

# Our Lady of Grace Church

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### *Mission Statement*

*We, the Roman Catholic faith community of Our Lady of Grace, 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.*

August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 am

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday: 8:00 am

### **Holy Day Masses**

8:00 am & 7:00 pm

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

First & third Sundays at 12 pm

Baptism classes required for first child.

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Six months preparation. Call parish priest to set a date.

**OLOG MINISTRIES**

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while emigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the "rule" of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the "reign of terror," and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the United States until after the Civil War.)

From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the "rule" that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen United States.

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

August 11 & 12, 2018

4:00 pm	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	R. Manley A. Prokop, C. Caluya, Deacon K. Kalfas, E. Medwid, Deacon
8:00 am	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	G. Kibler T. Betz, T. Minch, Deacon Cerrito Family, Deacon
11:00 am	Reader: EOMOHC: Servers:	D. Lemire M. Kupec, C. Zaverl, Deacon C. Horwitz, K. Hrics, Deacon

**REGISTRATION OPEN!**



We are currently registering for the 2018-19 PSR school year. Students must register every year. Please see the back of the church or the Moses Room for registration forms. Classes begin on September 9<sup>th</sup>!

**TEACHERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for teachers and aides to fill out our teaching staff for this year. The Elementary classes (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) meet on Sunday mornings between masses and the Middle School classes (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) meet a couple of Monday evenings per month. This is a wonderful way to pass on our Catholic Faith to the youth of our parish. If you are interested in being a teacher or an aide, please email or call Bridget Kovalik at [ologpsr@gmail.com](mailto:ologpsr@gmail.com) or 330-391-0438. Thank you!

*Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother. Saint Padre Pio*

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

Pope Francis is reminding Christian families to guard against being swept away by a hectic, competitive throw-away society. Jesus calls us to center our work and activity in Him—the Bread of Life! Make sure to make time for family meals, Sabbath rest, prayer and conversation that includes God.

**CANONIZATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO**

Archbishop Romero’s life was dedicated to the poor of El Salvador where he was martyred while celebrating Mass in 1980. He was beatified in El Salvador on May 23, 2015 by Pope Francis, and he will be canonized in the Vatican on October 14, 2018. Some representatives from our diocesan community are planning to attend the canonization.

The Church of the Diocese of Cleveland and of El Salvador have been very loosely united since priests, sisters and lay missionaries from Cleveland began ministering to the people in 1964. Many of our missionaries have beautiful memories of Archbishop Romero. To commemorate this very significant event, the life and ministry of Bishop Romero and the faith of the people of El Salvador, Bishop Nelson Perez will celebrate Mass at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on the day of the canonization, October 14th. All are invited to attend.

**COME & SEE!**

Are you restless? Searching for “more”? The Franciscans of the Little Way invite single, Catholic women, 20 and older, to spend a day in prayer and discernment at their *Come and See* retreat on September 15th. The day begins with Mass at 8 am at St. Hilary Church, 2750 West Market St., Fairlawn, followed by prayer, talks, and adoration. Register online at [www.tinyurl.com/FLW-ComeAndSee](http://www.tinyurl.com/FLW-ComeAndSee) or contact Anne Rollick at [franciscansofthelittleway@gmail.com](mailto:franciscansofthelittleway@gmail.com) or 330-794-7648 with any questions.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Father Bill’s installation is September 16 at the 11:00 Mass. Bishop Perez will be the main celebrant. A reception will follow Mass in the church hall.

Our next *Pride Day* will take place on Saturday, October 13 from 9 am to 1 pm. Five different projects will be planned. Come, help *spruce up* OLOG!

**LEGAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE**

The U.S. bishops urge your participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life taking place from August 3-September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about *Roe v. Wade* to share with others. Sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray!](http://www.usccb.org/pray!)



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**PAINT-N-POP FUNDRAISER**

Looking for an excuse to get together with friends? Expand your horizons? Consider a *Paint-n-Pop* class. Bring your friends to this group-style class featuring instructional art and lots of fun. Bring your own snacks and (adult) beverages to enhance the party. The Thursday, August 16th class involves bottle painting and is entitled “Window Shopping”. The class is \$35/person and includes the bottles, paint, instruction, coffee and water. It takes place at 7 pm at Olde 8 Studio, 8562 Olde 8 Rd., Northfield. The classes are geared toward adults of any and all skill levels. All proceeds benefit Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries production of the musical passion play *Tetelestai*. Register online at [www.livethepassion.org/painting](http://www.livethepassion.org/painting) or call 330-606-5975.

