



Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

A Place to Grow in the Love and Knowledge of Jesus Christ

June 23, 2024 · 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Friday
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Coordinator of Children's Discipleship & Evangelization: Stephanie McCarthy

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Secretary: Donna Stewart
Administrative Assistant for Discipleship & Evangelization & Social Media: Itzia Peluso
Custodian: Jeff Andrejcik
Custodian: David D'Amico

Church Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass

4 p.m.

Sunday Mass

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.*

6:00 p.m.

* Interpreted Mass for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing (will return in August)

Live-Streamed Mass

Parish website, Facebook or YouTube
10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass

Monday-Wednesday-Friday
7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday
Noon to 1 p.m.
in the Day Chapel

Weekday Schedule

The church is open for prayers
Monday through Thursday,
6 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
Friday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of June 23, 2024

Sunday:

Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday:

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday:

2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday:

2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/

Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/

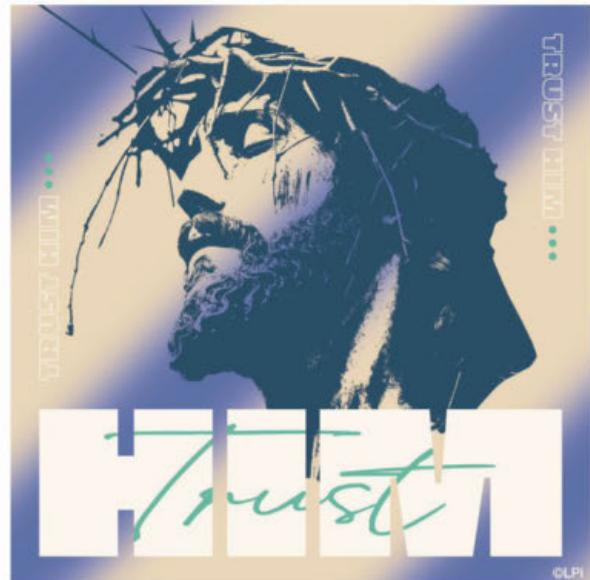
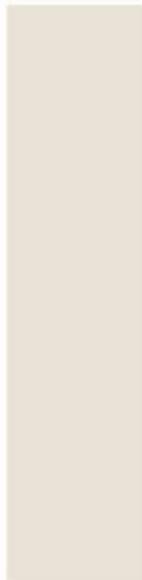
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday:

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Right now, you and I are only worried about one of only two things: wind or water. Bear with me. This week we hear the account of the terrified disciples waking Jesus in a sea-storm. He chastises them for their lack of faith, and then, **“rebuking the wind, he said to the sea, ‘Quiet, be still!’”** He rebukes the wind and stills the water. In the Bible wind and water represent the two most fundamental poles of our experience of creation. Wind means heaven, spirit, that which gives identity, unity, order, light. Water stands for earth, variation, potential, that which can be drawn into identity, darkness, chaos.

Too much “wind” is when things get way too rigid, abstract and ideological — when we face oppressive leaders and tyrants, when we get addicted to our own way of doing things, when our attention is too narrowly focused on one thing. Too much “water” is excessive novelty, passivity, indifference, and chaos — when our attention is too broadly diffused on many things, when things seem to be crumbling without direction into the dark abyss. We know both terrifying experiences all too well.

The point of the miracle is that God in Christ is the One who brings final cosmic harmony between these two vital but threatening forces. He ultimately does so from the wood of the cross, when he breathes forth the wind of his spirit and pours forth the water from his side to establish a new creation, filled with harmonious peace. When the wind and water are out of control, trust him.

— Father John Muir

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

4:00 p.m. Jackie Cordial Johns
by the Cordial family

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 a.m. Jane & Ernest Springer & Sandy Krozel
by Pat & Lou Santia
10:30 a.m. A. William Kelly
by Rudy & Janet Puchan
6:00 p.m. Carol Kovach Roy
by Gary & Nadine Connolly

MONDAY, JUNE 24

7:00 a.m. Anna Marie Urban
by Mark & Matt Urban

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nalevanko
by daughter & grandchildren

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 a.m. Joseph & Carmela DeFail
(Happy Birthday)
by daughters, Sue & Joanne

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

4:00 p.m. Parishioners of Our Lady of Grace &
St. Benedict churches

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Mirolli,
Cavalier & Huey families
by Nick Mirolli
10:30 a.m. La Madonna della Libera Feast Day Mass
6:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nalevanko
by daughter & grandchildren

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

Matthew M. Emanuele IV

May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, continue their journey to new life in the presence of God in the heavenly kingdom.

VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Parishioners who are ill or confined to their home can arrange to receive Holy Communion once a month. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and the Sacrament of Reconciliation are available upon request. If you or your loved one are in need of such pastoral care, please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK



Gary Bailey	Jeannie Koshir
Joann Black	Jon Margalit
Annie Bowman	Mary Mastroberardino
Beth Ann Burik	Wilma McCullough
Brian Cain	Errol McGonigle
Roger Campbell	Brian Miller
Rosalinda Castillo	George F. Moreland II
Donna Charley	Dorothy Omelite
Josephine Delligatti	Kitty Panichella
Mitchell Demoise	Patricia Pardi
Bob Evans	Martha Pignetti
Nancy Evans	Pat Rafferty
Lori Renard Evans	Stanley Rudzinski
Tina Flickenger	John Ryan
CJ Frederickson	Sheila Shogan
Alanna Gaudiello	John Singer
Adam Genard	Aja Sobota
Philip Grifana	Paulette Willochell
Debbie Johnson	George Yasenosky

PRAYER REQUESTS

Family members may add loved ones to the prayer list by contacting the parish office. Names will be removed after one month, unless you notify the office.

PRAYERS FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

Matthew Bloom - Air Force	Zachary Daigle - Army
Sr. CPO Eric Cain - Navy	Jimmy Dzurica - Navy
Nathan Daigle - National Guard	Staff Sgt. Jacob LeJeune - Marines
Ryan Daigle - Army	Tara McGuire - Army Reserves
	Baylee Gardner Wright - Air Force

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp, acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle, is burning this week in loving memory of

Paul & Ang Benko

by the Strosko family.

MARIAN GROTTO LAMP

The Marian Grotto Lamp is burning this week in loving memory of

Tom Hassall

by Vickie Hassall.

STEWARSHIP OF TREASURE

Parish Support — June 16, 2024

Sunday offertory (from mail & collection baskets): \$ 6,650.00

Online: 7,419.00

\$ 14,069.00

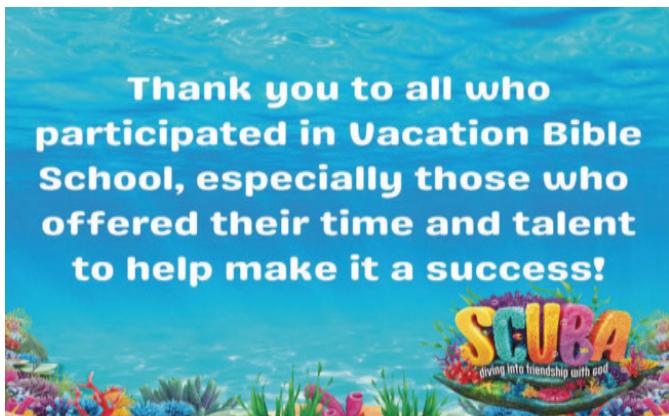
Thank you for your faithful support of our parish!



La Madonna della Libera

The Feast of La Madonna della Libera (the Blessed Mother patroness of Our Lady of Grace) has been celebrated on July 2 since the founding of the parish by Fr. Albanese in 1910. On July 2, 1991, Bishop Anthony G. Bosco dedicated the granite statue on our Memorial Walkway. This year will mark the 33rd anniversary of the dedication.

The feast day will be celebrated this year on Sunday, June 30, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



Helping Others in Need

Please join us in assisting others that need our help. Last year we trimmed the "Eiffel Tower" in the church Gathering Space with baby ornaments to help families in Frenchville, PA. We will be accepting donations again this year. Each ornament is labeled with a specific request for new items such as baby clothes, blankets, diapers, and other needed personal care products. Please consider taking an ornament or two and purchasing the gifts listed. All gifts will benefit a support center for moms and children. The Eiffel Tower will be in the Gathering Space before and after all Masses the **weekend of June 29-30**.

We ask you to **return unwrapped gifts including your baby ornament** to Albanese Hall on the weekend of **July 13-14** before and after all Masses. Thank you for your continued, generous support.

Special Collection

The annual **Peter's Pence** collection, which helps to provide Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out charitable works around the world, will be taken up at next weekend's Masses, June 29-30. Proceeds will benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity.



Monthly Food Pantry Collection

This month's Food Pantry collection will take place **June 29 & 30**. Donations of **small jars of peanut butter, 16 ounce only**, are requested. This is the only item that will be accepted. Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space of the church. Please join us as we try to serve the needs of the less fortunate in our community!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule June 29 & 30 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B

4 p.m. Vigil Mass

Lector: *Needed*

Welcome Center: *Needed*

HM Church: Tony Moschetti

Jackie Lucchetti

Bruce Danko

Diana Danko

HM Portico Doors: **2 Needed**

Cantor: Louise Wilhelm

Sacristan: Peggy Mongelluzzo

EMs: Peggy Mongelluzzo

Carol Teacher

1 Needed

Altar Servers: *Needed*

8 a.m. Mass

Lector: David Whirlow

Welcome Center: *Needed*

HM Portico Doors: **2 Needed**

HM Church: Pat Twigger

Paula Callahan

2 Needed

Cantor: Brenda Sobota

Sacristan: Nancy Anderson

EMs: Nancy Anderson

Esther Seranko

1 Needed

Altar Servers: *Needed*

10:30 a.m. Mass

Lector: Phena Novak

Welcome Center: *Needed*

HM Portico Doors: *Needed*

HM Church: Nathan Grosser

Allen Betts

2 Needed

Cantor: Kevin Minster

Sacristan: Bob Charley

EMs: Maria Kunkle

Toni Herroscheck

1 Needed

Altar Servers: Tobi Adesina

Seyi Adesina

6 p.m. Regional Mass

Sacristan: Maryann Mavretish

Cantor/organist: Marisa Cazden

Altar Servers: *Needed*

Lector: *Needed*

If you are available to serve where needed, please use the liturgical sign-up link, or call the parish office and leave a message for Marisa Cazden, 724-838-9480, Ext. 14.

