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**Our Lady of Grace Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, June 20**
4:00 pm Margaret & Salvatore Esposito (Anniversary) by Daughter

**Sunday, June 21**
8:30 am Father's Day Remembrance for all Memorial Society Members
10:30 am Anna R. Bucci (First Anniversary) by Family

**Monday, June 22**
8:00 am Carol A. Giorgi by Nancy Bosco

**Tuesday, June 23**
8:00 am Mia Villegas for Health and Wellbeing by the DiIorio Family

**Wednesday, June 24**
8:00 am Tommy Bucci (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

**Saturday, June 27**
4:00 pm Burley and Dandeneau Families (Memorial) by Family

**Sunday, June 28**
8:30 am Eleanor Rego by Provost Family
10:30 am Joan DiDonato (First Year Remembrance) by Family

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

The current Mass Schedule is as follows:

**Monday-Wednesday** 8:00 am

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00 pm

**Sunday**
8:30 am
10:30 am

Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 pm (Saturday)

Confessions (Saturday) 3:00-3:30 pm

Holy Rosary (Saturday) 3:30 pm
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK . . .

FATHER’S DAY REFLECTION

For many of us, a model of a good or great father comes easily to mind. We see the face, remember the touch and hear the voice of our own father. It is true that we learn the meaning of “fatherly strength, fatherly virtue, fatherly love” from experience and our own reflection upon it. Whatever size, shape, color or heritage our father’s had, they modeled certain characteristics that have a universal relevance and wisdom. Among the virtues that come to mind for me are dependability and duty, patience and availability, life experience and optimism, truthfulness and simplicity. In the case of my own father, these all were expressed with a love that was strong but not stifling or overpowering. I was given the chance to experiment, fail, risk and succeed. I was required to stay close to family and home but allowed to roam with a freedom that respected my individuality and gifts. This form of “fatherly protection” has served as an example to me as I have tried to be a “spiritual father” to many during my thirty-five years of priestly ministry. God Bless all our Father’s on this their special day.

Father Peter

WINNERS FROM THE PRIMAVERA GIFT CARD/PRIZES CALENDAR

Ron Plante—2 tickets to 12th Annual Primavera
Mary Ann Kish—2 Slice Toaster
Rosario Capraro—Child’s 16” Bike
Jacqueline LaSalandra—Gift Card to 78 Pub for $20.00
Ralph Cola—Gift Card to Kohl’s for $15.00
Joanne Petrantonio—Gift Card to Luigi’s for $25.00
Norm and Linda Bessette—2 sheets of OLG Feast Food Tickets
Lucien and Donna LaPorte—Gift Card to Atwood Grill for $20.00
Diane and Mike Pezza—Gift Card for 1 dozen roses at Atwood Florist
Mike Lombardi—Gift Card to VIP Nails for $15.00
Daniel Campbell—Brown Leather Purse valued at $70.00
Anna Aurecchia—Gift Card to Stop n Shop for $25.00
Jacqueline LaSalandra—Gift Card to TJ Maxx for $30.00
Sandra Iozzi—2 Slice Toaster
Arnold and Pat Vecchione—Gift Card to VIP nails for $15.00
Peter Lombardi—2 Tickets to the 12th Annual Primavera
Peter Lombardi—Dinner for 6 at the OLG Rectory with a private chef.

Congratulations to all the lucky winners!
Greetings in Christ!

Father's Day 2020 will most likely be a different Father's Day than any other year as we slowly come out of this Global Pandemic known as COVID-19.

Since early March, things have been different as this affected the way we observe Good Friday, Easter, and of course, Mother's Day.

While this has been a tremendously challenging few months we have gone through, we know that God is still great, and greatly to be praised!

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how much I appreciate your support, prayers, and patience during this unprecedented time.

Little did we realize how long this process would take when we ceased our regular church gatherings in addition to group events.

While we know and realize the “church” is not a building, but the people who make up the body of Christ, there's little doubt in all our minds this is not the way any of us envision what church will be going forward.

Someone once said, “you don't know what you have until it's gone.” Of course, the church is not “gone” in a literal sense, but not meeting together sure does make me appreciate what we had! Yet, the thing that keeps me going is the realization this is not a situation that will last forever.

Welcome back to church!

That statement might seem a bit odd because, as you know, we have had church every week online or in our parking lot. Yet, there is just something powerful and amazing about meeting together as the church! Especially when it's been many weeks since we met together in our church!

My fear from the beginning was what will the final effect be on the financial health of the parish, but because of your generosity we were able to maintain usual income levels. Many of you have given at a higher level and thank you! Many have given a one-time gift and thank you! Many visitors have given generously and thank you!

Going forward we are realistic and realize the significant effect that the recent social experience will have on both our spiritual and financial activities. However, I am confident that this parish will always maintain its vitality and viability.

Fr. Peter
### Weekend Collections

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My second experience attending Mass inside the Church occurred last Sunday, June 7. My wife felt it was safe enough to accompany me after I explained how safe I thought it was for me the previous Sunday. I thought the attendance was slightly below the previous week which surprised me since I expected more people to come back to their normal 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass habit. Where are you? Everyone is wearing a mask and observing social distancing to keep us all safe.

