

May 9, 2021

SIXTH Sunday of Easter



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence



**OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**15 George Waterman Road  
Johnston, Rhode Island 02919  
Telephone: (401) 231-2220  
Facsimile (401) 231-3905**

**OURLADYOFGRACERI.ORG**

**REV. PETER J. GOWER, PASTOR**



## HOPE & COPE Support Group

### The Hope & Cope Group 2021 Schedule

#### St. Barnabas Church

1697 East Main Road, Portsmouth  
Chapel Meeting Room

*Sunday Evenings 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

January 17, 2021

July 18, 2021

February 21, 2021

August 22, 2021

March 21, 2021

September 19, 2021

April 18, 2021

October 17, 2021

May 16, 2021

November 21, 2021

June 13, 2021

December 19, 2021



## Pope at Audience: Church is the house and school of prayer



(VATICAN NEWS) - Continuing his catechesis on Christian prayer at the weekly General Audience in the Vatican, Pope Francis explains that prayer belongs to the very essence of the Church, without which she cannot carry out her evangelising mission and service to others.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Any family who wishes to apply for tuition assistance from our parish for children who attend Catholic grammar school in the 2021-2022 school year should call the rectory to request a Tuition Assistance Request Form.

Diocesan Policy states that each family must file through F.A.C.T.S.

in order to qualify for assistance from their own parish.

Completed Tuition Assistance Request Forms should be returned to the rectory by the end of May.

### Food Pantry

**Our food pantry is low on several items.**

**Please donate some of items listed below so that we can help our neighbors in need.**



- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned hams
- Gravy
- Mayonnaise



For those whose mothers and grandmothers are still alive - cherish them today. Hug and kiss them. Honor them. Thank them. For those whose mothers have gone home to the Lord, remember them. For all who bear the name Christian, the name of our eternal family, let us also honor the Mother of the Lord today. Her maternal care for Jesus still embraces all those who are joined to Him, as members of His Body, by that great new birth of Baptism. Finally, let us ask the Lord to open our eyes, and our hearts, to come to more fully understand the great mystery and gift of the Church as our Mother. Let us live our lives as Christians, by living in the heart of Mother Church, for the sake of the world into which we are sent to bear the Good News.

## Ascension Day 2021



Ascension Day for the year 2021 is celebrated/ observed on **Thursday, May 13th.**

**Mass Schedule for Ascension  
8Am**

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

I would like to sincerely thank you for your time, effort and monetary donations this year. We are so lucky to have your support. I am extremely grateful for all donations received. Let us look forward to a great year to come. My sincerest gratitude once again for your generous contributions.

*Rev. Peter J. Gower*



## Month Of April

|                      |             | Date      |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|
| <u>Week 1</u>        |             |           |
| Weekend Collection - | \$5,954.00  | 4/4/2021  |
| On-Line Giving -     | \$600.00    |           |
| <i>MaDonna</i>       | \$182.00    |           |
| <u>Week 2</u>        |             |           |
| Weekend Collection - | \$3,692.00  | 4/11/2021 |
| On-Line Giving -     | \$800.00    |           |
| <i>Monthly</i>       | \$80.00     |           |
| <u>Week 3</u>        |             |           |
| Weekend Collection - | \$3,244.00  | 4/18/2021 |
| On-Line Giving -     | \$610.00    |           |
| <u>Week 4</u>        |             |           |
| Weekend Collection - | \$3,671.00  | 4/25/2021 |
| On-Line Giving -     | \$460.00    |           |
| <u>Total</u>         |             |           |
| Weekend Collection - | \$16,561.00 |           |
| On-Line Giving -     | \$2,470.00  |           |
| Other                | \$262.00    |           |
|                      | \$19,293.00 |           |

Thank you!

Our Lady of Grace  
Over Goal!

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to making the *Catholic Charity Appeal* successful!

# “View from the Pew” by George W. Reilly

## Things To Say to Mom on Mother’s Day

*Of all the gifts that life has to offer, a loving mother is the greatest of them all!*

Mother’s Day is here. It’s time to reflect upon the relationship with your mom and all the brilliant ways in which she has made your life simpler and well sorted out. We grow up unmindful of all the little ways in which our mothers have molded our lives to a better one, and that is why, dedicating a day to honor them and thank them is the least we can do.