The Roots of Our Lady of Grace Parish

Our Lady of Grace derives its name from “La Madonna della Libera,” a title near and dear to the first members of the parish who emigrated from Cercemaggiore, Italy, because that

is the name of their church in this small Italian village. These founding members of our church settled in the Hilltop section of Greensburg in the early 20th century. Under the spiritual guidance of Father Nicola Albanese, they built the first Our Lady of Grace Church at the intersection of Highland and Tremont avenues.

Today, the descendants of those original parish families continue to celebrate their Italian heritage by membership in the Cercemaggiore Association. Each year, on or around July 2, which is the patronal feast day of our parish, they gather to celebrate Mass in our church and hold an Italian banquet for their members. In 1999, the Association was responsible for erecting the granite statue of La Madonna della Libera, located outside of the parish office on our Memorial Walkway.

Maria Kunkle, president of the Association, has been a lifelong member of Our Lady of Grace Church. Maria’s Italian roots extend back to her grandparents, John and Maria Libera Spino, who immigrated to Greensburg in the early 1900s. Maria’s father John Sr. was born here in 1921, and as a young man went off to serve our country during World War II. Her father served in Foggia, Italy, where he met and married Maria’s mother, Nina, in 1945. Maria was born and baptized in Foggia. In February 1946, 3-month-old Maria and her mother came to America aboard a ship that sailed from Naples, full of war brides and babies. Maria’s brother, John, was born in Greensburg in 1947. Maria’s story reflects that of so many of the other founding families of our parish. She along with her husband, Dick, who passed away in 2022, have served our parish for decades. In her early years, Maria sang in the choir and was a member of the Sodality, then later volunteered as a CCD teacher, and now serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Dick was a fixture for many years at our Fish Fry.

Maria Kunkle stands next to the La Madonna della Libera statue

Maria loves being part of Our Lady of Grace Parish, particularly because of our ongoing love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as our patron.



Jubilee Bulletin Spotlights

Throughout this coming year, we will feature “Jubilee Spotlights” in the bulletin. Each Spotlight will focus on a specific aspect of our parish. We will cover a wide range of parishioners representing various ages, family sizes, ministries, and parish involvement. The series of Spotlights will serve to reinforce the three core values — Welcoming, Forming, and Growing — that have guided our parish mission in recent years; and cover all five of our parish leadership commissions.

If you are interested in sharing an inspirational story or legacy associated with our church, please contact the parish office.

Some ideas for consideration:

How or why did you become a member of the parish? How many sacraments has your family received here? Special memories or events of the parish. Your favorite part of our parish. What would you tell others about our parish?

Jubilee Photo Slideshow & Displays

As part of our 25th anniversary church dedication celebration, we are creating displays and a photo slideshow that commemorates our parish history and represents recent events. We welcome photos and memorabilia that your family may wish to include and share as part of our jubilee celebration.

If you would like to submit any items, please call the parish office at 724-838-9480, Ext. 10, or send it by email to jpetrunyak@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Jubilee Kick-Off Events Celebrating 25 years since Dedication Please RSVP by July 1

July 6: Reception following 4 p.m. Mass
July 7: Receptions following 8 & 10:30 a.m. Masses
July 11: 6 p.m. Mass for the 25th Anniversary; reception to follow.

All receptions will be held in Albanese Hall. Free-will offerings accepted. To RSVP, call the parish office or use the QR Code.



Congratulations

CLASS OF
2024



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Cayla D. Monks



Attending University of Pittsburgh-
Greensburg
Majoring in Nursing

Our prayer for you is to begin a
productive, prosperous future, and
to become a kind and helpful
member of society.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Christa, & Mimi

Greensburg Salem Class of 2024

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Lydia Brynn Kurek

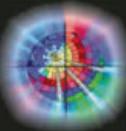
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Our prayer for you is to have success
through God's love & grace.

Love,
Mom and Dad

GCC Class of 2024

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Martina Elena Navaro Ortega



Attending Brown University
Majoring in Architecture
or Statistics

Our prayer for you is that God
always guide your way with His
love, presence, and protection and
that you trust Him to help you
make good choices in life.
Blessings for your future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Sara, and Erika

Hempfield Class of 2024

*Our Lady of Grace Church
Congratulates...*



Lydia Brynn Kurek

Attending
High Point University
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Our prayer for you is to have success
through God's love & grace.

Love,
Mom and Dad

GCC Class of 2024

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