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Prince of Peace Parish strives to be a welcoming Catholic family that joyfully gathers to celebrate the sacraments and to live the Word of God as disciples of Christ. United with the Holy Spirit, we go forth to bear witness to our faith and to share our unique gifts in loving service of all God's people.

June 13, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday & Thursday
8:30 AM - St. Teresa
Tuesday & Friday
8:30 AM - Nativity
CONFESSION
Saturday
3:00 PM-St. Teresa
SATURDAY VIGIL
4:00 PM - St. Teresa
SUNDAY
8:00 AM - Nativity
10:00 AM - St. Teresa
12:00 PM - St. Teresa

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Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY JUNE 12TH ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11:00 AM Baptism
At St. Teresa Church
4:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish
At St. Teresa Church

SUNDAY JUNE 13TH ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM Antonio & Maria Souza
by Ed Fischer
At Church of the Nativity
10:00 AM Roland Calabrese
by Maura & Ed Foraker
At St. Teresa Church
12:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish
At St. Teresa Church

MONDAY JUNE 14TH WEEKDAY
8:30 AM Matt Marshall
by Curt & Sandi Miles
At St. Teresa Church

TUESDAYJUNE 15TH WEEKDAY
8:30 AM ***At Church of the Nativity***

THURSDAY JUNE 17TH WEEKDAY
NO MASS

FRIDAY JUNE18TH WEEKDAY
8:30 AM ***At Church of the Nativity***

SATURDAY JUNE 18TH TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
11:00 AM Baptism
At St. Teresa Church
4:00 PM Prince of Peace Parish
At St. Teresa Church

SUNDAY JUNE 19TH TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM Kathleen Callan
by Barbara Ensign
At Church of the Nativity
10:00 AM Elaine Krish, 1st Anniversary Remembrance
by Ray Krish
At St. Teresa Church
12:00 PM James P. Gregory Jr.
by St. Teresa's Men's Club
At St. Teresa Church

OUR CHURCHES WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM – 3 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY

Volunteers Needed

TRESAURY COMMITTEE MINISTRY MEMBERS NEEDED

The members work in teams to count the weekly offertory and deposit the funds into the bank. Each team counts once per month for about an hour. There is also an alternate list of members that fill in on an as-needed basis. If this sounds like something you would like to volunteer for, please call or email Mary at the parish office. 203-263-2008, princeofpeace@aohct.org.

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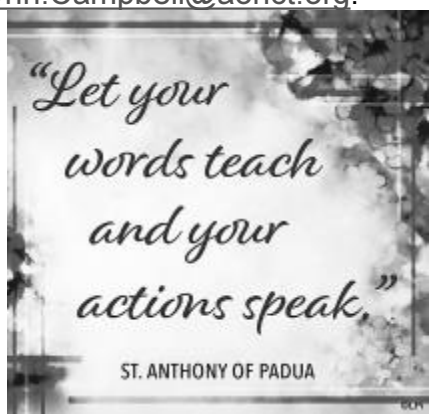
Opening Wide Our Hearts – In our Parishes Looking to take next steps to break the silence around the issue of racism, and to find new and creative ways to pray, raise awareness, and take action? Join the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry on Wed. June 16, 7 – 8 PM, for a virtual workshop. We will listen to and learn from parish leaders who have responded to Open Wide Our Hearts, the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter Against Racism. Advanced registration is required and available at www.catholicsocialjustice.org. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. For additional information contact Lynn.Campbell@aohct.org.



the Shepherd's Desk

by
Rev. James T. Gregory

By virtue of Zoom I attended the marriage ceremony between two alumni of Sacred Heart High School last August. Both of them attended the Heart during the six years I was chaplain there. Short of watching it as images sent through an iPad set in the center aisle of the church, it was like many other Catholic weddings I attended. The end of the wedding, however, was a little different.

The wedding concluded with the new husband and wife recessing down the center aisle to the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Was this some sort of joke suggesting that this new relationship was going to be a perpetual war? Not at all.

There is a tradition in the commencement exercises of Sacred Heart High School that a rousing and prayerful version of the Battle Hymn of the Republic is sung before the graduates go forth from the Basilica of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to begin new lives as alumni of Sacred Heart. Just as the two alumni of the Heart began new but separate lives to the Battle Hymn of the Republic, so now the two alumni of the Heart begin a new life together to the same hymn. This exemplifies the traditions, the life-time connections, and the family spirit that is Sacred Heart High School.

To me as a former chaplain, Sacred Heart High School was the Heart in the heart of Waterbury. With the daily lub-dub lub-dub rhythms, students passed through the Heart from freshman year to senior year, as if each year were a chamber of a heart. After four years the students are pumped out to give life to the city and the world by serving with what they received from the Heart.

A life-size statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus stands in the stairwell window overlooking South Elm Street extending his arms outward in the manner of a priestly blessing. Sacred Heart has been a blessing for the Church and the city of Waterbury for ninety-nine years. Even though its beat will soon stop, Sacred Heart High School will continue to be blessing if not of its own merit, then of the merit of the one of whom the school is named.

