

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church



***Mission Statement:** We, the Roman Catholic faith community of Our Lady of Grace Church, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and dedicated to our Blessed Mother, value our mission to make God's presence visible in today's world. In service to God's will, and with the Holy Spirit's guidance, we manifest God's peace, love and saving presence as we pray, worship, work and live together in His Name.*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 30, 2022

SCRIPTURES:

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 A prophet facing rejection still must speak the truth.
 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 The greatest of the gifts is love.
 Luke 4:21-30 Does God abandon those who rejected prophets and now Jesus?
 Psalm 71:1-6, 15-17 Those who trust in God will not be disappointed.

Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence

- Cathedral Teen Youth Group, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Hour Adoration, Sundays 12 noon to 1 p.m.



“View from the Pew” by George W. Reilly The Choices You Make

If you had a month to live, how would you spend it? Life is short and youth is finite. You have every opportunity to make the most of the life you have right now. The choices you make today will determine the number of regrets and successes you will have in the future.

The most common regrets are: missed opportunities, not spending time more prudently, not doing meaningful work, procrastinating, not forming better habits or getting into bad relationships.

You CAN do something about your choices to limit your regrets in the future. Spend quality time with the people you love most, really paying attention to every word they say. Put down that darn cellphone and pay attention.

You could create something. Leave a legacy by creating art or making people’s lives better. Live your life to the fullest, right now! It is a choice you alone can make to avoid future regrets.

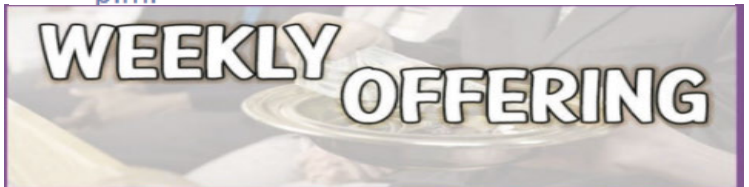
There is never a perfect time for you to take action. Don’t whine that I am too tired. I don’t have the time. I am not capable. Someone else will do it. It is too late now. Now is not the right time. I am not talented. I am not ready. I’m too scared. Nobody will help me. What if I fail. Fear locks you in your comfort zone. Nothing remarkable happens in your safe zone.

The greatest challenge in life is discovering who you are; the second greatest is being happy with what you find and making the most of it. The decision to stay true to your own goals and dreams is a life-changer, but you can only make progress if you take that first big step.

Overcoming the fear of failing is the first step towards success. Start confronting your fears today and take even the most basic step towards what you have to do. Slow progress is better than no action at all.

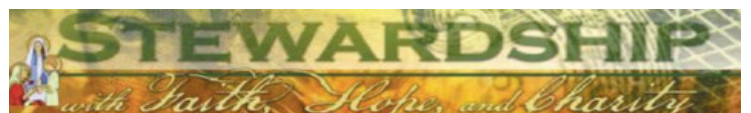
Do not give up too soon. Keep on trying. As long as you are still actively trying, you have not failed yet. If you do change anything today or tomorrow, you will have a more fulfilling and meaningful life. Keep on plugging. Just as this cold, nasty Covid-infected winter will ultimately give way to spring warmth, so too will any anchors weighing down your life.

You do have more than a month to do this, thank goodness. Good luck and stay warm and healthy.



Weekend Offerings			
<u>Month of December</u>			
		Date	combined
<u>Week 1</u>			
Weekend Collection -	\$3,205.00	12/5/2021	\$3,205
On-Line Giving -	\$780.00		\$1,025
In Honor of the Madonna	\$245.00		
<u>Week 2</u>			
Weekend Collection -	\$3,189.00	12/12/2021	\$3,189
On-Line Giving -	\$705.00		\$705
<u>Week 3</u>			
Weekend Collection -	\$4,010.00	12/19/2021	\$4,010
On-Line Giving -	\$770.00		\$770
<u>Week 4</u>			
Weekend Collection -	\$5,142.00	12/26/2021	\$5,142
On-Line Giving -	\$895.00		\$895
<u>Total</u>			
Weekend Collection -	\$15,546.00		\$15,546.00
On-Line Giving -	\$3,150.00		
Other	\$245.00		\$3,395.00
	\$18,941.00		\$18,941

