OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

SANCTUARY OF THE Madonna della Difesa

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Dear Parishioners:

THE HEART SPECIALIST

"More tortuous than all else is the human heart, beyond remedy; who can understand it?" –Jeremiah 17:9

Because the human heart is more tortuous, twisted, and deceitful than all else and is beyond remedy, we should:
give our hearts to the Lord, Who alone probes the mind and tests the heart (Jer 17:10),
receive a new heart through Baptism (Ez 36:26),
live our Baptism by loving the Lord with all our hearts (Mt 22:37),
go to Confession frequently and regularly to prevent our hearts from becoming hardened (see Ps 95:8),
learn from Jesus, for He is "gentle and humble of heart" (Mt 11:29),
ask the Lord to heal our hearts, for He "is close to the brokenhearted" (Ps 34:19),
worship the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and
ask for the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 18th/19th:

Weekly Collection $2834.00
Easter Flowers $ 115.00
Madonna Monthly $ 87.00
Utilities Envelopes $ 198.00
On-line giving: $ 187.00
Total: $3421.00

This weekend will be the 2nd In-pew Collection for Catholic Charity Appeal.

CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL 2017
Our Parish Goal: $25,000.00

Parish Goal $ 25,000.00
Raised to Date $12,301.57
Total needed for GOAL $12,698.43

Thank You!
On behalf of The Diocesan Catholic Charities and all the Rhode Islander's helped by our annual Lenten Appeal, thank you for your generous support.

Your financial support is essential in helping families meet basic needs like food, shelter, and heat, throughout the year. Because of you, thousands of individuals receive assistance.

I wish you could experience the incredible difference your generosity makes, and how every gift truly matters. You have provided relief and hope to so many.

Supporting our neighbors and communities is a cornerstone of the mission of Our Diocesan Catholic Charities, and I thank you for being a partner in this worthy effort.

Rev. Peter J Gower

Readings & Music for March 25th & 26th 
(Year A)

"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want"

Readings: #1036 or pg. 71
Entrance “Awake O Sleeper” #915
Offertory “Amazing Grace” #650
Communion “Now In This Banquet”
Recessional “The Glory of These Forty Days” #467
Limited seating will be available for Elderly and Special Needs.

PRIMAVERA BOOKLET
SPONSORS

If you wish to place an ad Honoring Emma Pezza, our Oldest Parishioner (106!), and Grand Marshall of the Primavera. Please complete the form below.

___ Happy Birthday Emma!
___ Congratulations Emma!
___ God’s Blessing Emma!
___ Other __________________________

__________ ¼ page $25.
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By: ____________________________________

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RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE RECTORY WITH YOUR MEMORIAL DONATION
SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS

In lieu of Class for Religious Education students, there will be a closing Mass on March 26th at 10:30 AM. All grades are Welcome!

11 CREW MEMBERS HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP!
We need help with this year’s “Makers Fun Factory” Bible camp! Bible Camp will be held in Fioretti Hall from June 26 through the 30th. We will begin transforming the Hall on Saturday, June 10th and need your help. All supplies will be on hand, we need your ideas and your helping hands to make it all come together. Any time that you are available to volunteer will be greatly appreciated especially by our young parishioners and who will be attending the Camp. Call Joanne at 231-2220 for additional information or to sign up.

There is a basket for Lenten promises and prayer intention in front of the wood carving of the Sacred Heart in the Church. We invite you to write down a promise or a prayer intention any time during this Lenten Season and place it in the basket. Your Intentions and promises will be prayed for during the entirety of Lent.

Gas Dryer
Rectory Gas Dryer died, the gas dryer is a somewhat older one, so no surprise. I’d like to get a new one but before I do, if someone has one and they are not using it, (and is in good working order) would you be willing to donate it to the rectory. This would be greatly appreciated. See Fr. Peter.

Thanks

There will be a Meeting for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30 P.M.

The Altar Breads used this week are
Henry Iannuccilli
The Sanctuary Lamp is lit
Henry Iannuccilli

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS
Club 100
This week’s winner!
Ticket #72 Winner
Sylvia Sgambato

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
PONTARELLI MARINO
FUNERAL HOME
401-331-7390
This Weekend (March 25\textsuperscript{th} & 26\textsuperscript{th})

**Lectors:**
- 4:00 D. Spunzo
- 8:30 R. Parascandolo
- 10:30 C.C.D. Students

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
- 4:00 P. Leoncavallo, A.M. Fiorillo
- 8:30 R. Rivelli, S. DiIorio
- 10:30 P. Gondreau, F. DiBiasio

**Altar Servers:**
- 4:00 B. Winsor, V. Winsor
- 8:30 K. Bonetti, K. Bonetti
- 10:30 J. Clark, R. Anderson, R. Cola

**Special Assignments**

- Stations of the Cross are held on Friday’s during lent at 6:00 PM in the church.

