

June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time



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A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence



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If you would like to participate in this year's **Vacation Bible Camp** by donating items that are needed for

Vine Dining Snacks I have compiled a list for you.

These items may be dropped off at the rectory during the month of **June**.



WISH LIST

- Chex Cereal
- Puffed Rice Cereal
- Veggie Straws
- Twizzlers Pull & Peel
- Assorted Crackers
- Skittles
- Raisinettes
- Frozen French Toast Sticks
- Maple Syrup
- Pretzels
- Mini Bagels
- Popsicles
- Ring Pops
- Goldfish Crackers
- Bagged Popcorn
- Mini Marshmallows
- Raisins
- Bottled Water (small size)
- Gold Foil Chocolate Candy Coins
- Sour Patch Kids
- Swedish Fish



Thank
YOU

God chooses
you



PRAYER FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Our Lady of Providence, we turn to you in prayer.

Fill our hearts with a grateful spirit for all essential workers, for all they have done and continue to do during this pandemic.

We offer thanks for these workers who put the welfare of others before themselves, their families and loved ones.

Inspired by your own example of service, we ask that you give them the skill, resilience and compassion they need to continue their work.

Protect them from harm and be their comfort. We pray for the agencies, organizations, and businesses for whom they work. May those in leadership provide these workers with the proper support and necessary protection.

And through your intercession may we be moved to remember in prayer and gratitude their example of sacrificial love.

Our Lady of Providence, pray for us.

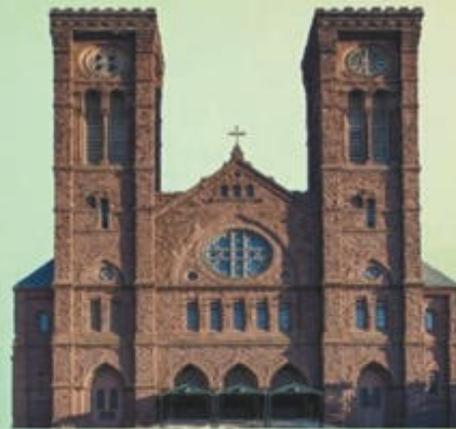
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CATHEDRAL HALL

ALL TEENS ARE INVITED TO BEGIN THIS GREAT JOURNEY!

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is low on several items.

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

- Cookies/Crackers
- Jelly
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Beans
- Canned Vegetables
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Meals (ex. Chef Boyardee)



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Announcement of a New Deacon Class

On May 12, 2021 Bishop Thomas J. Tobin authorized the recruitment and formation of a new class of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Providence. Applicants discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate should read carefully the information below and discuss his potential application with the pastor of his parish.

As an outcome of the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers re-instituted the diaconate as a permanent order, in its own right, within the hierarchy of the Church. The Diocese of Providence re-established the diaconate with the ordination of the first class of Permanent Deacons in June of 1976. Between 1976 and 2020, the Diocese has ordained more than 160 men to the Permanent Diaconate.

Permanent deacons have enriched the Diocese by offering their lives in service in more than 80 parishes, hospitals, correctional facilities, nursing homes, outreach ministries to the homeless and other charitable ministries. If a man has interest in and feels called to serve the Church as a deacon, please review the following information concerning the Diocesan Program of Formation.

What is the Diaconate Program?

The order of the diaconate is an ancient order of the Church re-instituted as a permanent office by Pope Paul VI at the suggestion of the Second Vatican Council (1963-65). While every priest is ordained a deacon as a necessary step towards ordination to the priesthood, ordination to the diaconate does not have to be transitory. Many are ordained to what is called the permanent diaconate and serve as deacons the rest of their lives.

Deacons are men who love God and His Church and feel called to serve in a more committed way. The role of the deacon is to assist the bishops and priests and to proclaim by his life the Church's call to serve the needs of others.

The Application Process

The application process involves a number of steps that begins with requesting and returning to the Office of Deacons a fully completed application. The applicant is responsible for providing current sacramental records and letters of recommendation. The process can last up to 9 months before a class begins formation and involves several interviews, including interviews with the applicant's wife.

The Diaconate Program of Formation in the Diocese of Providence

The Diaconate Office assists candidates in their formation through a four year program of academic instruction, spiritual development, human development and practical pastoral experience. Upon completion, each man is prepared for ordination and assignment to serve as a deacon in parishes and other ministerial situations: proclaiming the Gospel and sometimes preaching on the Sacred Scriptures; assisting in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and other rites of the Church; and serving in other ministries of charity and catechetics.

The Program will be conducted by the Diocesan Diaconate Office. Although a college degree is not necessary to enter the program, a viable candidate must be able to master materials presented at the collegiate or graduate school level.

Other criteria include:

be a practicing Catholic layman who will be at least 35 years of age at the time of ordination and be not older than 61 on January 1st in the year of recruitment
have a high school diploma or equivalent
be a fully initiated Catholic in good standing with the church
have a familiarity with Catholic Theology
should be actively involved in ministry at either the parish or diocesan level
if married, be in a stable marriage of at least 5 years (at the time of application) and have the support and agreement of his wife and family to pursue a diaconal vocation
if unmarried (being single or a widower), to be living in a lifestyle consistent with the call to the ordained ministry in the celibate state within the Catholic Church.

