



# 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

### Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

#### STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



# 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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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  for the  
Intentions Week

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  
Monday, September 17th  
8:30 AM Unrequested  
Tuesday, September 18th  
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line  
and in our Prayer Intention Book  
Wednesday, September 19th  
8:30 AM Unrequested  
Friday, September 21st  
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls  
Saturday, September 22nd  
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Unrequested  
Sunday, September 23rd  
8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners  
10:30 AM Unrequested

### FIRST PENANCE PROGRAM

The students in our First Penance Program will take part in an enrollment ceremony during the 8:30 AM Mass this 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 this Monday, **September 17th**, from 7:00 to **8:30 PM**.

### CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation Candidates will participate in an Enrollment Ceremony during the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday, **September 16th**. Following Mass, there will be a meeting for the Candidates and their Sponsors.

### COOKING FOR VETERANS - MEETING

There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in or involved in the Cooking for Veterans Ministry on **Tuesday, September 25th, at 7:00 pm** in the church hall.

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 16, 2018

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel reading from Mark, Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Then Jesus explained His role as Savior. He taught them, "that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days." When Peter rebuked these words of Jesus, the Lord answered, "Get behind me Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus continued, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

In a very direct and open way, the Lord is teaching His disciples and the crowd that His cross is the way to salvation. One will never save his or her soul through fame, power, or wealth. On the other hand, devoted love of God and neighbor can lead us toward salvation, but part of this process involves a choice to carry Jesus' cross courageously. When a believer accepts the Lord's cross in his or her life, through the power of grace, suffering can become spiritual life-giving; as one offers him/herself to the Lord for the purification of one's souls and the salvation of all souls.

May we continually pray to the Holy Spirit for His gift of understanding. In this way, we can attempt to accept the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, being devoted servants of our loving Savior as many have done throughout the history of the Church.

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.

**Notre Dame Academy's Open House** for prospective students will be held on Sunday, **October 21st**, from 2-4 pm. Students currently in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is encouraged for the Open House. If interested in the Open House or spending an academic day at NDA, please contact Admissions at 508-757-6200, ext. 229, or email [admissions@nda-worc.org](mailto:admissions@nda-worc.org). Please visit [www.nda-worc.org](http://www.nda-worc.org) to learn more about the NDA experience.

# Good News!

September 16, 2018

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Jesus presents a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It takes some getting used to!

Peter, as a good friend, wants to protect Jesus from the cross he is announcing. Yet Jesus doesn't want protection from the will of the Father—rather he wants support. He invites Peter to change his mentality.

Jesus knew what was coming; he must suffer and be rejected. Suffering and rejection are not absolute evils. Our goal in life can't be to avoid suffering and to be accepted by everyone. If we pursue good and follow Jesus, we will also experience rejection. When Jesus tells us that following him means taking up our cross, it shouldn't surprise us when a cross is planted in our path with a sign saying, "Pick me up."

In the first reading, the prophet says he opened his ear and didn't rebel. When the consequences of this faith were abuse and rejection, he didn't shield his body and face. He could do so because, like Jesus, he was rooted in love and not fear. He didn't fear their arguments, ideas, and insults. He didn't fear what they could do to his body, for they couldn't touch his soul, his heart, his freedom.

When we know we are loved, and are following what is right, we have a confidence and a strength that the world knows not. It is a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It is of a higher order, a deeper source, and brings total peace. And it takes some getting used to!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, **October 21st at 3 PM** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register no later than **October 12** so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass), or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

## MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, **Oct. 20th**, at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Shrewsbury. The day begins with Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by registration and coffee. Lunch will be included with the \$15 offering, and the program will conclude by 1:30 pm. The facilitator will be Jaymie Stuart Wolfe, who combines inspirational music with spoken reflection and who has produced numerous recordings of original music. The program will leave you with a stronger sense of who God is and how He wants to be in your life, and who you are and can be in Him. Registration fee (payable to Commission of Women) can be mailed to Pamela Ashmankas, 5 Millbury Terrace, Millbury, MA 01527, by October 11th. For more info and registration form, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/commission-for-women).



The collection for the weekend of September 8-9, 2018 was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Religious Ed Registration	\$ 150.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 82.00
CCD Offering	\$ 30.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,952.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,414.00