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Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway

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 3:45 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
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Evangelization & Outreach Committee
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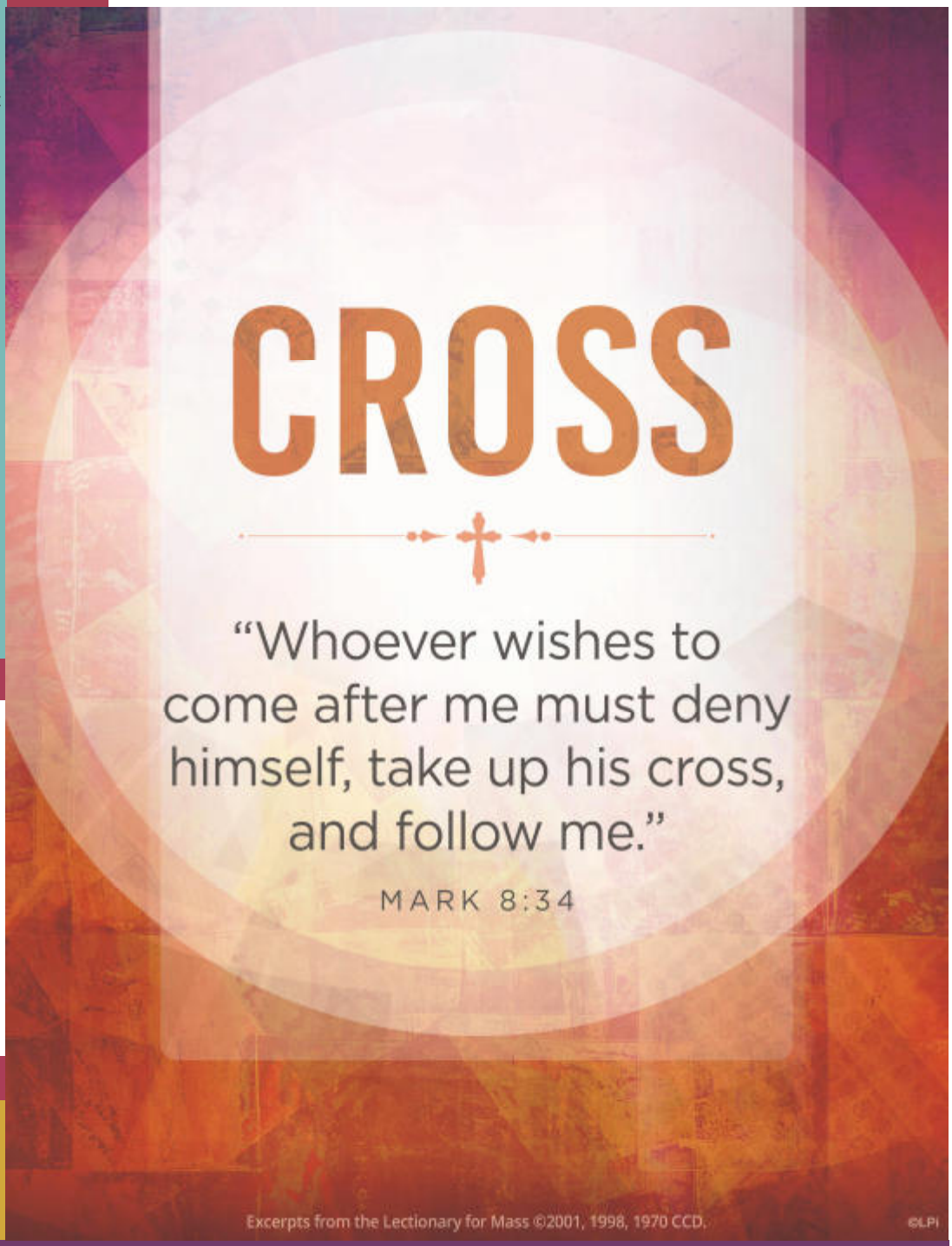
SCHEDULE/MASSES

Monday—Friday..... 8:30 am
Saturday ..... 4:30 pm
Sunday .....8:30 & 10:30 am

Holy Days/Feast Day 8:30 am & 7:00 pm



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, September 11th
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested
Sunday, September 12th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM Unrequested
Monday, September 13th
8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, September 14th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Wednesday, September 15th
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line and in our Prayer Intention Book
Thursday, September 16th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Friday, September 17th
8:30 AM Unrequested
Saturday, September 18th
3:45 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Unrequested
Sunday, September 19th
8:30 AM Unrequested
10:30 AM Unrequested

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our Religious Education classes will begin next **Sunday, September 19th.**

Grades 1-6 will meet for class from **9:30 am to 10:15 am** in the Church hall.

