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VBC-“Shipwrecked” was enjoyed by all! Thank You for making it a HUGE success!

Abundant and Energetic God,

You fill your world with a season of summer delights. Sunshine, warm breezes, a slower pace to enjoy your creation. Fill us with the joy of this season.

Our youth will gather last week for Summer Bible Camp, the theme this year is “shipwrecked”. May their days together lead to new friendships, new activity, new insights, and a strengthened relationship with you. May your Spirit shower upon our teachers, leaders, and volunteers; giving energy, creativity, and patience. May your love embrace the children and young people who joined us for Bible Camp so they may come to know you more deeply. May your children experience good fellowship in these days as they studied, created, and played.

Bless our parish youth, O God, as they seek to learn from your Word and to share your love. As you gather them for summer Bible Camp, send them out beyond this place to show the world what they have come to know: that your grace and welcome and wonder are for all.

We pray in the name of your Son. Amen.

2018 Club 100

Great Big Thank You! Goes out to the Holy Name Society and it’s treasurer Joe Q. for another successful club 100. The dinner at Lancelotta was tremendous over 100 in attendance great food, friendship, and dancing, fun was had by all and we all look forward to another club 100. The success of such an event is going to enable us to take care of some much-needed projects in the parish thanks to all who made this a great event.



CLUB 100 Winners!

- Debbie Fellela \$500.00**
- Michael Lombardi \$500.00**
- Joyce Canevale \$200.00**
- Lou Mansolillo \$200.00**
- Arnie Vecchione \$100.00**
- Betty Civetti \$100.00**

HOMILY - JULY FOURTH



The fourth of July is a day of parades, political speeches, fireworks and back yard barbecues. But most of all it is a **day of celebrating our Independence**; an independence which was **won and is maintained by the sacrifice of many lives**. We are celebrating an **Independence** that is not **Absolute**. Adam, the first man, thought that he had **Absolute Independence** and we are still suffering from the effects of it. **Only God has Absolute Independence**.

Our Independence is rooted in our **Dependence on God**. We are **contingent, dependent** beings. **An independent creature is an intrinsic impossibility**. Not even God can create an intrinsic impossibility. God can create a square and God can create a circle but not even God can create a squared circle. It is an intrinsic impossibility. That is why the **First Commandment is also the greatest Commandment**. Only if we are **completely dependent on God can we enjoy freedom**. Either we are dependent on God or we will be dependent on some creature.

This dependence on God is clearly stated in our Declaration of Independence. It begins like this, *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights..."* And it ends *"with a firm reliance on Divine Providence we pledge our lives, our fortunes and our honor..."*

Our nation was founded on belief in God. The President takes his oath of office by placing his hand on the Bible, the Word of God, and ends with, *"So help me God."* In our

pledge of allegiance we say, *"One nation under God."* Engraved on our money is *"In God we trust."* Our Congress has a chaplain, begins each session with a prayer, and provides for chaplains for the Military.

Our Founding Fathers may have opted for a **separation of Church and state** but not for a separation of **God and state**. There is no **brotherhood of man** without the Fatherhood of God. **The division of life into the sacred and the secular is a false dichotomy**. There is not now, there never was and **there never will be the purely secular**, that is, anyone or anything which is not dependent on God. **Atheistic capitalism** would suffer the same fate as **atheistic communism**.

What the Constitution guarantees is not freedom FROM religion but freedom OF religion, freedom to practice religion. The irony, the contradiction, is that those who are pushing for freedom **FROM** religion are actually pushing **THEIR OWN RELIGION**, which is secular humanism.

In secular human the Supreme Being is man, greedy, lustful, proud man. But which man? There are more than **seven billion of them in the world** each claiming to be independent. **These Supreme Beings are the creators**. And they are creating rugged individualism, corruption, addictions, war and terrorism. **There is nothing as inhuman as secular humanism**.

On September 11, 2001 the illusion that we were absolutely independent went down in smoke and ashes with the Twin Towers. On that day we **fell to our knees and asked God for help**. And in so doing realized **how far we had wandered from God and from the convictions of our Founding Fathers**.

RCIA - Initiation of Adults

The RCIA program is especially designed for the following people:

- Not baptized but interested in learning about baptism
- Baptized in another faith, but interested in the Catholic Church
- Baptized Catholic but missed out on religious instruction and the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation
- Or, if simply, you or anyone you know is interested in examining your faith life, baptism, prayer, or the Catholic Church, then this is for you.

It's as easy as 1-2-3!

Take the first step

Call Rectory: 401-231-2220

Email: ourladtofgraceri@aol.com

Period of Inquiry

This is a time to share our stories and examine their meaning. It is also a time to begin hearing the stories of the Gospel. Participants ask questions about Jesus and about the Church.

Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcome

This is a first welcome into the community and moves a person into the Period of the Catechumenate.

Catechumenate

This is a time to deepen faith and conversion within the church community. It is a time to learn more about the Bible, Church teachings, worship, Sacraments, morality, and service. This period may last anywhere between 8 months to 2 years, depending on the needs of the individual.

Rite of Election

When a Catechumen is ready for initiation, they prepare for the Easter Vigil by first celebrating this Rite of Election on the first Sunday of Lent. They are brought to the Bishop for a blessing.

The Period of Purification and Enlightenment

During the season of Lent, the Elect spend time in prayer and self-examination as they prepare for initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Easter Vigil

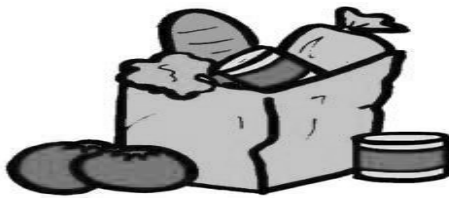
Initiation through Baptism, Confirmation and 1st Eucharist.

St. Anne Sodality

Our Installation Mass will be held on Sunday, July 29th at the 10:30 A.M. Mass. We are happy to say that we have 5 new members who will be installed. There will be seats reserved for Sodality members in the front row of the Church.

A Breakfast will follow at Emmily’s Restaurant on Putnam Pike. If you plan on attending and have not paid as of yet, please contact our treasurer Angela Quartino at 231-8498 or Paul Goulet in the Rectory office at 231- 2210 X3

There will be no Sodality meeting for the month of July



The Food Pantry is in need of Peanut Butter and Canned Soup

Readings & Music for July 1st
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ODIANRY TIME
(Year B)

- Readings:** #1149 or pg. 36
- Entrance:** Holy, Holy, Holy #553
- Offertory:** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #707
- Communion:** I Am the Bread of Life #950
- Recessional:** God We Praise You #599

Our Lady of Grace
Church



Clam Bake!

Sunday, August 5th 1:00 P.M.

Festival Field

\$35.00 Per person

Cash Bar! Prizes!

\$25. Steak fry \$50. With Cigars



Join us for a fun night of cigars, steaks and cards. Saturday, July 28th, at 6PM in Fioretti Hall. There will be the traditional “steak fry”, which will include beer, wine, soda and water. Tickets will be sold after all Masses or you can call the Rectory or see Joe Andreozzi.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT: July 7: Vigil of Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 Giulio Colapietro (18th Anniv.)
Req. by: Colapietro Family

SUN: July 8: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 Grace Pagliarini (Month's Mind)
Req. by: Family

10:30 Alfred Perrotta (Birth. Rem.)
Req. by: Wife

MON: July 9:
 8:00 Americo Matarese
Req. by: Wife

TUE July 10:
 8:00 All Sick Parishioners of OLG

WED July 11:
 8:00 All Parishioners of OLG

THU July 12:
 8:00 NO MASS

FRI: July 13:
 8:00 Reverend Monsignor Anthony Bove,
 Administrator of OLG (1923)

SAT: July 14: Vigil of Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 RoseMarie Santoro- DiIorio
Req. by: Family

SUN: July 15: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:30 Diane Lakeland (Month's Mind)
Req. by: Fr. Peter Gower

10:30 Madonna del Bosco
Req. by: Pannese Society

PARISH DIRECTORY

Holy Services

MASSSES: Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM
 Sunday 8:30AM and 10:30AM
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 AM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Saturday at 3:00PM
Holy Rosary: Saturday at 3:30PM

Pastor

Rev. Peter J. Gower

PERSONNEL

Facilitator of Rel. Ed	Mrs. Joanne Burley
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Building Superintendent	Mr. Joseph Quartino
Music Minister	Mr. Jeff Del Gigante
St. Anne Sodality President	Ms. Fran DiBiasio
Holy Name Society President	Mr. Louis Mansolillo

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 3-3:30PM or by appointment.

Baptism: Second Sunday of each month, during the 10:30AM Mass. Please contact rectory to schedule baptismal instructions.

Matrimony: Notify parish priest at least one year before anticipated date of wedding for necessary pre-marriage arrangements and preparation.

Holy Orders: If you have a heartfelt desire to serve the Lord, by preaching His Eternal Word, by celebrating the Sacraments, and by assisting His people in need, you may be among God's chosen for a vocation to the priesthood. Speak to a priest today, or contact the Office of Vocations at 831-8011.

Ministry To The Ill

Please notify the rectory when a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, or confined at home or in a nursing facility.

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