

May 23, 2021

PENTECOST SUNDAY



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***And all of them  
were filled  
with the  
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Acts 2:4***

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Dear Catholics: The best reason to attend Sunday Mass is not just to fulfill an obligation — though that's important too. The best reasons are because you love God and are grateful to him; you long to hear his word; receive Holy Communion; and be with other members of the parish.

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Our food pantry is low on several items.  
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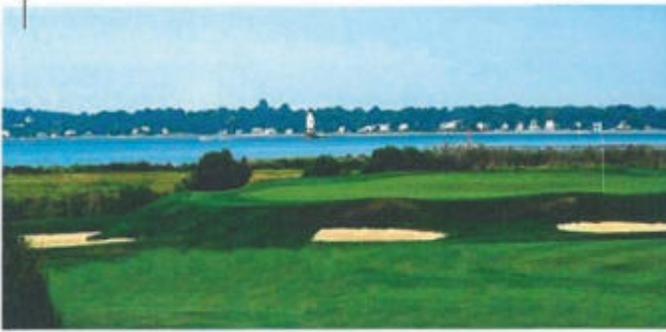


- Cookies/Crackers
- Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Beans
- Canned Vegetables
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Condiments/Salad Dressing



### Padre Pio Prayer Garden

The Saint (padre) Pio of Pietrelcina prayer garden in the front of the church is in process. We thank the benefactors that made this possible and we look forward to spending some quiet time in our prayer garden.



# Our Lady of Grace "Fred Bruno" Memorial Golf Tournament

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

**Rhode Island Country Club | Barrington Rhode Island**

Registration begins at 10:00am. Buffet lunch 11:30am-12:25pm.

Shotgun start at 12:30pm. Dinner at **5:30PM.**

**Tournament Format: Scramble**

Each player hits from the tee box. The team members then choose the best shot. All team members then play the second shot from that location, and again choose the best shot. Play continues in this manner until the hole is completed.

**Ladies play from the Red tees.**

**Men play from the White tees. Men 65 and older play from the Red tees.**

- Longest Drive Men: Hole 2
- Longest Drive Ladies: Hole 16
- Closest to The Pin (all players): Holes 5, 10, & 17
- Hole in One Challenge: Hole 10 (Prize - **TBA**)

**Prizes:**

Team First Gross, Second Gross, Third Gross

Tee Sponsorship signs available @ \$300 each

**Any questions, or to obtain Tee Sponsorship Forms, please contact Our Lady of Grace Rectory at 401-231-2220**

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Non-Member Registration Per Player: \$150  
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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



*Sitting down to create a thoughtful budget isn't everyone's cup of tea. It is a big task, and the fact that the church is funded by its members' generosity makes planning more difficult. Your giving may fluctuate depending on the time of year, adding an extra hurdle.*

*Moreover, this year brought a world-wide pandemic that has majorly changed the way church's function. Many churches are facing hard decisions going into the new year.*

*So how can you create a smart church budget for 2021?*

*At Our Lady of Grace, we budget **REALISTICALLY** based on the past three quarters of actual experience. All revenues are budgeted conservatively, and expenses are managed wherever possible conservatively.*

*Our parish will submit a balanced budget to the diocese after the finance council meeting June 7. I would like to thank our parish bookkeeper, trustees and financial council members for their help in the budgeting process.*

*Maintaining a vibrant parish for the future requires the continued generosity of our parishioners. Thank you for your support.*

*Rev. Peter J. Gower*



## CLUB 100 Weekly WINNERS 2021

MONTH	DATE	NUMBER	NAME	AMOUNT
MARCH	1	58	Frank Pace	\$100
	8	79	Mary Sue Andreozzi	\$100
	15	116	Linda/Vincent Castaldi	\$100
	22	93	Sylvia Sgambato	\$100
	29	110	Celeste Richard	\$100
APRIL	5	110	Celeste Richard	\$100
	12	10	Angela Quartino	\$100
	19	60	Louis Raso	\$100
	26	52	Peter Lombardi	\$100
May	3	38	Joyce Auclair	\$100
	10	92	Ann Simpson	\$100
	17	17	Cathy Macari	\$100
	24	10	Angela Quartino	\$100
	31	42	Rev. David LiPuma	\$100

Thank You for your Support!!



## May Mass Schedule 2021

<b>16</b>	8:30	Anita Lombardi	B'Day Rem By Mike Lombardi
	10:30	Joseph Zoglio, Jr.	6th Ann. By Family
<b>22</b>	4:00	Anna R. Bucci	2nd Ann By Family
<b>23</b>	8:30	Angelo De Fusco	4th Ann. By Wife & Family
	10:30	Carl Pellegrino	1st Ann BY Jimmy, Nicole & Family
<b>24</b>	8:00	Jesse Gomez	Wedd. Ann By Wife Marcia
<b>26</b>	8:00	Guido Cambio	B'Day By Margie
<b>29</b>	4:00	Ann & Salvatore De-Louise	Mem. By Family
	8:30	Vilma Zanni	72 Wedding Anniversary
<b>30</b>	8:30	Vilma Zanni	By Lawrence & Maria
	10:30	Cidalia Correia	Vieira

# Pentecost 2021

## Sunday, May 23

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It is the 50th day after Easter (counting both Easter and Pentecost).