So, this Mother’s Day weekend, make it special for your mom by telling her some sweet things that you should have said to her more often, like the following:

- \* **“I Love You, no matter what”** - Let your mom know how much she means to you. In the end, moms are just emotional human beings, and they deserve to be showered with love that is unconditional and all-embracing.
  - \* **“You were right”** - For not letting you hang out with friends who later proved to be total losers to making you eat your green veggies, she has earned this title. She bore everything patiently and raised you into an awesome you. All credit goes to her right way to do things.
  - \* **“Thank You”** - A simple thank you can go a long way. Thank her for her presence in your life and helping you grow into who you are today. From making meals for you to teaching you serious life lessons, thank your mom for everything.
  - \* **“I am glad you are MY Mom”** - You might have said “I hate you” to your mom many times during those terrible teen years. Let her know you never meant it. Tell her you acknowledge all the sacrifices she did to make you happy. You have always been her first priority. Put her first on this day and bring her a smile.
  - \* **“I am Sorry”** - For all the times you have been rude to her, embarrassed her, caused her inconvenience, disobeyed her or hurt her, acknowledge her patience and unconditional love with a “sorry.”
  - \* **“What can I do for you?”** - Our mom does countless favors for us without expecting anything in return. Ask her what she wants or think of things you can do for her to lighten her burden. She is definitely going to deny needing anything, but do not take a No for an answer.
  - \* If you can’t remember whether or not you called your mother, you didn’t.
  - \* The motherly advice you ignore will always turn out to be the best advice she ever gave you.
  - \* Never criticize your mother’s cooking if you expect to get any more of it.
  - \* If you think you have any secrets from your mother, remember who changed your diapers.
  - \* Never lie to your mother. And if you do, never think you got away with it.
  - \* Mother’s way is best. If you do not believe it, ask her.
  - \* Mothers always “know.” I do not know how - they just do.
- Enjoy your day with Mom while you can. Things change so quickly these days, you may not have the chance to do so again. Stay healthy!



## May Mass Schedule 2021

| Date | Time  | Name                         | Intention/<br>Request             |
|------|-------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1    | 4:00  | Addressi & Quartino Families | Mem. By Family                    |
| 2    | 8:30  | Anita Lombardi               | By Mike Lombardi                  |
|      | 10:30 | Maryann Vita                 | By Family                         |
| 5    | 8:00  | Robert Clark                 | B'Day Rem. By Son Joseph          |
| 8    | 4:00  | Maurice Champagne            | Mem. By Wife Marilyn              |
|      |       | Norma Kowal                  | Month's Mind                      |
| 9    | 8:30  | Dennis J. Alpaio             | B'Day Rem. By Abate Family        |
|      | 10:30 | Anna Carbone                 | Mother's Day Rem. By Children     |
| 10   | 8:00  | Alfred Gower                 | Birthday Remembrance              |
| 12   | 8:00  | Mary Mancini                 | Mem. By Husband & Son             |
| 15   | 4:00  | Betty Ann Lyon               | B'Day Rem By Daughter             |
|      |       | Louise Spremulli Chiaramonte | By Joe & Eleanor                  |
|      |       | Anthony & John Spremulli     |                                   |
| 16   | 8:30  | Anita Lombardi               | B'Day Rem By Mike Lombardi        |
|      | 10:30 | Joseph Zoglio, Jr.           | 6th Ann. By Family                |
| 22   | 4:00  | Anna R. Bucci                | 2nd Ann By Family                 |
| 23   | 8:30  | Angelo De Fusco              | 4th Ann. By Wife & Family         |
|      | 10:30 | Carl Pellegrino              | 1st Ann BY Jimmy, Nicole & Family |
| 24   | 8:00  | Jesse Gomez                  | Wedd. Ann By Wife Marcia          |
| 26   | 8:00  | Guido Cambio                 | B'Day By Margie                   |
| 29   | 4:00  | Ann & Salvatore De-Louise    | Mem. By Family                    |
| 30   | 8:30  | Vilma Zanni                  | 72 Wedding Anniversary            |
|      | 10:30 | Cidalia Correia              | By Lawrence & Maria Vieira        |



Dear Parishioner:

I am sure you are well aware of our upcoming annual parish feast set for September 9 – 12 when we celebrate the protection of God and the Madonna Della Difesa over our lives and the life of the Church. The annual Feast Mass will occur on Sunday, September 12, at 10:30 a.m. followed immediately by a solemn procession in honor of the Madonna as her statue is processed through neighboring streets with a suitable honor guard.

I know that life under the Coronavirus Pandemic for over a year now has been a burden for the social life of our parish, but we have carried on as best as we can to maintain that vital part of our Church community. The feast will be no exception as all of our feast volunteers are redoubling their efforts to make this year's celebration the best that we can. Federal and state Covid regulations will be in force, I am certain, but we will do our best to present a feast under the big top on Festival Field that will be as close as we can get to previous ones to properly honor our Blessed Mother.

We do need your help in two ways. First, I am asking you to consider becoming a MAJOR DONOR this year with a \$100 contribution to place your name, the name of a deceased loved one or your business name on the large sign located across from the church in the parking lot. The names will also appear in the parish bulletin. A Mass of thanksgiving will also be celebrated for your special intentions on December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 7 p.m. A MAJOR DONOR form is included below which can be filled out and returned with your donation to the weekly collection basket in church or dropped off at the rectory office during regular office hours. These contributions are the major lifeblood asset to our fiscal condition and a much needed and welcome part to the continuation of a vital parish community spirit.

