



# 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 3:45 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

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#### Education 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

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.  
- Lk 4:18*

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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 22nd  
3:45 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Unrequested  
Sunday, January 23rd  
8:30 AM Bobby C. Ovian  
10:30 AM Special Intention  
Monday, January 24th  
8:30 AM Unrequested  
Tuesday, January 25th  
8:30 AM Unrequested  
Wednesday, January 26th  
8:30 AM Unrequested  
Thursday, January 27th  
8:30 AM For the Intentions on our Prayer Line  
and in our Prayer Intention Book  
Friday, January 28th  
8:30 AM Maureen Migdelany  
Saturday, January 29th  
3:45 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM Unrequested  
Sunday, January 30th  
8:30 AM Unrequested  
10:30 AM Special Intention

### 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](http://princeofpeacema.org).

### **3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” (Nehemiah 8:10)*

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part—to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 2022

Dear Friends,

In the gospel reading from Luke for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, Jesus returned to Nazareth and in the synagogue there read a passage from the prophet Isaiah which stated, “The Spirit of God is upon me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” Jesus continued, “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Through His words, Jesus declared that He was God the Father’s “holy one.” His actions showed to everyone how wonderfully He embraced these particular words from the prophet Isaiah.

As we contemplate and reflect upon this particular reading from the Gospel of Luke, may we always make a personal choice to accept Jesus. We have been given the gift of free will. In a prayerful and devoted way, may we say yes to Jesus and His message of love and mercy. Then we can develop a fervent relationship with God while leading folks to the Lord. May the compassion and sensitivity of Jesus always be a profound part of our lives.

Many thanks to all who continue to support Prince of Peace Parish. Your generosity is most appreciated. Be well and be safe!

God’s love and prayers always,

Fr. Ed

### **Join the National Novena for Life!**

**January 19-27**

**9 Days for Life** is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage set aside to mark the tragic anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. **The novena will take place nationwide from January 19 through 27, 2022.** During this time, all are invited to participate by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the nine days. Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) for more information. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifice makes a difference!

**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 23, 2022

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30

or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Fulfilled in Your Hearing. When we hear that phrase, we might be inclined to think of prophecy. However, today's readings suggest something a bit different. True, in today's Gospel, Jesus states that he is the fulfillment of the promise made by the prophet Isaiah. However, the way that passage was fulfilled by Jesus was not the way his hearers expected. The passage seems to promise a change in society where there will be no more poor or prisoners. The people expected a political change which would overthrow Roman control. Jesus' application was quite different. The fulfillment of that prophecy included a new and often radical way of understanding society. In other words, Jesus revealed the true meaning of the prophecy.

Such reapplication is even clearer in the first reading, Nehemiah, the Jewish leader of those who had returned from Babylonian exile, gathered all the community together, read the Law, and then reappplied it for them.

Reapplication is often necessary because what might have been a helpful way of understanding something in our faith under some circumstances might be impractical, even inappropriate, in others. For example, to pray for an end to war is important, but to do nothing to work for peace changes how we understand prayer. Circumstances often change as we go through life. Reapplication of our faith acknowledges this and searches for ways that faith can continue to address those changing circumstances. Faithful reapplication always keeps our religious tradition alive and meaningful.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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## FINANCE REPORT

Due to publication deadlines, the finance report for the weekend of January 15-16, 2022, will be published in next week's bulletin.

## 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.

## TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

If you would like a summary of your contributions to Prince of Peace Parish for 2021, please email the office at [princeofpeace@verizon.net](mailto:princeofpeace@verizon.net), or call the rectory and leave a message. Letters should be available the last week of January.

## Help Reduce Abuse Statistics

Nationally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect, and how to report it to the proper authorities. For more information, please contact those in your parish who are in charge of programs to safeguard children. For particular help, you may call: Judith Audette, Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363. Source: [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.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](http://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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