On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance.



On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the "last days," the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated.

We have seen the true Light, we have received the heavenly Spirit, we have found the true faith: we adore the indivisible Trinity, who has saved us.

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

## Priest shortage in the Catholic Church

Wikipedia tell us that, In the years since World War II, there has been a substantial reduction in the number of priests per capita in the Catholic Church, a phenomenon considered by many to constitute a "shortage" in the number of priests. From 1980 to 2012, the ratio of Catholics per priest increased globally, with the number of Catholics per priest going from 1,895 to 3,126. That is the old "good news/bad news scenario." More Catholics but fewer priests to minister to them.

In 2014, statistics show 49,153 parishes in the world had no resident priest pastor. Between 1970 and 2017, the number of priests worldwide declined from 419,728 to 414,582.

While the total number of priests worldwide has therefore remained about the same since 1970, the Catholic population has nearly doubled, growing from 653.6 million in 1970 to 1.229 billion in 2012. In 2012 the global number of candidates for the priesthood also showed its first decline in recent years.

The number of parishes with no resident priest pastor has grown from 39,431 in 1970 to 49,153 in 2012. The number of parishes without a priest does not include the thousands of parishes that have closed or merged for lack of priests.

In the United States, where approximately one quarter of the population is Catholic, there is one priest per 2,000 Catholics. Between 1965 and 2012, the number of U.S. parishes without a priest climbed from 549 to 3,496.

The organization that accredits theological schools said 75,431 people were studying for the ministry at 261 institutions during the last academic year, an increase of .6 percent from the year before. Priestly ordinations, however, are stable at a low level of 6–7 per year per million Catholics for over 15 years.

But Theological College's (the national Roman Catholic diocesan seminary located in Washington, DC) Father Phillip Brown said a rise in enrollment is only part of the story: "It's not just the numbers but the quality and spirit of the men who are coming. I'm tremendously impressed with the quality of the candidates, their zeal. We're seeing a real renewal of the priesthood."

Across Europe, things are not much better. In Germany, which used to send missionary priests to other countries, it now has a shortage of new clergy. As a result, some German congregations have merged, and the church has recruited priests from elsewhere. Approximately 10 percent of Catholic priests in Germany, about 1,300, are immigrants, with many hailing from India.

In Ireland, the decade from 2002 to 2012 saw the number of Catholic diocesan priests drop 13 per cent, similar to the decrease in the number of priests in religious congregations. And many priests remaining are elderly and approaching retirement.

"The crisis is now mathematically certain. If we keep going the way we are, the future of the Irish priesthood is now unsustainable," noted Fr. Brendan Hoban, head of the Association of Catholic priests. In 2017 Fr. Sean McDonagh wrote an article in the "Tablet" saying, "Over 65 per-cent of Irish priests are aged 55 or over. There are only two priests under the age of 40 in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The research points out that to maintain the status quo would mean ordaining 82 priests each year, clearly a number that is not realistic.

In Spain, Catholic Church sources confirmed that the country is experiencing a shortage of priests. Rural priests are in some cases responsible for up to a half dozen parishes at a time. In one case, a priest in Cantabria is responsible for 22 parishes. A study sponsored by the church showed that in 2007, at least 10,615 of the 23,286 parishes in Spain had no priest in permanent residence.

In 2009, only 90 priests were ordained in France, a significant drop from the 112 that were ordained a decade before. The church hierarchy is alarmed and has managed the problem thus far with recruitment from abroad. There are over 1,300 foreign Catholic priests in France, or approximately 10% of the priesthood; over 650 come from Africa, typically from poor African countries such as Togo, Madagascar and Burkina Faso, where churches have enough priests or simply cannot pay for more.

The region where Catholicism is experiencing its fastest growth is in Africa, and the growth in the number of priests is not keeping up with the growth of congregants. The Catholic population there has grown by 238 percent since 1980 and is approaching 200 million, thus far exceeding the growth in the number of priests, which was up 131 percent in the same period.

Various causes for the priest shortage have been suggested and, in some cases, studied. They include: clerical celibacy, the age of current priests, smaller families with parents who have different expectations for their children than the clergy, sexual abuse scandal and socioeconomic expectations (the low financial status of a typical priest).

How lucky we are then to have our own Father Peter as pastor of OLG, caring for his flock and providing dynamic leadership as other parishes even in our own state are merging and going in new uncertain directions. Say a prayer to keep it that way and to encourage vocations for the future.

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