



# 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

(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

**Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor**

#### STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



## 6th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22**

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**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, February 16th  
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Alice and Ray Bousquet, requested  
by the Greeley Family

Sunday, February 17th  
8:30 AM Unrequested  
10:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

Monday, February 18th  
8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, February 19th  
8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, February 20th  
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line  
and in our Prayer Intention Book

Friday, February 22nd  
8:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Saturday, February 23rd  
4:00-4:30 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM For the Parish and its Parishioners

Sunday, February 24th  
8:30 AM For the students in our First Eucharist  
Program  
10:30 AM Unrequested

**JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM:** Due to school vacation, there is **no class** this Monday, **February 18th**. Classes in our Jr/Sr High Program will resume on Monday, **February 25th**, from 7:00 to 8:15 PM.

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** The students in our First Eucharist class will be enrolled in the program at the 8:30 am Mass next Sunday, **February 24th**, with a parent meeting following Mass.

**HOME STUDY:** The students in our Home Study Program will meet on Saturday, **March 2nd**, from 10 am to Noon.

**SUMMER FOLLOW-UP:** The students who participated in our Summer Religious Ed Program will have a follow-up program on **March 4th**, from 3:45 to 5:00 pm. (Snow date March 11th).

**2019 SUMMER RELIGIOUS ED 2019**  
Mark your calendars: Our Religious Ed Program for 2019 will be held the weeks of **July 22nd through 26th, and July 29th through August 2nd**. You must attend both weeks to meet the requirements.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 17, 2019

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel reading from Luke, Jesus is teaching the twelve apostles, many of His disciples, and a large number of people. He said, "Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold your reward will be great in heaven." The Lord continued His teaching, "Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

As we contemplate and reflect upon these particular teachings of Jesus, may we open our hearts to the sacred presence of Jesus among us. In love and service, may we surrender ourselves to the Lord. May we never be overwhelmed by the crosses that are placed in our lives. Let us graciously offer our personal suffering to Jesus for our own salvation and the salvation of all souls.

On this past Monday, February 11, the Church celebrated the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Through the apparitions to St. Bernadette, Our Lady who revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception, asked St. Bernadette to pray for the conversion of sinners. May the intentions of the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls always be an important part of our prayer. Also, may we make those changes in our lives that bring us close to Jesus. In this process, may we reject those selfish tendencies that often lead us away from God.

Fr. Ed

**19th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC  
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Men of all ages (teens and up) are invited to this important annual conference, at Assumption College on Saturday, **April 6th**. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a brochure, further info or registration, call 508-929-4345. Adult tickets \$45 until March 25; \$60 after. Students \$30. Visit [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for information and to purchase tickets.

# Good News!

February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a rather radical call to holiness. Many of us have a hard time accepting that we are all called to such levels of morality. Yet, read to whom Jesus is speaking here. The Gospel says his audience is everyone: his apostles, his disciples, and a large number of other people from around the region. The Second Vatican Council offers a reminder when it says, “Fortified by so many and such powerful means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father himself is perfect” (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 11).

A key to progress in any personal area is keeping hungry, never being fully satisfied. The same goes for our faith and relationship with our Lord. If our goal is to be comfortable, to follow the path of least resistance, then mediocrity is our goal. Jesus is anything but mediocre. He proposes to us a high moral standard that isn't reached by coasting.

Our souls are hungry by design. They are never fully satisfied in this life because we desire the Infinite—we desire God.

Luckily, our Lord not only proposes a high moral ideal of holiness, but he also gives us his very Spirit so we can reach the heights he proposes. And so we can pray with St. Augustine, “Give me what you command, and command what you will.”

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



The collection for the weekend of February 9-10, 2019 was as follows:

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| Monthly                | \$ 270.00         |
| Make-up envelopes      | \$ 45.00          |
| Maintenance            | \$ 65.00          |
| Energy/Utilities       | \$ 89.00          |
| Catholic Free Press    | \$ 10.00          |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$ 30.00          |
| Religious Ed Reg.      | \$ 30.00          |
| Funeral Stipend        | \$ 300.00         |
| Regular collection     | <u>\$1,758.00</u> |
| Total Collection       | \$2,597.00        |

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Prince of Peace and the First Congregational Church have helped to support IHN for 20 years. Every six months we have helped to provide meals, entertainment for the kids, and overnight supervision. Initially these homeless families were housed in the Congregational Church for the week. Through massive fundraising IHN has been able to purchase a house in Worcester that can shelter six families, and can enable education and job training so they can move to self-sufficiency. Twenty-five other churches aid them the rest of the year. Princeton will be providing help the week of **February 24-March 2**. If you can help by spending a night or entertaining the kids, please call Bob Sauer at 978-464-2777. Grocery gift cards, cash or check donations for food are also needed. Donations can be left in the IHN basket on the altar. Checks should be payable to either First Congregational Church of Princeton or IHN of Greater Worcester. IHN appreciates any help we can give!

## **Have you thought of a vocation to the priesthood?**

Come and learn more. The Diocese of Worcester's **annual discernment retreat**, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held April 12-13 (6 pm Friday until 6 pm Saturday). The retreat center is only 30 minutes from Worcester in Putnam, CT. For men high school age and older. No cost, and transportation provided if needed. Visit [worcestervocations.com](http://worcestervocations.com) for info, or contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at [jmazzone@charter.net](mailto:jmazzone@charter.net) or 508-340-5788 to sign up.

**END OF YEAR TAX LETTERS** are available for contributions made during 2018. Please notify the rectory if you would like a statement sent to you or emailed to you.