Grades 7-10 will meet for class from **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** at the Rectory.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Today we congratulate four of our young people who will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time during the 10:30 Mass this Sunday:

Matteo Contreras
Evan Duffy
Noah Locke
Moira Walsh

We thank their parents who provided the example of their love and their faith at home. A special thank you to their teacher, *Sharon Bushway*, for sharing her love of God and the Eucharist with them.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 12th, 2021

Dear Friends,

In the gospel reading from Mark for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They answered, "John the Baptist, others Elijah and still others one of the prophets!" Jesus then said, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ." Then Jesus explained his role as Savior. He taught them, "that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days." When Peter rebuked these words of Jesus, the Lord responded, "Get behind me Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Jesus continued, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

In a very direct and open way, the Lord is teaching His disciples and the crowd that His cross is the way to salvation. One will never save his or her soul through fame, power, or wealth. On the other hand, devoted love of God and neighbor can lead us toward salvation, but part of this process involves a choice to carry Jesus' cross courageously. When a believer accepts the Lord's cross in his or her life, through the power of grace, suffering can become spiritual life-giving; as one offers him/herself to the Lord for the purification of one's soul and the salvation of all souls.

May we continually pray to the Holy Spirit for His gift of understanding. In this way, we can attempt to accept the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, being devoted servants of our loving Savior as many have done throughout the history of the church. Be well and be safe!

God's love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

church support

Due to holiday deadlines, the finance report for the collection for the weekend of September 4-5, 2021, will be printed in a future bulletin.

If anyone is interested in serving as an **Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, or Lector,** please contact Fr. Ed or email the office at princeofpeace@verizon.net.

Good News!

September 12, 2021
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Is 50:4c–9a; Jas 2:14–18; Mk 8:27–35

Faith or Works? Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law. Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa.

It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The Day of Remembrance of Aborted Babies prayer service will be held on Saturday, **September 18, 2021** at 12:00 noon at St Bernard Parish at St. Camillus Church at 333 Mechanic Street in Fitchburg. We will have a Rosary procession to Our Lady's Garden, where the memorial stone for aborted babies is located. If you have any questions please contact Joyce Aucoin at aucoinjoyce@gmail.com or 978-345-0129

Early Education Assistant

Holden Christian Academy is looking for someone who loves children, is able to engage actively with children both indoors and outdoors, and has a desire to work in a Christian community. Are you a team player and would like to assist our teachers to make learning fun? Join our team of caring early educators! We are looking to fill this position as soon as possible. Apply at https://www.holdenchristianacademy.org/jobopportunities

The Emotions of Grief
Finding Your Way and Healing Your Spirit
Saturday, September 18, from 1:00-2:30 pm
Holden Senior Center

Grief is marked by intense emotions including shock, confusion, guilt, sadness, regret, loneliness, fear, anger, and general anxiety. Join us as we consider strategies for healing, healthy grieving, and embracing your loss. Seating is limited; seminar is free and open to public. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 508-829-4434 or 978-422-0100 for reservations. Sponsored by Miles Funeral Homes.

Brookfield based "Supporting Orphans Nationally & Globally" (S.O.N.G., Inc.) presents "S.O.N.G.STOCK 2021" on **Saturday, September 18, 2021**, from 11:30 am to 7:00 pm at the Brimfield Winery & Cidery, 35 Main Street, Brimfield, MA. "S.O.N.G.STOCK 2021" is a Family Friendly Music Festival to benefit orphaned children in the United States, as well as internationally. For more information, please visit supportingorphans.org or call (413) 813-8100

Renaissance Farms, a Catholic Worker Farm in Barre, works for environmental and social justice through outreach activities and educational programs. Renaissance Farms is looking for volunteers, 18yrs and older, who can commit to 2 or more hours per week. This could be a great opportunity for families. For more information, visit their website: renaissance-farms.com.

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