**SUNDAY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

If you, a spouse or even a neighbor is homebound and unable to attend Sunday Liturgy, Holy Communion is still available to you. As part of their ministry, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, will bring Communion to any parishioner that is homebound after the 8 am Sunday Mass. Please call the church office at 330-278-4121 to be placed on the schedule.

**PRAYERS WORK WONDERS**

Remember the sick and suffering of parish family especially: Blanche Bieda, Barb Blake, Claudia & Patti Bulkowski, Colleen Darabant, Arthur DePiero, Elaine Frygier, John Hanna, Cheryl Henderson, Linda Joseph, Megan Keefe, Debbie Klein, Kathleen Klosinski, Richard Konnerth, Jeanne Krywicki, Carl Lemke, Carmello Leo, Ian M., Nick Piro, Lois Rhodes, Dennis Rogozinski, Braidyn Schneid, Jim Steed, Cara T., Michelle Trisk, Derek Vitas, Mort Winer.

<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>		
Aug 8	Choir	7:00 pm
Aug 9	Rosary for Peace	7:00 pm

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Pope Paul VI wrote a prophetic encyclical stating that the Eucharist is reserved in our Church as the “spiritual center” of the parish. He proclaimed that “Christ is truly the Emmanuel”, that is “God is with us.” Christ dwells with us full of grace and truth. He nourishes virtues, strengthens the weak.

Pope Paul VI goes onto say “Hence it is that devotion to the divine Eucharist that exerts a great influence upon the soul in the direction of fostering a *social* love, in which we put the common good ahead of private good, take up the cause of the community in the parish, the universal Church, and extend our charity to the whole world because we know that there are members of Christ everywhere.”

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body so it is with Christ. For by one spirit we were all baptized into the body (1 Cor 12:12-13). If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored all rejoice together (1Cor 12:26).

The graces we receive in adoration affect the whole body. We may also pray for others and their needs, and also ask God to give us the graces necessary for us to minister to others.

By spending one hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus, you are not only bringing down graces upon yourself and your family, but also, upon our parish, our community, and the world. Your simple act is truly making the world a better place.

For the little act of spending one hour with our Lord, our God, you will reap such tremendous benefits. Be a part of this important ministry. Sign-up now. Adoration begins September 10th; every Monday from 8:30 am, through the night, until 8 am on Tuesday. The sign-up sheets can be found in the church vestibule.

**GOD'S WORK**

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God? We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, AUGUST 4**

4 pm Joseph Fowler / Sykes Family

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5** *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8 am Living &amp; Deceased of Parish Family

11 am David &amp; Julia Heistand / Mrs. Spragg

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6** *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

8 am Stan &amp; Helen Ulinski

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 TO FRIDAY AUGUST 10**

8 am (No Mass)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11**

4 pm 45th Anniversary, Tom &amp; Jackie Minch

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12** *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8 am Living &amp; Deceased of Parish Family

11 am Joe Herbert

**OUR FRIENDS THE SAINTS**

*The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*— Why does the Church have memorials for a building? The answer lies in the importance of these early Church structures in Church history. The Basilica of St. Mary Major is one of four Roman “Patriarchal Cathedrals” in memory of the first centers of the Church, the others being St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Peter’s.

St. Mary Major was first constructed in the mid fourth century. Legend says that a wealthy Roman named John, and his wife, had no heirs and wanted to leave their wealth to the Mother of God. The couple prayed to the Blessed Mother asking her for a sign and she appeared to them in a dream, and also to Pope Liberius, asking that a church be built in her honor on a site where snow would fall on the night of August 4-5, 352 A.D. On the summer morning of August 5, snow had fallen atop one of Rome’s seven hills, the Esquiline, and it was there that the church was built. Thus, another name for this feast is Our Lady of the Snows.

In the next century, the basilica was rebuilt by Pope Sixtus III on a grander scale, after the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. In that Council, the doctrine of Mary, the Mother of God (Theotokos) was proclaimed in refutation of the heresy of Nestorius who said Mary was the mother only of Jesus as man. After the Council, devotion and veneration to the Blessed Mother notably increased among the faithful.

The first Mass on Christmas in Rome is celebrated at St. Mary Major. On August 5 the feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, during the pontifical Mass, a traditional shower of white rose petals descends from the ceiling above the sanctuary in remembrance of the August snowfall in 352. This memorial reminds us of Mary’s “Magnificat” in which she foretold that “All generations will call me blessed.”