OUR LADY OF GRACE - PARISH DIRECTORY

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Our Lady of Grace Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25
4:00 pm Barney Desrochers by Wife and Family

Sunday, July 26
8:30 am For the living and deceased members of St. Anne Sodality

        Anna Cardarelli by the Cardarelli Family

10:30 am James and Connie Parascandolo, Frank and Phyllis Andreozzi, Frank Jr., and Joy Andreozzi by Joe and Joan Andreozzi

Monday, July 27
8:00 am For Jesus, Mary, and all the Saints for answered prayers and miracles-anonymous intention.

Tuesday, July 28
8:00 am Gidio Cambio (Month’s Mind Mass) requested by Margie.

Wednesday, July 29
8:00 am No Intention

Saturday, August 1
4:00 pm Peter Lombardi (Birthday Remembrance) by Family

Sunday, August 2
8:30 am Anthony Bianco by Rudy and Sandra Branca

10:30 am No Intention

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 . . .

1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52.

Reflection:

“Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old” (Mt 13:52). The wise person is the one who examines the possessions in the store room of his heart and uses them in favor of the kingdom of God. In the Old Testament God praises King Solomon for putting aside wealth and a long and healthy life in favor of wisdom to better discern how best to govern God’s people.

We too are invited to open our lives to listen to God’s will in our lives. We are invited to examine ourselves and discern God’s will for us.

Father Peter

PANDEMIC 2020 MEMORIAL

What have we learned?

Community will be one of the benefits to come out of this whole awful mess. As a parish, we are Easter people who emphasize triumph of hope and life over fear. We found inventive ways to nourish our souls and to keep our faith open. We need to memorialize this as a parish, so that future generations can learn from what we endured. I would like a monument that gives testimony to our strength.

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

The top of the memorial will read as follows:

Pandemic 2020
DOORS CLOSED—HEARTS OPEN
OLG STRONG—90.1 FM—FAITH MATTERS

REV. PETER J. GOWER, PASTOR

Beneath this inscription, 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

If you know you want to participate in this once in a lifetime memorial, you can mail your donation with your telephone number and we will call you to verify the spelling of your name, or you can come into the parish office with your donation.

Sausage & Pepper Sandwich Dinner

The weekend of August 8th and 9th, we will be preparing a Sausage and Pepper Sandwich Dinner for your enjoyment.

For a donation of $10.00, you will receive a large and delicious sausage and pepper sandwich, along with the sandwich you will receive a bag of chips and wine biscuits— all for just $10.00!

After each of the 3 Masses on that weekend, the Sandwiches 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) cross over Sheridan Street into Festival Field, 2 lanes. People will be there to direct you, help you and take your orders.

You can stop by the white ticket booth behind the church to get your feast food tickets—10 tickets for a donation of $8.00.
We continue today with part two of a look at the lighter side of religion as a little “vacation break” from our usual more serious topics. Enjoy!

The 10 commandments
A Sunday school teacher was explaining the Ten Commandments to her five- and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" One little boy shouted, "Thou shall not kill."

The 10th Commandment
A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one, and the teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off thy neighbor's wife."

The building fund
There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

The pallbearers
An elderly woman died last month who had never married, and she requested that no male pallbearers be used for her funeral. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

Picnics and weddings.
A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. They were at a community picnic one day and the priest was eating a ham sandwich. "You know," he said to his friend, "this ham sandwich is simply delicious. I know you're not supposed to eat ham, but I don't understand why something as good as this would be forbidden to you. Why don't you break down and try one?"
To which the rabbi replied, "Sure, at your wedding."

The Storm
A passenger jet was going through a severe thunderstorm. As the passengers were being bounced around by the turbulence, a young woman turned to a minister sitting next to her and, with a nervous laugh asked, "Reverend, you're a man of God, can't you do something about this storm?" To which he replied, "Lady, I'm in sales, not management."

Seen on a Church sign
"How will you spend eternity? Smoking or Non-smoking?"

