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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 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

(978) 464-2871

Evangelization & Outreach Committee

(978) 464-2871

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

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor

STAFF

Parish Secretary, Paula Greeley

Religious Education Coordinator, Sharon Bushway



WHEN THE WINE RAN SHORT, THE MOTHER OF JESUS SAID TO HIM, "THEY HAVE NO WINE." - JN 2:3

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 15th
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, January 16th
 8:30 AM Unrequested
 10:30 AM Unrequested

Monday, January 17th
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Tuesday, January 18th
 8:30 AM Unrequested

Wednesday, January 19th
 8:30 AM Unrequested

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

Friday, January 21st
 8:30 AM Anthony Laconte

Saturday, January 22nd
**8:30 AM Mass for the Legal Protection of
 Unborn Children**
 3:45 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM Unrequested

Sunday, January 23rd
 8:30 AM Bobby C. Ovian
 10:30 AM Unrequested

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, January 23rd, opening classes:

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.

The complete schedule of classes is available online at princeofpeacema.org.

PRO-LIFE MASS WITH BISHOP McMANUS

All are invited to attend the annual Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop McManus on **Thursday, January 20th, at 7:00 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. Please join us on the eve of the March for Life as we remember the 49th tragic anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!



Thank you to all who donated for the Christmas flowers for our parish. A list of donors can be found on our website, princeofpeacema.org.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

Dear Friends,

In the gospel reading from *John* for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, Jesus, His mother, and His disciples attend a wedding at Cana in Galilee. Jesus is told by His mother that “they have no wine.” Jesus responded, “Woman how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” When Mary told the servers “Do whatever he tells you,” Jesus turned the water in the stone water jars into wine. The verses conclude with these words, “Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so he revealed his glory and his disciples began to believe in him.”

With His first miracle, Jesus’ way to His cross had been established. Through His passion, death, and resurrection, we have life in His name to quote *John 20:31*. However, for all of us, embracing the Cross of Jesus is very difficult. The road to holiness is narrow and our personal focus is not always on our salvation. Unfortunately, our own sins and the sins of others often hamper us as we attempt to be holy. Through grace and the love of God, may we reject sin and those indifferent attitudes that often lead us to sin.

Saturday, January 22nd, is the forty-ninth anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, which legalized abortion in the United States throughout the nine months of pregnancy. We can never forget that the destruction of innocent human life under the guise of one’s right to choose is an affront to the dignity and sacredness of all human life.

Constantly, let us offer prayers and sacrifices for the end of abortion. With gratitude to God for all of His blessings, may our sacrifices include fasting and acts of reparation for the evil of abortion. Here at Prince of Peace Parish on **Saturday, January 22**, I will celebrate **Holy Mass at 8:30 am**, with the **Holy Rosary at 8:00 am**, praying particularly for the “Legal Protection of Unborn Children.”

We must pray for those who have had abortions, for those who may be considering one, and for all who have been affected by the institution of abortion. With unconditional love, living out the truth, may we bring the immensity of God’s love and mercy to all of those people we encounter each day. Be well and be safe!

God’s love and prayers always,
 Fr. Ed

TOWN MASK MANDATE — At their January 4, 2022 meeting, the Princeton Selectboard voted unanimously to require **all** individuals over the age of 5, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask or face covering in indoor public spaces **effective immediately**.

Good News!

January 16, 2022
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Few parties are more enjoyable than a wedding celebration. While the elegance of the flowers and the extravagance of the food and beverages captivate our senses, the real excitement is the love and promise of newness. New relationships are forged, a new family is created, and there's the possibility of new life. No wonder the relationship between God and the people is often described in marriage imagery, as we see in today's first reading.

This Old Testament passage is post-exilic. The alienation from God is over; the people and God are now reconciled. Much of the language suggests relationship: no longer *forsaken or desolate*, but now a *delight and espoused* (see Isaiah 62:4). Despite having been betrayed, God's mercy has transformed the nation back to its virginal state: "As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you" (62:5). This newness is something to celebrate.

The messianic character of the Cana story has long been recognized. All the newness I mentioned earlier is there, but newness now pertains to the entire community of believers and not simply to the marriage couple, who have no idea what is happening. An important detail of this story is the nature of the wine. What was originally water for ceremonial cleansing was transformed into wine, the quality of which was outstanding. This imagery tells us that there is a messianic banquet awaiting us, one that celebrates our intimate union with God. The joy we experience then will be intoxicating.

St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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The collection for the weekend of January 8-9, 2022, was as follows:

Make-up envelopes	\$ 40.00
Advanced envelopes	\$ 725.00
Maintenance	\$ 820.00
Higher Energy	\$ 70.00
Christmas	\$ 150.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Regular collection	\$ 979.00
Total Collection:	\$2,804.00

Holy Hour for the Protection for Unborn Children

All are welcome to join Annunciation Parish on **Saturday, January 22nd at 1:00 pm** as we observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children with Adoration and a Holy Hour in Holy Rosary Church, 135 Nichols St., Gardner.

Upcoming Catholic Schools Week

National Catholic Schools Week is **January 30-February 5**. This year's theme is "*Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.*" It is typically observed with special Masses, open houses, and other activities. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation. Please pray for our faculty, staff, and administration. Most of all, pray for our students who will be tomorrow's leaders.

"*There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.*" Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or email donato.infante@gmail.com.

"*Behold, I stand at the door and knock...*" It's time. Time to learn more about your faith. It's time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Two weekends are coming up for early 2022. A **Women's Weekend February 3-6** and a **Men's Weekend March 17-20**. Visit www.fourthday.org and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information. You will be so very glad you did!!

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