Any heart that beats for ninety-nine years is a blessed heart indeed. All the life such a blessed heart provided truly lives beyond the heart's own life and is a blessing. The Sacred Heart of Jesus, which beats with our suffering hearts and beats with our joyful hearts, transforms the life of the many hearts who have beaten for the Heart.

Last Friday I attended the 96th and final commencement exercises of the Heart by virtue of livestream. I saw my confirmation godson receive his diploma. I was heartened to see members of the Class of 2020 who were able to attend that evening walk in maroon robes and receive a recognition they were unable to have last year. It concluded, as many exercises before, with the Battle Hymn of the Republic. The traditions, the connections, and the spirit continue in the lives of all the alumni because the Sacred Heart of Jesus goes marching on.

Prayer to Sacred Heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

MEN'S CLUB

SCHOLARSHIP

Attention High School Seniors

Any High School Senior who is a member of Prince of Peace Parish and attends Mass on a regular basis is eligible for a Men's Club Scholarship. Scholarship applications are now available at the parish office. The deadline for submission of the applications is July 9th.

MEETING

Attention All Men of Prince of Peace

The next meeting of the St. Teresa Men's Club of Prince of Peace Parish will be held on Wednesday, June 23rd, in Seidel Hall.

As usual, Social Hour will begin at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:00, and dinner to follow.

PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH NURSE/HEALTH MINISTRY

TUESDAY JUNE 15TH

6:00 PM/SEIDEL HALL

Join Our Team – All Are Welcome!

Our mission is to serve God and our community by promoting optimal health and wellness with attention to body mind and spirit.

We provide two Lunch & Learn programs per year, blood pressure screenings, first aid, and health information at our Parish picnic. We monitor our AEDS and provide training updates, and coordinate our Emergency Response Team.

We are open to new ideas and adventures. We meet monthly in Seidel Hall in March-June and September - December.

If you are a nurse or person interested in promoting health and wellness and wish to join our ministry please contact: Pat Barre – 203-263-4586 or patriciajbarre@gmail.com.

TUESDAY JUNE 29TH

1:00-3:00 PM

SEIDEL HALL

Parishioners who need to be recertified for their CPR cards can contact Pat Barre to sign up

patriciajbarre@gmail.com

SAINT JOH PAUL THE GREAT SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

We are a faith seeking group who gather once a week to "break open the Word". We reflect and discuss how the Sunday scripture speaks to us individually and collectively. This sharing prepares us for the upcoming Sunday liturgy and gives us a better understanding of how God is calling us and asking us to build up our parish community.

We meet using the easy zoom format. We have two meeting times to choose from, Monday at 7:00 PM or Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

Please consider and call Barbara Tamburri 203-217-9164 (Monday group) or Gail Rizzo 203-266-5574 (Tuesday group).

Prince of Peace Clothing Bank

Located in the lower level of the Church of the Nativity building in the rear and will be opened. **Will be open each month for people in need.**

We do take everyone's temperature to enter the clothing bank. Everyone needs to wear a mask and gloves which can be supplied, if needed.

The Prince of Peace Clothing Bank has received an abundance of donations from caring parishioners and area residents. We are now well positioned to provide free clothing and footwear to area people in need.

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING CLOTHING DONATIONS AT THIS TIME.

but

NEW UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS OF ALL SIZES ARE ALWAYS IN CONSTANT DEMAND

AND

Gently used recently washed towels and/or sheet sets, preferably twin or full size, are needed.

The towels and sheets will be given to the St Vincent DePaul shelter in Waterbury. Thank You for your generosity.

We will be open:

Fri, June 25, 3 to 5

Sat, June 26, 10 to 12

SPREAD THE LIGHT

The Community Services Council of Woodbury will mark the 11th anniversary of our annual **"Spread the Light"** fundraising campaign during June with an invitation to all who have sustained and strengthened our mission during the pandemic journey to join us in dedicating this year's appeal as **"A Celebration of Gratitude and Hope."** From Memorial Day through the Fourth of July, donors who make a "Spread the Light" donation to the CSCW by mail, online or in person at the Woodbury Food Bank are invited to pick up both a star lantern and a gratitude stone as symbols of their shared partnership in the Council's daily work to assist Woodbury neighbors in need.

Donors also are asked to dedicate their gifts in memory or honor of family, friends and other special persons in their lives

Donors will have the opportunity to pick up their gratitude stone and star lantern at the "Spread the Light" table outside the Woodbury Food Bank from June 2 through July 3 on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. The food bank, at 238 Main Street South in Woodbury, may be reached by taking the driveway on either side of the building housing LaBonne's Market and the Newtown Savings Bank Woodbury branch to the rear delivery lot; the reception table may be found outside the pantry on the basement level of the NSB branch.

Donations may be made in person at the food bank, or by mailing a check payable to "Community Services Council" to the CSCW, PO Box 585, Woodbury, CT 06798. The CSCW also offers the option to make "Spread the Light" donations through the PayPal portal available on the CSCW web page on the Town of Woodbury website. This page can be reached by using the URL, https://woodburyct.org, to reach the Town of Woodbury home page, and then using the "Community Links" tab to access the Community Services Council of Woodbury page on the town website. The direct CSCW link is https://woodburyct.org/?SEC=DBC96B1A-E500-4354-9E8F-734FCABD4FF4.

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