His first wedding
A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

Kids’ thoughts about God - the following statements about the Bible were written by children and have not been retouched or corrected.
* The seventh commandment is “Thou shalt not admit adultery.”
* A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony.
* Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
* Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
* The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
* Moses died before he ever reached Texas.
* The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
* David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
* Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives, and 700 porcupines.
* Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
* Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.
DON'T YOU JUST LOVE KIDS!
OLG Bocce League

Week 5 - 7/20/20 - Games & Scores

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Schedule for Monday, July 27, 2020

Jersey Boys vs. Grasso’s Crew
5:30 pm

Gower’s Group vs. Arthur’s Gang
6:45 pm

Weekend Collections

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Peter’s Pence Collection

The Peter’s Pence Collection is taken up worldwide each year to support the most disad-\vantaged, including victims of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease. Due to the restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pan-\demic, those wishing to provide financial sup-\port for the Peter’s Pence Collection may do so in alternative ways this year only. Parish-\ioners may submit their contributions elec-\tronically by visiting www.peterspence.va, by means of the regular offertory envelopes to the parish during Mass or by sending contribu-\tions directly to the Diocesan Fiscal Office. Checks should be made payable to the Dioce-\san Service Corporation and be clearly marked “Peter’s Pence Collection” on the notation line. The mailing address is:

Diocesan Service Corporation
Fiscal Office
1 Cathedral Square
Providence, RI 02903

The Peter’s Pence Collection supports the Pope’s philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

Big THANKS to Rocky Railway Participants

It’s time to thank all those who were involved in ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE CAMP which was held in Fioretti Hall from July 13 through the 17th. Big Thank You to Jackie La Salandra and Rita Poli who were with me each and every day preparing the Hall for the Camp, and believe me it was many days. Thanks also to Ruth Ventetuolo and to Debbie Fleming who helped whenever their schedules allowed them to.

I would like to thank our station leaders. They are Sing and Play and Rocky Wrap-up: Rita Poli and her helper Jill Carline; Bible Adventures: Mia Swenson and her helper Dylan Lyons; Imagination Station: Jackie La Salandra and her helper Brooke Carline; Snack Station: Ruth Ventetuolo and her helpers Dolores Bresette and Danielle Lyons; Kid Vid Cinema: Debbie Fleming and her helper Bobby Fleming; Locomotion Games: Mackenzie Hanna and her helper Melanie Capraro; and Registration: Diane Lyons.

Thank you to our teen Crew Leaders and to all our Crew Members. It was a great week learning about the Power of Jesus through song, dance, Bible stories, games, etc. Thanks also to the moms and dads for sharing their children with us for the week. Trust Jesus!! Joanne Burley
Our Lady of Grace
Feast of La Madonna Della DiFesa
September 10—September 13, 2020

You are still able to join these 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 a 55” Ultra HD Smart TV.) Donation of $5.00 for 3 tickets.

Major Donor 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.

These tickets can be bought online, at our website - Ourladyofgraceri.org

Food Tickets. This weekend, and all weekends after Mass, 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!

FEAST FOOD

Our Lady of Grace Feast Menu—2020

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We may be required to add or subtract items according to availability.
OUR LADY OF GRACE  
The annual feast in honor of “La Madonna della Difesa”

The annual feast in honor of “La Madonna della Difesa” will take place from September 10 to September 13 at Our Lady of Grace Church located on George Waterman Road, Johnston, RI. On Sunday, September 13th, there will be a 10:30 am Mass followed by the traditional procession of La Madonna della Difesa.

Events planned for the celebration call for food each day/night under the tent. The tent will become a large restaurant to enjoy food, beer and wine, as well as listen to music each evening. We will feature Ambrosiani on Sunday. There will be no rides or games. Our annual raffles are being held through the mail. You can obtain your food tickets after every Mass behind the Church in the white booth. Right now the presale price is $8.00 for 10 tickets. We will of course call the raffles during the feast.

The feast was brought to Johnston by a small group of Italian men and women in 1908. These people came from a small mountain top town called Casacalenda, located in the province of Campobasso in the region of Italy called Molise. Casacalenda is located about 150 miles northeast of Naples.

This same feast is still celebrated in Montreal, Canada as well as in Italy. The feast is celebrated on the second Sunday of September here in Johnston, while the Italo Canadians celebrate it on the second Sunday of August. It is celebrated in Italy always on the 4th Sunday of September, the original Feast day. We in America and in Canada had to change the date because of weather conditions.

History tells us that certain unexplainable events started to take place in Casacalenda around 1870 on a hillside called “La DiFesa” which was once the site of an ancient church called Santa Maria di Avellana which was destroyed in 1456 by an earthquake.

Then, in 1891 the people of Casacalenda started to venerate the ancient hillside site called La Difesa. With diocesan support and approval, a sanctuary was built and called Il Sanctuario Della Madonna della Difesa in honor of the Blessed Mother, thus we have the title La Madonna della Difesa. La Madonna being an Italian expression meaning Mother of God and Difesa the name of the section of town in Casacalenda, Italy. On October 31, 1962 by a decree from Bishop Costanzo of Larino, Italy, the Difesa Sanctuary was made an official Diocesan Sanctuary.