Second, an integral part of the annual feast is the GRAND RAFFLE which gives you five (5) chances to win any of the following money prizes: \$5,000 GRAND PRIZE, \$1,000 SECOND PRIZE, \$500 THIRD PRIZE, \$250 FOURTH PRIZE and a \$250 FIFTH PRIZE. Imagine that – 5 chances to win on one \$50 raffle ticket.

Your contribution for either the MAJOR DONOR or GRAND RAFFLE, or both, will give us a great start for the necessary seed money to get our feast operating plans into high gear. We must start now to ensure a successful event just after Labor Day. Your help is truly needed and appreciated.

With a prayerful heart,

*Rev. Peter J. Gower*

Rev. Peter J. Gower

-----  
*(tear here and return with donation)*

**ANNUAL FEAST 2021 in honor of LA MADONNA DELLA DIFESA – MAJOR DONOR PROGRAM**

Enclosed is my \$100 donation for the MAJOR DONOR PROGRAM which will assist with preparations for the annual parish feast honoring La Madonna Della Difesa. I would like my donor line to read as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
My name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Jacqueline M. Grasso, Esq.  
Attorney at Law

LICENSED IN RI & MA

# Family Law, Bankruptcy & Estate Planning GRASSO LAW OFFICES

1310 Atwood Ave., Johnston

401-946-4500 or [www.grassolaw.net](http://www.grassolaw.net)

## WOODLAWN FUNERAL HOME

Thomas G. Gattone, *Founder* • "Woodlawn"  
600 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI  
421-0289 • [www.WoodlawnGattone.com](http://www.WoodlawnGattone.com)  
Robert J. Lepore *Assistant to the Director*  
Michael P. Tasca *President* • Susan M. Tasca *Director*

## MICHELETTI OIL SERVICE INC.

Burner Sales & Service  
High-Tech Oil Heat Equipment  
Joe Micheletti 401-946-5055  
987 Plainfield St., Johnston  
michelettiol@verizon.net  
[facebook.com/michelettiolRI](http://facebook.com/michelettiolRI)  
[www.michelettiol.com](http://www.michelettiol.com)

## Maceroni FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES

*Family Owned and Operated Since 1926*  
Anthony W. Hamel, LFD 4th Generation  
1381 Smith Street, North Providence  
353-2400

## SCITUATE HARDWARE - LOCK & KEY

FULL SERVICE LOCKSMITH  
PHONE: 401-647-4900  
Commercial • Residential  
Automotive • Locks Re-keyed  
Lost Keys Made  
32 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, RI

## THE BRIDGE AT CHERRY HILL AN ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY

One Cherry Hill Rd. | Johnston, RI

OPEN HOUSE  
Every Thursday 3-4pm  
Live Entertainment & Refreshments

401.233.2880 | [www.cherryhillbridge.com](http://www.cherryhillbridge.com)

## Shred 'n' Go

Document Shredding  
Computer & Hard Drive Destruction  
Bob Cucino, *President/CEO*  
15 Green Hill Rd. • Johnston RI  
401-943-0522 • [www.shredngori.com](http://www.shredngori.com)  
[shredngori@outlook.net](mailto:shredngori@outlook.net)

## UPGRADE TO A VIBRANT ad

Contact us for details • 800-477-4574

## Northeast AUTO BODY

"ENTER AS STRANGERS, LEAVE AS FRIENDS"

ONE STOP SHOP - ATTENDING TO ALL OF YOUR NEEDS - HASSLE FREE  
We handle your claim from start to finish

- ALL DISCOUNTS APPLY TO DEDUCTIBLES
- FULL MECHANICAL

(401) 437-8444 | 775 Hartford Avenue • Johnston, RI 02919



## WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES



- Full Time Position with Benefits
  - Sales Experience Preferred
  - Paid Training
  - Overnight Travel Required
  - Expense Reimbursement
- CONTACT US AT  
[careers@4LPi.com](mailto:careers@4LPi.com)  
[www.4LPi.com/careers](http://www.4LPi.com/careers)

# THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

## ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

# FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.

- 800-477-4574 -

## NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin  
emailed to you at [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)



## SCOTT'S GARAGE LLC.

86 Greenville Ave, Johnston, RI

401-521-7318



QUALITY USED CARS  
COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE WORK  
DOMESTIC • FOREIGN

## Too Sick for Mass?

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered  
right to your inbox!

[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)



## AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

## ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Al Wickenheiser** to place an ad today!  
[awickenheiser@4LPi.com](mailto:awickenheiser@4LPi.com) or (800) 477-4574 x6409

## ROBBINS FUNERAL HOME

*Directors:*  
Geoffrey D. Greene • Jennifer L. Fagan  
2251 Mineral Spring Avenue  
North Providence  
231-9307



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • [www.4lp.com](http://www.4lp.com)

Our Lady of Grace, Johnston, RI

03-1238