



# PRINCE of PEACE

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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### 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



### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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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

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" *Lk 13:2-3*

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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, March 23rd

4:00-4:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Paul and Judy Leroux, requested by  
Ray and Betty Leroux

Sunday, March 24th

8:30 AM Unrequested

10:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

Monday, March 25th

8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, March 26th

8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line  
and in our Prayer Intention Book

**7:00-8:00 PM Confessions**

Wednesday, March 27th

8:30 AM For the Holy Souls

Friday, March 29th

8:30 AM Debbie Thorell, requested by the  
Thorell and Schmohl Families

Saturday, March 30th

4:00-4:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Bill Ryan, requested by Jay and  
Caroline Perry

Sunday, March 31st

8:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

10:30 AM Unrequested

**CONFESSIONS:** Fr. Ed will be available **every Tuesday evening during Lent** from 7 to 8 pm to hear confessions

**JR/SR HIGH PROGRAM:** Students in our Jr/Sr High Program will have their closing class this Monday, **March 25th**, from 7:00 to **8:30 PM**.

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** The students in our First Eucharist class will take part in a Ritual during the 8:30 Mass this Sunday, **March 24th**. Following Mass, there will be a meeting for the parents, and the students will have class.

**CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN  
LIBERTY SCHOLARSHIP**

Applicant must be a resident of Princeton, who has completed at least one academic year of post-secondary education with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and who will be registering for the next academic year. Applications can be downloaded at [www.town.princeton.ma.us](http://www.town.princeton.ma.us). Completed application for the \$1000 scholarship must be received by May 15, 2019. Please send to: The Captain Christopher J. Sullivan Committee, P O Box 164, Princeton 01541-0164.

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 24, 2019

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel reading from Luke, Jesus spoke of the need that all people have to repent. Twice, in these verses from Chapter 13 of the Gospel of Luke, Jesus said, "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will perish as they did." Through these references to the people of Galilee and those in Jerusalem, Jesus is challenging all people to repent.

Then the Lord told the parable of the fig tree that had not produced fruit for three years. The owner of the tree wanted to cut it down. However, in Jesus' story, the gardener asked the owner, "to leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not, you can cut it down."

Through the parable of the fig tree, it seems that Jesus is challenging all of us to accept the consequences of our actions and embrace repentance. We are responsible to God for the way that we live, and for all that we do. Thus, the question can be asked: Is my life of faith producing serious belief in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? We have an obligation to promote our belief in God. Hopefully we are doing so.

Again, on this Third Sunday of Lent, may we become repentant of our sins. Let us adopt a spirit of conversion that allows us to make the changes in our life that bring us to Jesus. We need to strive for a sanctification of our souls. We should reject sin always, challenging ourselves to become holy.

As we pray for the strength to accomplish these tasks, we must believe that God's grace can help us to do so. In a spirit of love and mercy, may we open our hearts to the sanctification of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Ed

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2019**

This weekend is our In-Pew Commitment Weekend for the 2019 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. Every member of Prince of Peace is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$36,100, the same as last year. Please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge today. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2019 Appeal, we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). Thank you.

**Notre Dame Academy's Open House** for prospective students will be held this Sunday, **March 24th, 2-4 pm**. Visit [www.nda-worc.org](http://www.nda-worc.org) to register.

# Good News!

March 24, 2019

*Third Sunday of Lent (C)*

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever.

In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him. Like the fig tree in the gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## FINANCE REPORT

The collection for the weekend of March 16-17, 2019 was as follows:

Monthly	\$ 725.00
Make-up envelopes	\$ 207.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 62.00
Maintenance	\$ 45.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 5.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 39.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 25.00
Regular collection	<u>\$1,497.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2,605.00

## CHURCH HALL RENOVATIONS

I'm sure you noticed the Pod and dumpster in the parking lot! We have cleared the hall, and a team is scheduled to come in this week to remove the flooring and asbestos. After that, we will repair the plaster and start the plumbing work in the bathrooms. Fr. Ed

## EASTER CHOIR

We are asking parishioners to share their voices and join with us in God's gift of music as we prepare to sing for the holiest of days in our Church—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. Sign up sheets are located at the back of Church.

**Spring Craft Fair** at St. Joseph Chapel, 29 South St., Barre, on March 30th, 9 am to 2 pm. A variety of over 20 vendors; serving breakfast and lunch. Door prize, 50/50 raffle, auction.

## 19th ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men of all ages are invited to this important annual conference, at Assumption College on Saturday, **April 6th**. For a brochure, further info or registration, call 508-929-4345 or visit [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org).

## EASTER FLOWERS

Traditionally, funds for Easter Flowers have been donated as a memorial for friends and relatives, or as a family gift. If anyone wishes to make an offering in memory of a loved one or as a gift, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or mail it in.

Name/s of those remembered: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your name (if you wish): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_