Contact can be made through the Office of Deacons:

- Deacon Noel Edsall

Director of Permanent Deacons

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Deacon Ministry



MASS INTENTIONS

13	8:30	Rickie A. Puopolo	2nd Anniversary By Family
		Matthew D. Riedeman	5th Anniversary By Family
	10:30	Carmine Pezza	Father's Day Rem. By Children
		Emma Pezza	Month's Mind
14	8:00	Christopher Nunes	By Elvira Nunes
15	8:00	Maria Buccucci	Month's Mind
		Pasquale Fagnoli	Mem. By Family
16	8:00	Mary Mancini	By Husband & Son
19	4:00	Anna Carbone	By Daughter
20	8:30	Ralph Burley	29th Ann. By Joanne, Jessica & Ryan
		Jesse Gomez	Father'S Day By Marcia & Children
	10:30	Richard Gabaree	3rd Ann. By Family
21	8:00	Angelo De Fusco	Father'S Day By wife & Family
26	4:00	Diane Iannozzi Harvey	1st Ann. By sister Marion & Family
		Margaret & Salvatore Esposito	17th & 27th Ann. By daughter Theresa
27	8:30	Joan DiDonato	2nd Anniversary By Family
	10:30	Jennie Amalfitano	6th Anniversary By Family
28	8:00	Gidio Cambio	1yr Anniversary by Margie

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“View from the Pew” by George W. Reilly

What does religion say about justice?

How do we build a better world, one in which justice forms the key? Laurie Zoloth, a religious scholar and bioethicist, has spent years helping scientists and policymakers around the world examine complex ethical dilemmas.

In an recent article on the website www.vox.com, author Carol Kuruvilla posed the question to Zoloth about what responsibilities humans have in the face of climate change? How can we address health care disparities? How do we convince people to set aside their personal preferences and do the right thing for the common good? And, above all, how do we make our world more fair?

For Zoloth, a professor at the University of Chicago’s Divinity School, the coronavirus pandemic offered yet more proof that it is not enough to appeal to Americans’ feelings of patriotism or even to other secular ideas about working for the greater good of the greatest number of people.

Tackling Covid-19 required every American to make personal sacrifices to protect society as a whole. But there was still loud resistance from individuals who thought that the ask was too great — who did not want to be part of that mutual project or were opposed to submitting to the federal and state’s health regulations.

The language people use to think through public health and justice issues has become deeply fractured and politicized, Zoloth said. That is why she believes religion, which offers a rich and complex set of metaphors capable of uniting a broad swath of people, is so important. Particularly in a country where most people identify as belonging to a religion, Zoloth said, faith-based appeals for fairness can have resonance.

“Religion has been a great historical source for people interested in reasons to love their neighbors and vulnerable people, because religion does not disregard the broken,” she said. “In a culture that valorizes youth and fitness and health, religion still remains powerful in part because it understands the fragility of human life.”

Many religious texts describe how ancient peoples struggled to achieve fairness and confront scarcity, and how they set standards to equitably divide resources and labor during periods of famine and plague. Today, many religious leaders still are asking people to consider their neighbors’ plight, cultivate compassion, and envision a more equal world. Isn’t that really what we do here on a local level at Our Lady of Grace parish under the leadership of our pastor?

These religious and ethical leaders were asked to reflect on how their respective traditions approach the concept of fairness. Several said that it is not enough that the good things in life — wealth, security, happiness — are distributed fairly. They should also be distributed justly, in a way that redresses past wrongs and addresses systemic problems.

As the United States now races toward subduing Covid-19 within its borders, Zoloth said religious perspectives on fairness and justice can help Americans realize the country’s obligations to the rest of the world, particularly to impoverished nations currently devastated by the virus. How can we forger them? “We have an obligation to our neighbor,” Zoloth said. “Not only because it’s in our interests, but because it’s the right thing to do, the ethical thing to do.”

Greg Epstein, Chaplain at Harvard University and MIT, says that what we should desire is a world in which there are no massive systemic gaps in the kinds of lives that some people get to have, based on their gender, race, birthplace, sexual orientation, or when and how their ancestors got to the place where they live. Epstein maintains that we should want a world that provides for a good and decent life for every person on it. We have got to push back as hard as we can against a world that strips some people of their dignity.

We really cannot continue to pass this situation on to the next generation. Which generation will be the one to finally commit to more fairness and justice? A lot of people want it to be this generation. “I’m hopeful,” says Epstein, “that it can be this one. If we are going to have fairness, if we’re going to have justice, we have to recognize that it is in our own hands.”

Many people in our society see justice as receiving what you have earned. The truth is that we all need more goodness than we have earned. We all need second chances, the room to make mistakes and cause damage without losing the opportunity to grow and fulfill our dreams. Let’s all raise a glass and toast to “Second Chances.” Stay healthy.

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