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Our Lady of Grace Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11
4:00 pm Manuel & Susie Sarli (Memorial) by Family

Sunday, July 12
8:30 am Carmine Pezza by Wife and Children
10:30 am Anthony DiPrete (Birthday Remembrance) by Wife and Family

Monday, July 13
8:00 am Jesse Gomez by wife Marcia and Children

Tuesday, July 14
8:00 am No Intention

Wednesday, July 15
8:00 am No Intention

Saturday, July 18
4:00 pm Helen Fowler (In Memoriam and Birthday Remembrance) by Family

Sunday, July 19
8:30 am Carmina Rotondo by Emma Pezza
10:30 am Eleanor Rego by the Provost 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 . . .

If you are friends with a gardener - or are a gardener yourself - you know how patient they are. They spend hours preparing the soil with fertilizer, planting seeds, watering them, pulling up weeds, and taking whatever steps are necessary to ensure that their plants will thrive. They realize that the flowers won't grow overnight so they are in no hurry. Instead, they let nature take its course. Even though they cannot see the plant growing underground, they trust that it is growing. They take pride in seeing the first green shoots of growth just as much as they enjoy seeing the plant in full bloom.

Our Heavenly Father is like a gardener. Just consider this vast creation that He brought into being out of nothing. For billions of years, He has allowed it to develop and evolve. The same is true for life on Earth. When the conditions were just right, life began on this planet from single celled organisms all the way up to complex mammals. Then it was many millions of years later that He breathed into human beings a rational soul. Like a master gardener, God has patiently waited until conditions were right to introduce into creation His masterpiece - the human person.

Father Peter

This beautiful song, “Let There Be Peace On Earth”, teaches us how we can make a difference. “Let peace begin with me.” If I treat everyone I meet as a sister and a brother, there will be less harm done in the world. If I forgive others from my heart rather than seeking vengeance, there'll be less violence in the world. And if I lend my voice to those who are voiceless, there will be less injustice in the world. It begins with me. It begins with you.

It is important to work for laws that are just and political structures that are less oppressive. But if people do not have peace in their hearts, they will break those laws. Without peaceful people, we cannot have a peaceful world.

That is where Jesus comes in. He is the Prince of Peace. He promises us a peace that the world cannot give.

Let us learn from Jesus who is meek and humble of heart. We learn about Him in the Scriptures we read. We also learn about Him at the table of the Eucharist. It is at this table that we remember that He loved us enough to die. He didn't bring about His Kingdom through force or violence but through meekness and humility. Just so, at this table we learn to give of ourselves to others just as He gives Himself to us. By following His example and by the Spirit of Peace which He pours out into our hearts, we can bring peace to this broken world. Peace on earth has begun with Jesus. Now it must begin with me. Now it must begin with you.

Psalm 27:4

4- One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, and to seek him in his temple.

“We have a Lord who is capable of crying with us, capable of walking with us in the most difficult moments of life.”

-Pope Francis
Philippines, 2015

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Blessings For Life
"Is God allowing the Coronavirus pandemic?

Listen to any media news broadcast these days and you hear the news commentators and analysts describing the severity and devastating health consequences of Coronavirus-19. A recent headline in a major New York newspaper posed the question, “Is the coronavirus an act of God?”

Under that headline-grabber were attempted answers from representatives of different religions. One may ask, “If there is an all-powerful, loving God, why do we see disease, suffering, and death in the world, especially now during the coronavirus crisis?”

Many people who hold a secular world view assume that God, if He exists (to them), is not actively involved in the world or its affairs. Furthermore, they believe that the cosmos is a closed system in which everything works perfectly well under discernible and predictable laws which humans use for their own purposes, requiring only the resources of the material universe to keep life running as smoothly as possible.

The alternative view says that God is the Creator and upholder of the Cosmos and is actively involved in its affairs, and that He is directing it and all who live therein to His foreordained conclusion.

Some who believe that God is actively involved in world affairs are asking questions such as, “Did God send this Coronavirus pandemic like He sent the plagues to Egypt?” or “Is this pandemic God’s judgment on a sinful world?” or “Why is God allowing this pandemic to do so much damage?”

So, when people ask, “Did God cause this to happen?” the answer has to be, for people of faith, NO, He did not. “Did God cause the Coronavirus pandemic?” Again, NO. Let’s consider the facts.

At present, it appears that this pandemic started in a horrendous failure of security protocol in a Chinese government virus laboratory, enhanced by the duplicity and censorship of the Chinese government in not alerting governments around the world to this incredibly contagious virus and the terrible dangers it posed.

Can God ultimately redeem the pandemic for good? That depends entirely on how we as Christians and as a nation respond to this tragedy. Prayer is always a good start. There are so many things to pray for right now, including our governor and community leaders, regardless of politics or political affiliation, to aid them in steering a true course to keep us all safe.