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENT REQUEST



It is the beginning of a new year, as you begin to gather the information for your taxes, don't forget to request your contribution report for your financial support to our Parish Community

February Mass Schedule 2022

Date	Time	Name	Intention/Request
1	8:00	Rose Marsocci	Mem. By Claudia Zanni
2	8:00	Frances Carnevale	By Claudia Zanni
5	4:00	Joseph & Teresa Ianieri	Mem. By daughters Carol & Joann
6	8:30	Lottie & John Landolfi	By Family
		Jaclyn Ricci Snow	
	10:30	Christopher Patriarca	By Anne Marie & Silvio Patriarca, and Family
7	8:00	Joseph & Felicia Joyce	By Children
8	8:00	Alice Kane, Walter Doyle & Alice Couto	By Dorothy Sacchetti
9	8:00	Edward Heiss	1st Ann. By Family
12	4:00	Johanne Polisena	B'Day & 8th Ann. By Linda & Vincent Castaldi & Carole Ginolfi
13	8:30	Joseph & Raffaella Zanni	By Ben & Vilma Zanni
	10:30	Salvatore & Anna De Louise	Mem. By Family
		Rose Marsocci	Month's Mind By Family
14	8:00	Jesse Gomez	By wife Marcia & children
15	8:00	Ernest & Flora Degidio	By Daughter Elaine & Family
16	8:00	Anthony DiChiara	By Wife Elaine & Family
19	4:00	Edward Heiss	1st Ann By daughter & Family
20	8:30	Andrew Baynes	7th Anniversary
		Bryan Baynes	4th Anniversary
	10:30	Caterina Colapietro	By Daughter & Grandson
21	8:00	Sue DiMaria	By Jackie LaSalandra
22	8:00	Gail Goodine	By Jackie LaSalandra
23	8:00	Manuel & Elsie Martin	By Family
26	4:00	Louise Spremulli Chiarmonte	By Joe & Eleanor
		Anthony & John Spremulli	
27	8:30	Anna Carbone	Wedding Ann. By Family
	10:30	Eleanor Comella	1st Ann. By children & Family
28	8:00	Wayne Chapman	By Jackie LaSalandra

Sanctuary Lamp & Bread Anthony Vota

Week of February 20-26

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.

- Cereal and oatmeal
- Canned fish and meats
- Canned or dry beans
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned soups and stews
- Grains (Rice, Quinoa, etc.)
- Crackers/Cookies/Granola Bars
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Meals (ex. Mac & Cheese)
- Canned Meals (ex. Chef Boyardee)



Ministries at Our Lady of Grace Parish

Holy Name Society: Is an organization of men from our parish who, in addition to keeping spirituality as a main focus, offer many fundraising events to aid the parish. The Holy Name Society meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

St. Anne Sodality: Is our parish's women's organization, whose main focus is also spiritual. This group of women meet on the second Tuesday of the month. St. Anne Sodality plays a large part in keeping our parish alive.

Rosary Society: Is a group of parishioners who meet every weeknight during the months of May and October to pray for the needs of the community.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Is a group of parishioners who knit or crochet shawls for men and women. While most of this work is done at home, the group meets regularly to pray over the shawls that are then distributed to women, men and children who are dealing with health issues.

Religious Education: This is a group of dedicated men and women who prepare for and present lessons to children of all ages as they prepare to receive the Sacraments.

Altar Server Society: These young people of our parish from grade 3 and up assist our Pastor at the altar of the Lord.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The parishioners called to this ministry are aware of the extreme importance of the celebration of the Eucharist and the reverence with which it must be distributed to the community.

Lectors: This ministry to proclaim the Word of God to the faithful assembled in church is carried out by parishioners who volunteer to help our parish in this way.

Food Closet Ministry: This ministry exists to help the parish in their effort to feed those in the community who are experiencing difficulty in providing food for themselves and their families. Parishioners donate canned and non-perishable food items to the

What are Mass intentions?

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions.

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" the Mass possess a power that our personal prayers do not.

The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church.

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