairperson to find out more about our on-going programs.

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Mass Intentions  for the Week

Saturday, September 8th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Vanessa Marcotte

Sunday, September 9th
8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners
10:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Monday, September 10th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, September 11th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, September 12th
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line
and in our Prayer Intention Book

Friday, September 14th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, September 15th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Lisa Perreault

Sunday, September 16th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM David Turcotte, month's mind,
requested by the Parishioners

HOME STUDY

The students in our Home Study Program will be enrolled in a ceremony during the **8:30 AM** Mass this Sunday, **September 9th**. There will be a meeting for the parents following Mass.

FIRST PENANCE PROGRAM

The students in our First Penance Program will take part in an enrollment ceremony during the 8:30 AM Mass next Sunday, **September 16th**. Following Mass, there will be a meeting for the parents.

The first class for the program will be held on Sunday, **September 23rd**.

JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM

The opening class for our Jr/Sr. High School Program will be on Monday, **September 17th**, from 7:00 to **8:30 PM**.

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry at St. Joan of Arc in Worcester is very low after a very busy summer. Please consider helping resupply the pantry with donations of non-perishable food items. Thank you again for your generosity.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 9, 2018

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel reading from Mark, we listen to a beautiful manifestation of the Lord's love. Miraculously, Jesus gives a deaf man the ability to hear and speak. The people present for this miracle were very enthused by Jesus' actions. In these verses, Jesus "ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it."

As we reflect upon this miracle of Jesus, may we be inspired by the unconditional love of our dear Lord. This deaf man believed that Jesus could heal him of his infirmity. His faith in the Lord resulted in this beautiful miracle. With trust in Jesus' presence among us, let us constantly thank Jesus for His love.

Again, may we contemplate and reflect upon the reality of the cross, and the suffering that Jesus endured for our personal salvation. Let us seek out the sanctification of the Holy Spirit to help us believe in Jesus and be spiritually healed. If we offer our suffering to Jesus, and carry our crosses courageously, we can purify our souls and lead folks on the road to salvation.

We have been challenged to know, love, and serve God in this world; while preparing our souls for Jesus when He calls us to Himself at the end of our life in this world.

Let us embrace this process through devoted prayer, by receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by confessing our sins regularly through the Sacrament of Penance, and by continuing to share the love of Jesus in a compassionate way. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. In faith, hope, and love, may we seek out a life filled with holiness.

Fr. Ed

Why Mass Attendance is Important for Confirmation:

The Eucharist (Mass) plays an important role in the initiation process since it nurtures adolescents all their lives, and accompanies them on their journey to Confirmation. After Confirmation, fully initiated members celebrate Eucharist as a richer grace-filled event through the aid of the Holy Spirit.

COOKING FOR VETERANS

We are in need of people to help prepare the meals for the Veterans. Many teams are looking for **new members**; each team only meets twice per year. Teams meet to prepare for the meal on the Monday before the first Tuesday of each month. In addition, we are looking for volunteers **to cook the rice for the meal**. Please contact the rectory (princeofpeace@verizon.net) if you are able to help with this important ministry.

Good News!

September 9, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

The book of James is one of the hardest hitting in the New Testament. He is a tell-it-like-it-is apostle, warning the early Church not to show partiality to the rich and powerful. This is always a danger, especially in a Church that relies on donations. While gratitude to donors is understandable and proper, it's easy for gratitude to become preference, partiality, and a different moral standard. James warns the Church against this.

Jesus warns us, too. He talks about inviting the poor to a party rather than those who can repay us. He tells us that when we give, that the left hand not know what the right is doing. He warns the rich that the path to heaven is narrow.

Jesus' call to salvation was for all, but his pastoral focus was certainly with the poor. So he dedicated much of his time reaching out to those who could give nothing in return: the blind, deaf, lame, and lepers. And his attention didn't stop at the materially poor but extended to sinners and those thought to be impure.

This love for the weak was a sign of the Messiah as proclaimed by many prophets, including Isaiah. The Anointed of God would come to vindicate the poor, orphaned, widowed, sick, and oppressed.

Jesus did exactly that, and it was this solicitude and miraculous power that began convincing Galileans, and eventually those in Jerusalem, that he was the long-awaited One. Pope Francis said he longed for a Church of the poor, for the poor. It seems Jesus did, too.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

DR. RAY IS COMING TO WORCESTER!

EWTN's Dr. Ray Guarendi, host of "The Doctor Is In" heard weekdays at 1pm on 1230AM & 970AM Emmanuel Radio, will be the featured speaker when Emmanuel Radio launches its third Catholic radio station, 101.1FM WESO on September 13. Doors open at 6 pm at the Tsotsis family Academic Center at Assumption College. Space is limited so reserve your free seats today! Call 508-767-1230. Emmanuel Radio—Truth for Life!

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. 2018 dates are: Women's, Oct. 25-28, and will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For more info, contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.

St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish Fair

September 22nd, 10 am-4 pm, 759 Main St., Leicester. Fun-filled event featuring food, raffles, silent auction, craft table, baked goods, bake auction, vendors, kids zone. Outdoor Mass celebrated at 4 PM followed by Chicken BBQ.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, at Assumption College on Saturday, **November 10th**. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. For info or to register, visit worcestercatholicwomensconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited register today!



The collection for the weekend of September 1-2, 2018 was as follows:

Maintenance	\$ 135.00
Religious Ed Regis.	\$ 175.00
Make-up	\$ 450.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 235.00
Catholic Schools Appeal	\$ 5.00
Funeral Stipend	\$ 300.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,753.00</u>
Total Collection	\$3,053.00