



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

September 10, 2021

BEFORE YOU COME TO SCHOOL . . .



CHECK FOR FEVER

STAY HOME IF EXPERIENCING ANY SYMPTOMS

COUGH · SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING ·
FEVER OR CHILLS · FATIGUE · MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES ·
HEADACHE · NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL · SORE
THROAT · CONGESTION OR RUNNY NOSE ·
NAUSEA OR VOMITING · DIARRHEA

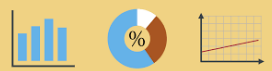


If **ANYONE** in your house is being tested for COVID, **YOUR CHILD CANNOT COME TO SCHOOL UNTIL THE PERSON BEING TESTED RECEIVES A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT.**

Parents are required to inform the school within 24 hours if a student or someone in the student's home tests positive.

This is non-negotiable and applies to everyone.

COVID-19 DASHBOARD



While the Ohio Department of Health encourages but does not require Ohio schools to report numbers of positive cases, we believe sharing these numbers **each week** is a transparent way to help us all track the movement of the virus and better manage our

response. Our dashboard can be found on our school website at www.olgcs.org.

No school can control community spread of the virus, but we will continue to do all we can to keep our students and staff safe at school. On that note, we cannot overstate the importance of doing daily wellness checks at home before coming to school, using the above information.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone healthy and safe!



There Can Be No Greater Love - Than to Lay Down Your Life for a Friend

On this 20th anniversary of 9/11, I want to say a few words about Father Mychal (Michael) Judge. He was chaplain to the New York City Fire Department, and a true New York character. Born in Brooklyn, Mychal seemed to know everyone in the city, from the homeless to the Mayor. A recovering alcoholic, Mychal became the NYC Fire Department chaplain in 1992, and at his residence at his parish house, Judge's room was immaculate and spare. Every morning, he'd wake up at around 6:30 and give thanks to God for his sobriety. At Morning Prayer, he sat in the first row on the right, and prayed aloud for the city's workers: its bus drivers and subway workers, its councilmen and Mayor. He liked to preach from the first pew as well. "This was very significant," says Brian Carroll, a friend and fellow priest. "Because when you step out of the sanctuary, you're down with the people, eyeball to eyeball with them. As he often said: 'It



Father Mychal Judge



Mychal Judge's name inscribed on the 9/11 Memorial

can get messy, it can get crazy, but it can be an awful lot of fun.' That was the New Yorker in him." Mike knew everyone in the city – from the mayor to the cab driver to his fellow recovering alcoholics – and he spent many hours witnessing his faith to them . On September 11, 2001, upon learning that the World Trade Center had been hit by the first of two jetliners, Father Judge rushed down to the site to be with his fellow firefighters. He was met there by the Mayor of New York City, who asked him to pray for the city and its victims. Father Judge administered the Last Rites to some of the bodies lying on the streets, then entered the lobby of the World Trade Center North Tower, where an emergency command post had been organized.

There he continued offering aid and prayers for the rescuers, the injured and the dead. When the South Tower collapsed at 9:59 am, debris went flying through the North Tower lobby, killing many inside, including Father Mychal. Shortly after his death, an NYPD lieutenant found Judge's body. He and two firemen, an Emergency Medical Technician, and one civilian bystander then carried Judge's body out of the North Tower. Judge's body was laid before the altar of St. Peter's Catholic Church before being taken to the medical examiner. Mychal Judge was designated as "Victim 0001" and thereby recognized as the first official victim of the September 11, 2001 attacks. Other victims died before him including air crew, passengers, and occupants of the towers, but Judge was the first certified fatality because his was the first body to be recovered and taken to the medical examiner.

On September 15, 2001, 3,000 people attended Judge's funeral Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church, which was presided over by Cardinal Edward Egan, the Archbishop of New York at that time. He said that "Mychal's death was a special loss. We should lift his life up as an example of what must prevail. We have to be more like Father Mike than the people who killed him." At a special Mass for FDNY Engine 73, Ladder 42, Bronx, NY – we recall what Father Mychal said in a homily: *"Thank you, Lord for life. Thank you for love. Thank you for goodness. Thank you for work. Thank you for family. Thank you for friends. Thank you for every gift because we know that every gift comes from you, and without you, we have and are nothing. Let us enjoy each other's company, and most of all, let us be conscious of Your presence in our lives and in a special way in the lives of all those who have gone before us. That's the way it is. We will have good days and bad days. Up days and down days. Sad days and happy days. But never a boring day on this job. You do what God has called you to do. You show up. You put one foot in front of another. You get on the rig and you go out and you do the job - which is always a mystery and a surprise. You have no idea when you get on that rig. No matter how big the call. No matter how small. You have no idea what God is calling you to. But God needs you. God needs me. God needs all of us."* - Father Mychal preached that prophetic homily on September 10, 2001 – the day before the attacks on the World Trade Center.

The Orthodox-Catholic Church of America declared Mychal a saint. His fire helmet was presented to Pope John Paul II. France awarded him the Légion d'honneur. Members of the United States Congress nominated him for the Congressional Gold Medal, as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2002, the City of New York renamed the portion of West 31st Street where he lived as "Father Mychal F. Judge Street", and christened a commuter ferry the *Father Mychal Judge* in his honor. In 2002, the United States Congress passed *The Mychal Judge Police and Fire Chaplains Public Safety Officers Benefit Act* into law. The law extended federal death benefits to chaplains of police and fire departments. It's hard to believe that it's been 20 years since the tragedy of 9/11 - *let us remember Father Judge and all the many heroes who died that day.*

Mark Friedman, CRE

THE PARENT HUB

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September PARENTING TIPS



This Month – Building Strong Family Bonds

Week of Sept 5th

Respond with empathy to your child's emotions. This will help them feel seen and heard. They will be more likely to turn to you for support in the future.

Week of Sept 12th

Connect with your child after times of separation. Take a minute to check in with them before moving on to the next "thing".

Week of Sept 19th

Reminisce with your child sharing about the past by telling stories or looking at photos. Set intentions to create new memories together.

Week of Sept 26th

Let your child know how much they mean to you. Tell them what you love and admire about them. Say "I love you" often.

girlscouts
of western ohio

Time to press play!



Come make music and find your beat at Girl Scouts.

Activity and a surprise for you, plus
conversation for parents & caregivers. All free!

Join us.

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church

7612 Perry Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45231

Learn more about the Girl Scout Program, volunteer opportunities, and how to form a troop!

If you prefer a virtual event, see options at gsw.org/getstarted.

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High School Information

Junior High Parents-This section of the Weekly Bulletin will be used to offer various information about the Catholic high schools in our area. We will add all information they send to us to better help you be aware of what they are offering. You should also check the specific high schools' websites for further information and contact them directly with any questions you have.



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**3rd Annual
St. Ann
Car & Truck Show &
Craft Fair**

**Saturday, September 18
9am–2pm**

Rain or Shine

***Cars and Trucks from
1920 thru 1999 ***

Car Show Information

- **Registration: 9am-noon,
Awards @ 2pm**
 - **\$10.00 Entry Fee,
\$15.00 for 2 categories**
 - **Dash Plaques to first 50**
 - **Split the Pot**
 - **Free Admission for spectators**
 - **Concessions**
 - **St. Ann Church not responsible
for damages or accidents**
**For more information contact
Cindy - 513-521-8440
info@saintannparish.org**
- Pre-register @ saintannparish.org on
our Parish Life - Socials/Events page**

**Multiple
Category
Awards
including**



Pastor's Choice

**Shop our
indoor/outdoor
Craft Fair**

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