



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.

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

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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

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



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, January 5th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Marge and Walter Nowakowski,
requested by Ray and Betty Leroux

Sunday, January 6th
8:30 AM Kathleen Moyer, requested by Mr.
and Mrs. Paul Caneen
10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, January 7th
8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, January 8th
8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

Wednesday, January 9th
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Friday, January 11th
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line
and in our Prayer Intention Book

Saturday, January 12th
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, January 13th
8:30 AM Joe and Pauline Genereux requested
by Ray and Betty Leroux
10:30 AM The Rehrauer Family, requested by
Harold and Ruth Rehrauer

JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM: The opening class for students in our Jr/Sr High Program will be Monday, January 28th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

**NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR
THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF
AMERICA**

The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States—even among Catholic universities. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. In addition to alumni who hail from this diocese, Catholic University claims one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priests and religious as alumni. In Washington, DC, the University provides an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students through its 12 schools.

This weekend, **January 5-6**, we will be taking up the **National Collection for The Catholic University of America**. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity. You can learn more at: collection.cua.edu.

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the Epiphany today, we remember that three men followed a star and found, “the Light of the World.” The Magi adored the Lord as they offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This beautiful event whereby Jesus is revealed to the world ends in tragedy as Herod considered the infant Jesus to be a threat to his power. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph fled to Egypt as Herod ordered the killing of all male children up to two years old in the area of Bethlehem. Thus, “the cross of Christ is present in His life even at His birth,” to quote the late Bishop Fulton Sheen in his book, The Life of Christ. These murdered children, called “the Holy Innocents,” became the first human beings to offer their life for Jesus.

As we begin a new year, may 2019 be happy, fulfilling, and peaceful for all of us. May we believe in a fervent and complete way that God has given us a precious gift of faith to respond to His revelation as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through the gift of faith, may we continue to strengthen our relationship with God. May we be close to Jesus sharing His love and mercy with everyone. With much hope, may we be focused upon God, rejecting sin and embracing conversion that allows us to spiritually make a full commitment to the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Let us seek out the intercession of our dear Blessed Mother to help us in this endeavor.

Fr. Ed

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

“Divine Mercy is the Second Greatest Story Ever Told” is a dramatic 10-session journey featuring best-selling author and popular speaker Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Two sessions will be offered: 10-11:30 am, or 7:45-9:00 pm and continuing every Wednesday starting January 23rd (no class Ash Wednesday, March 6) Held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Rectory, 18 E Main St., Webster. For more information or to register, contact the Parish Office at 508-943-3140 or email alkotkin@al.com. Registration deadline is this Sunday, January 6, 2019.

INTERFAITH CHOIR CONCERT

An interfaith choir Christmas Concert entitled “Everlasting Light” will be held at St. John the Baptist Church on **Sunday, January 6, at 2 pm**. Come and enjoy this outstanding music and grandeur of this Cantata experience, complete with the story of Christ, the Everlasting Light.

Good News!

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader.

Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

The painter Pseudo Domenico presents the arrival of the Magi as a procession of vassals showing homage to their king. Kneeling, bowing, and standing erect with gifts in hand, authorities from far away are showing reverence to the newborn royalty who sits on Mother Mary's lap. His royal hall is the hillside, his scepter a baby finger, his royal family is Joseph and Mary.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



The collection for the weekend of December 22-23, 2018 was as follows:

Make-up envelopes	\$ 120.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 105.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Higher Energy Costs	\$ 140.00
Christmas	\$ 140.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 90.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 25.00
Catholic University	\$ 10.00
Yearly	\$ 900.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,860.00</u>
Total Collection	\$3,430.00

The collection for **Christmas:** \$2,620.00

Due to the holiday printing schedule, the finance report for the weekend of December 29-30, 2018, will be published in a future bulletin.

TAIZE IN WORCESTER

The Worcester Taize group gathers at Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant St., Worcester. The next service is **January 13 at 7 pm.** The Taize tradition is a style of sacred music and prayer developed in France after World War II by Catholics and Protestants to come together in song and prayer for peace in the world and unity in the Christian faith. Songbooks available to sing along. To sing with the choir, please contact Will Raymond at 508-775-3847 or will@rbusinessservices.com



*Remember us, O God
From age to age be our comfort,
You have given us the wonder of
Time, blessings in days and nights,
Seasons and years.*

*Bless your children on the feast of
The Epiphany and fill the months ahead
With the bright hope that is yours in
The coming of Christ.*

*You are our God, living and reigning
For ever and ever.
Amen*