While waiting for Mass to begin, now that we are back in the church, I started to ponder the larger question of, “What IS the purpose of going to church?” Are there parishioners who might still be a bit fearful of coming to Mass or is it just that it has been months since we have been able to do so and some folks may have gotten used to not being inside, for whatever reason.

Keep in mind that Church reconnects us to our shared beliefs. It reinforces the higher philosophy and purpose behind family and marriage and allows us a safe space to connect with God and our spouse together. Couples who attend church together are making time to reiterate the important foundations of their marriage.

A posting by Ruth Soukup I recently saw on www.Livingwellspendingless.com concerned “The Surprising Benefits of Going to Church” and offered ten reasons why we should go. Here are a few below, and I will add others in part two of this “view” next week.

Ruth observed that Church connects us with God and that there is something reverent about simply being inside a church. It gives us a physical space to connect and draw closer to God. We are instantly elevated to a state where we are opening ourselves to God and trying to understand his message.

Church gives us a chance to reflect on gratitude, Ruth says, to reframe negative or frustrating situations into learning opportunities. Gratitude helps us to realize how blessed we are and how much we truly have and to stop dwelling on empty questions like, “Why is this happening to me?”

An obvious reason to attend Church is that it connects us socially, especially here at OLG where Father Gower is constantly creating opportunities for us all to socialize together. Since my beginning as a parishioner here five years ago, after forty-plus years at St. Augustine in Providence, I find that church people are very friendly here and the wide variety of social events, groups, clubs, and connection opportunities allow you to meet people and make friends easily.

Also, Ruth says that when we attend church, we are transported to a place of worship and peace in a place of calm, a respite from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives.

Through our faith, we have been able to visit and help communities around the world through the eyes of the visiting clergy who serve as missionaries around the world, as well as assisting locally in a variety of ways. Donating to the OLG food bank is a great way to assist local folks who need a hand with providing good nutrition for their families.

Finally, for this week’s missive, there is no better place to be reminded of the gift of forgiveness that we have already received than by going to Church, and our hearts cannot help but be softened in the process. Forgiveness is one of the hardest lessons to learn, and yet, when we are finally able to let things go, it can take a huge weight off our shoulders.

I will continue with the second part of this topic in next week’s bulletin and you might be surprised at some of the findings from various medical studies that say our physical health is affected positively by regular Church attendance. Until then, stay safe and healthy and see you in Church.
PARISH INFORMATION . . .

LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND ALTAR SERVERS

We will begin scheduling for these Ministries in September. Your next schedule will cover the months of September, October, November and December. If you have any special requests for Masses during that time period please e-mail Joanne at jburley@ourladyofgraceri.org. (new e-mail), or call her at the rectory 231-2220 ext. 2.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Our Lady of Grace Memorial Golf Tournament in honor of Fred Bruno has been postponed to Monday, October 5, 2020. We are so lucky to have received a great date in early October at the beautiful Rhode Island Country Club. If you’d like to join us, call the parish office and we will send you a registration form.

AAA Membership Raffle

We have a winner!! Pat Leoncavallo won the AAA Membership raffle. She has a one year membership to triple AAA. Congratulations, Pat.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education registration forms have been mailed to every family. If you didn’t receive one, or need one (a new student), please call the parish office and we will mail you a form ASAP.

Our Lady of Grace
Feast of La Madonna Della DiFesa
September 10—September 13, 2020

Each year we proudly host thousands of Rhode Islanders and we celebrate with entertainment, food booths, games and our famous dough boys.

Currently, we have mailed out raffle tickets for the following raffles:

The Grand Raffle (with a top prize of $5,000.00.) Donation of $50.00 per ticket.

The Jewelry Raffle (with a top prize—a set of 1 Ct Diamond Earrings set in White Gold valued at $3,000.00.) A donation of $25.00 for 3 tickets.

The Patriots Raffle (a 2012 Multi-Signed Panel Ball with signatures of both Tom Brady and Julian Edelman as well as others.) Donation of $5.00 for 3 tickets.

The Television Raffle (this raffle’s First Prize is a 70” Roku Ultra HD Smart TV. The Second Prize is for a 55” Ultra HD Smart TV.) Donation of $5.00 for 3 tickets.

Additionally, you can still be a Major Donor (which includes your name or the name of a loved one or business on the Major Donor Board) for a donation of $100.00.

You can also buy these tickets online on our website — Ourladyofgraceri.org

Food Tickets. This weekend after all Masses you can pull around to the back of the church near the garages to the white booth and purchase your Presale Food Tickets. A book of 10 tickets for a donation of only $8.00! You can purchase as many as you like. Get ready for some fabulous food at our feast!

Time to get your doughboys!

The weekend of June 27-28, after every Mass you can drive into Festival Field and order doughboys! Someone will assist you with your order. You can order as many as you like, and the donation is only $5.00 per doughboy. Come and enjoy a Rhode Island favorite. As you all know, our doughboys are delicious!!