Pray for those on the front lines of the battle, from the healthcare workers to the scientists racing to find a vaccine and the many other daily heroes who are serving in a variety of ways, from stocking store shelves to delivering needed grocery and other life-sustaining supplies.

Pray for our Church and our pastor, Fr. Gower, who has never led us. his parish flock through such a trying time like this. So far, so good, I’d say. Be smart and be safe, understanding that by disobeying community health guidelines, you may get sick, and you may also, in turn, pass it along to others.

If you think about it, viruses had an originally good purpose, are used today for gene therapy and are being investigated for their positive benefits including possible symbiotic relationships and the regulating of bacteria populations in our stomach gut. Think yogurt on steroids.
This weekend, Saturday, July 11 and Sunday, July 12, after each Mass, we have prepared Clam Cakes & Chowder for you to pick up and take home.

For a donation of $5.00 you can enjoy one half dozen homemade Clam Cakes.

For a donation of $5.00 you can treat yourself to a pint of homemade chowder.

For a donation of $10.00 you can receive a combo of 1/2 dozen Clam Cakes and a pint of chowder.

After each of the 3 Masses this weekend, Clam Cakes and Chowder will be available for pick up at Festival Field, Building 1. Drive down Lafayette Street, cut through the back of the church parking lot, (2 lanes please), stop and buy Feast Food Tickets at the ticket booth behind the church (10 tickets for $8.00,) cross over Sheridan Street into Festival Field, 2 lanes. Give your complete Grab and Go order ticket below with payment to the Field attendants, drive forward to Festival Building 1 and they will give you your order.

It’s that simple

Enjoy the Clam Cakes & Chowder

Grab and Go Food Order Ticket

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PANDEMIC 2020 MEMORIAL

We have all been going through the Pandemic of 2020 together. We have all done amazing so far. As you all know from last week’s bulletin, I want to memorialize our experiences so that future generations of parishioners from Our Lady of Grace can learn from what we endured.

We are therefore establishing a unique monument in our church’s memorial garden space, overseen by our Blessed Mother.

The memorial will give testimony to our faith and our strength.

The top of the memorial will read as follows:

Pandemic 2020

DOORS CLOSED—HEARTS OPEN

OLG STRONG—90.1 FM—FAITH MATTERS

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Under the top of the memorial we believe we will have space for approximately 100 names. We are asking for a minimum donation of $200.00 to add your name to the memorial.

If you have any questions at all regarding the memorial, please do not hesitate to call the parish office at (401) 231-2200. You can send your information in with your donation or visit our website at Ourladyofgraceri.org

God Bless you all and I look for-

Miscellaneous Church Matters

Baptisms

If you had a baptism scheduled before the pandemic and would like to reschedule, please call the parish office and we will help you select a new date.

Weddings

If you had a wedding scheduled before the pandemic and wish to move forward, please call the parish office and we will help you reschedule the wedding and help you with anything else you need, to make your new date perfect.

Mass Intentions

Our 2021 Mass Intention book is open and we have quite a few days available right now. However, weekends fill up fast. Please call the parish office to schedule your Intention. Don’t forget, you can also have the church bells rung in memory of a loved one or be included in the Altar Breads and Sanctuary Lamps.

Club 100

We will be calling the last 5 winners for the last 5 weekly raffles for Club 100 sometime this week.

The winners will be announced in the bulletin next week.

We have obtained a new date for the Dinner and Dance. As of today we will be holding the Dinner and Dance on Saturday, October 24, 2020. If the date changes we will inform you through the bulletin.

Good luck on the last weekly raffles!
SAINT HENRY II, HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR

Henry II, was also known as Saint Henry the Exuberant, Obl. S. B., He became Holy Roman Emperor in 1014. He died without an heir in 1024. St. Henry had a strong Christian formation, received in his childhood. Henry was born in Bamberg in 973, the son of the Duke of Bavaria. He grew up in a profoundly Christian atmosphere. Henry’s support for the moral reform begun from was the last ruler of the Ottonian line. It’s difficult to understand the Abbey of Cluny was significant. Cluny’s abbot, St Odilo, was also one of Henry’s counselors. The Cluniac Reforms affected not only monastic life, but the whole life of the Church. He helped the Church combat simony (the buying and selling of ecclesiastical goods and offices), and promoted clerical celibacy. In 1022, together with Pope Benedict VIII, Henry presided over the Council of Pavia, which published 7 canons against clerical concubinage, and in favour of the defense of the patrimony of the Church. He restored episcopal sees, and founded the Diocese of Bamburg. His interest in the liturgy can be seen in his desire to introduce recitation of the Creed to the Sunday Mass.

John 15:12-19

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ...