



Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

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Oct. 10 PTO Meeting
6:30
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Weekly Bulletin

October 7, 2022



Muchas Gracias

An enormous thank you to our PTO, hispanic families, Mrs. Renick, and Senora Abugoch for all their hard work! This event was a huge success thanks to all their efforts!

Here a couple reminders for future school events:

1) PTO events are FAMILY events. We request families attend with their children to provide supervision for safety. This also builds a community with our full families. Take this opportunity to meet your children's friends, families and teachers! There will be a time or two we have Kids events but they will require a permission slip from the parents to be chaperoned by our PTO team and other volunteers.

2) Approval is required for PTO to host events on school / parish grounds. We are ONLY allowed access to the area granted by the school/ parish. Please ensure your children remain in the approved areas only for safety. If we are unable to provide that guidance and remain in our approved areas we may not be allowed access to the grounds for further events.

Our Trunk or Treat is scheduled for the end of this month (more information to come)! PLEASE remember these guidelines so we can remain safe and have more fun this upcoming school year!



Saint John XXIII's Story

A favorite of saint of mine has a feast day next Tuesday. Although few people had as great an impact on the 20th century as Pope John XXIII, he avoided the limelight as much as possible. Indeed, one writer has noted that his "ordinariness" seems one of his most remarkable qualities.

The first-born son of a farming family in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo's diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order. After his ordination in 1904, Father Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop's secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper. His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him a firsthand knowledge of war. In 1921, Father Roncalli was made national director in Italy of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also found time to teach at a seminary in Rome. In 1925, he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France. During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. A month short of entering his 78th year, Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, taking the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. Pope John took his work very seriously but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. In 1962, he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis. Very much a people person, this good Pope would sometimes sneak out of the Vatican dressed as an ordinary priest to visit prisoners in jail or to have dinner with an ordinary Italian family and talk about faith – much to the distress of the Pope's Swiss Guards!



Though he was unexpectedly elected Pope on October 28, 1958 at age 76 after 11 ballots. Pope John XXIII surprised those who expected him to be simply an interim Pope by calling the historic Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), the first session opening in October 1962. The Council changed the Church in so many positive ways – from converting the Mass from Latin to the language of the people, encouraging scripture study, promoting ecumenism, among others. His most famous papal letters were *Mother and Teacher* (1961) and *Peace on Earth* (1963). Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more international.

On his deathbed, Pope John said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead." "Good Pope John" died on June 3, 1963. Saint John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

Throughout his life, Angelo Roncalli spread God's grace, believing that the job at hand was worthy of his best efforts. He promoted a new dialogue with Protestant and Orthodox Christians, as well as with Jews and Muslims. In the sometimes-noisy St. Peter's Basilica, many people become silent on seeing the simple tomb of Pope John XXIII, grateful for the gift of his life and holiness.

Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG



Dress-Up your PUMPKIN contest

- Make it a Family affair...one entry per Family
- Everyone can Work together!
- Any Materials can be Used...JUST NO carving
- Complete an index card With Student's Name and grade
- Entries due by Friday, October 28th at 8:10 AM outside the Main Office—judging Will commence soon afterWard
- Prize bags aWarded to all entries
- Any questions? E-Mail Mrs. Renick

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Moms Club Craft Show

Thursday, October 13th

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Elder Wrestling/Volleyball Gym

Join the Elder Moms Club for a fun evening of arts and crafts!

25+ Vendors Offering:

Clothing, Jewelry, Decorations,
Baked Goods, Bath Products,
and so much more!

*Elder Spirit Store open 6:00-7:30 PM

Parking in the
Elder Schaeper Center Lot
All Moms are Welcome!