March 31 V. Winsor/ B. Winsor
April 7 L. Gondreau/ C. Ferranti

**Sacrament of Confirmation:**
Monday, March 27, at 6:00 PM
M. Colardo/M. Colardo/L. Gondreau/A Vendetti/K. Bonetti/I Bonetti

This Weekend (April 1\textsuperscript{st} & 2nd)

**Lectors:**
- 4:00 A. M. Fiorillo
- 8:30 D. Buffi
- 10:30 F. DiBiasio

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
- 4:00 P. Leoncavallo, E. Cabral
- 8:30 R. Rivelli, S. Dillorio
- 10:30 K. Colavita, C. Colavita

**Altar Servers:**
- 4:00 A. Broccoli N. Broccoli
- 8:30 K. Bonetti, K. Bonetti
- 10:30 J. Clark, R. Anderson, R. Cola

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017.**

**Mon., March 27\textsuperscript{th}:** Confirmation 6:00 P.M.

**Tues., March 28\textsuperscript{th}:** Prayer Shawl Meeting 10:00 AM

**Wed., March 29\textsuperscript{th}:** Extraordinary Ministers Meeting 6:30 pm

**Friday, March 31\textsuperscript{st}:** Stations of the Cross @ 6:00PM. Simple Soup Supper following Stations- Fr. Peter

**Monday, April 3\textsuperscript{rd}:** Finance Council Meeting 6:30 PM.

**Mon.-Thurs. April 3\textsuperscript{rd} to 6\textsuperscript{th}:** Palm Weaving Classes, Times to be announced in Bulletin

**Tues., April 4\textsuperscript{th}:** St. Anne’s Sodality Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

**Friday, April 7\textsuperscript{th}:** Stations of the Cross @ 6:00PM. Simple Soup Supper following Stations- Holy Name Society

**Sun., April 9\textsuperscript{th}:** Palm Sunday

**Thurs, April 13\textsuperscript{th}:** Holy Thursday

**Fri., April 14\textsuperscript{th}:** Good Friday

**Fri., April 14\textsuperscript{th}:** Living Stations of the Cross @ 12 Noon.

**Sat., April 15\textsuperscript{th}:** Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 A.M.

**Sat., April 15\textsuperscript{th}:** Easter Vigil- Mass @7:00 PM

**Sun., April 16\textsuperscript{th}:** Easter

**Sun., April 23\textsuperscript{rd}:** First Communion at 10:30 Mass

**Wed., April 26\textsuperscript{th}:** Holy Name Meeting, 7:00

**Sun. April 30:** Primavera 3:00- 6:00 PM

**Monday – Wednesday**

**May 15,16,17 @ 7:00 PM** Easter Season Mission

"iMercy: The Divine Hotspot"

A Parish Mission Directed by with Fr. Bill Garrott, O.P

**M – F June 26\textsuperscript{th} to June 30\textsuperscript{th}:** Maker’s Fun Factory VBC 9:00 Am to 1:00 PM
Lenten Weekday Masses
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 8:00 AM

Lenten Weekend Masses
4:00 PM, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

Monday, March 27: Sacrament of Confirmation @ 6:00 PM with Bishop Evans

Friday, Mar. 31 Day of Abstinence
Stations of the Cross @ 6:00PM
Simple Soup Supper following Stations, sponsored by Fr. Gower

April 3- 5 Palm Weaving classes in Fioretti Hall

Friday, April 7: Day of Abstinence
Stations of the Cross @ 6:00PM
Simple Soup Supper following Stations, sponsored by Holy Name Society

Sat. & Sun., April 8th & 9th: Palm Sunday
Holy Week- Chrism Mass at Cathedral- TBA

Thursday, April 13 Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 PM

Friday, April 14 Good Friday – Day of Fast & Abstinence
Living Stations of the Cross @ Noon in the church, Religious Education Class.
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion @ 7:00PM

Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday
Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00AM in Festival Field
Easter Vigil Mass @ 7:00PM

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday
Masses @ 8:30 and 10:30AM

Sunday, April 23 Divine Mercy Sunday
Sacrament of First Holy Communion during the 10:30 Mass.

Monday – Wednesday
May 15,16,17 @ 7:00 PM Easter Season Mission
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PALM WEAVING

Palm Weaving is available to women in the parish. Fioretti Hall will be open the following hours:
Monday, April 3rd, 12Noon to 6 PM, Tuesday, April 4th, 10:00 AM to 5 PM, Wednesday, April 5th, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Thursday, April 6th, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The completed pieces will be used to decorate the church on Palm Sunday, then they may be picked up and taken home. Please call the rectory to reserve a spot.
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 26, 2017**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SAT**  
March 25: Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
4:00  Marie Ginolfi (Birth)  
*Req By: Linda & Vincent Castaldi*  

**SUN**  
March 26: Fourth Sunday of Lent  
8:30  Livia DelPonte (Month’s Mind)  
10:30  Albert Gesualdi (Anniv.)  
*Req By: Family*  

**MON**  
March 27: Lenten Weekday  
8:00  Joeseph (51st) & Marion (54th) Paola  
*Req By Daughter Carol-Ann & Son In-Law John*  

**TUE**  
March 28: Lenten Weekday  
8:00  Special Intentions in Memory of the Madonna  

**WED**  
March 29: Lenten Weekday  
8:00  Santina Lettieri  
*Req By: Nancy Lyons*  

**THU**  
March 30: Lenten Weekday  
8:00  No Mass  

**FRI**  
March 31: Lenten Weekday  
8:00  No Mass  
6:00  Stations of the Cross  

**SAT**  
April 1: Vigil of The Fifth Sunday of Lent  
4:00  Richard Sarli (4th Ann.)  
*Req By: Family*  

**SUN**  
April 2: Fifth Sunday of Lent  
8:30  Joseph, Maria & Pasco Comparone (Mem.)  
*Req By: Grandchildren*  
10:30  Emilio & Fernanda Giudici, Domenic & Florence DiDonato (Mem.)  
*Req By: Bob, Donna, Lisa & Bobby*  

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**PARISH DIRECTORY**

**Holy Services**

**MASSES:** Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM  
Sunday 8:30AM and 10:30AM  
Monday through Friday 8:00AM  

**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  
Secretarial/Office  
Mr. Paul Goulet  
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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