



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

Development Committee

978-464-2871

Finance Council

Chairperson: Gerald Gates (978) 464-5636

Education Committee

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Liturgical Committee

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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

4th

SUNDAY OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

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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 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

Monday, April 1st
 8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line
 and in our Prayer Intention Book

Tuesday, April 2nd
 8:30 AM For the Holy Souls
7:00-8:00 PM Confessions

Wednesday, April 3rd
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Friday, April 5th
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Saturday, April 6th
 4:00-4:30 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM For the Holy Souls

Sunday, April 7th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 10:30 AM For the Parish and its Parishioners

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

FIRST EUCHARIST: The students in our First Eucharist class will have class following the 8:30 Mass this Sunday, **March 31st**. Next Sunday, April 7th, the students will take part in a ritual during the 8:30 Mass.

HOME STUDY: The students in our Home Study Program will meet for class next Saturday, **April 6th**, from 10 am to 12 noon.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next weekend, **April 6-7**, a second collection will be taken up for the national Catholic Relief Services Collection. A letter from Bishop McManus regarding this important collection is at the back of Church and is also available on-line. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Collection this year.

Bake Sale Mrs. Zgurzynski's 7th and 8th grade Religious Ed Class is holding a bake sale after each Mass this weekend. All proceeds will go to help support our students in Haiti!

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 31, 2019

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel reading from Luke, we listen to Jesus explain the parable of the Prodigal Son. The Lord shared His story of the father and his two sons after being criticized by the Pharisees and Scribes for welcoming sinners and eating with them.

Each time that one reflects upon this parable, he or she is challenged to embrace the love, mercy, and forgiveness of our Triune God. I wonder, is our attitude toward people like that of the father in Jesus' story, or is it more like that of the older son? Do we forgive people when they hurt us, or do we seek revenge trying to destroy them? Are we able to say I am sorry, and are we willing to accept apologies? Do we forget and let go of the bitterness that we may have toward some folks? Are we filled with love, mercy, and forgiveness; or hatred, bitterness, jealousy, and revenge? Most of the time, we probably fall somewhere in between these extremes. However, that is not good enough. As followers of Jesus, again we are called to be people of love, mercy and forgiveness.

As we listen to these verses from Chapter 15 of the Gospel of Luke, may we be inspired by the change in the lost son. Remember this is Jesus' story! The lost son became sorry for his sinful actions that had hurt his father deeply. He sought out his father, asking for forgiveness. In a similar way, may we be sorry for our sins seeking out the forgiveness and mercy of Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance.

Regularly, may we accept a process of on-going conversion where we make the necessary changes to bring God into the center of our life. Now is the time. May we be God's servant, graciously and spiritually caring for those placed in our lives. As we attempt to serve, let us be filled with God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and compassion.

Fr. Ed

PARTNERS IN CHARITY 2019

Thank you to those who made a gift this year, and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. To date, 24 of our families have responded. However, we need the support of all members of Prince of Peace if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$36,100. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the office or in the collection basket. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope today in the pew, or visit www.partners-charity.net. Thank you.

Good News!

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

It is good that we are here—joined in community for Sunday worship, here, in this moment of prayer.

Our lives are so hectic and fast-paced that it's often hard to enjoy just being in the present moment with God. It's not just the pressure of work, but the added responsibilities of home. You know the routine...getting the kids to school; getting to work on time; leaving from work; running a few errands; preparing dinner; going back out to pick up the kids from practice; then back home for dinner, dishes, laundry, homework; and then finally to bed on time so you can get up early and start again.

But just stop! Take the time to enjoy the grace of the Eucharist, to rejoice in one another and savor Christ who reveals his love to you. Give yourself this gift. Each moment has power, poetry, and grace. Each instant is a gift from God, and each moment is an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ. It's an occasion to return within ourselves and turn back to our Father who is eagerly waiting for us.

It's good to be here—not somewhere else, not in another time when we were happier, healthier, or life was easier and simpler. Right here, right now, right where God has you is where he is revealing his love. It may not be easy, but this is where God is, and it's good to reflect on the graces each moment presents.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

FINANCE REPORT

The collection for the weekend of March 23-24, 2019 was as follows:

Make-up envelopes	\$ 228.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 136.00
Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 5.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 39.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00
Regular collection	<u>\$ 1,333.00</u>
Total Collection	\$1,806.00

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.

CURSILLO WEEKEND

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Women's weekend is May 2-5; held at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center, Putnam, Ct. For info, contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 (sleighton1958@gmil.com) or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 (joanlaracy@yahoo.com.)

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.

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: _____

Your name (if you wish): _____

Amount: _____