



# Our Lady of Grace

## Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

### Calendar Links



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**Feb. 26** Dine and Donate-see flyer  
**March 2** Fish Fry...we hope! See the message below



### Weekly Bulletin

February 22, 2018

#### Parent-Teacher Conferences

*Conferences will be held the evening of March 8 from 3:30-8:00.*

*Sign ups for conferences this year will be completed through Option C. The link can be found on your Option C family page.. They will be open February 27-March 6. Please schedule your conferences within this window. Grades 6-8 is providing team conferences. If you would like to have a conference with Art, Music, Gym, or Computer, please email the teacher directly.*

*If you have questions or need assistance with Option C, please contact Mrs. O'Shaughnessy at [boshaughnessy@olgcs.org](mailto:boshaughnessy@olgcs.org).*



#### BULLY-PROOFING YOUTH

On February 28, Our Lady of Grace is excited to welcome Jim Bisenius, the founder of Bully-Proofing Youth, to present three different programs to our students in grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. He will also be presenting a Professional Development training for faculty and staff after school that day.

For more information on this program, please visit their website at <http://bullyproofingyouth.com/index/>

#### Re-enroll for Next Year

[CLICK HERE](#) to start the re-enrollment process for the 2018-19 school year. If you have questions, please call the school office at 513-931-3070.





## Religious Education

### The Story of the Chair of Saint Peter

Today on February 22, the Church commemorates Jesus choosing Peter to be the head of his church. The Church calls it the *Chair of Saint Peter* and it recalls the ministry of teaching and witnessing given to Peter and all his successors by Jesus. As recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus calls Peter to become the Rock upon which Jesus builds the Church. When asked by Jesus, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter boldly asserts: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!" The appointment has been made, and yet the gospels inform us of the long road ahead in Peter's life, a road with many twists and turns, that Peter had to walk, leading from that moment to his eventual life of teaching and witnessing that would lead to his own martyrdom.

We recall only too vividly how the boldness of Peter faded away after the arrest of Jesus as he denied that he even knew Jesus - not once, but three times. Peter also witnessed the suffering and death of Jesus. And it was Peter who received love and forgiveness when Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him. Remember Peter denied Jesus three times!

All of this - sin, repentance and forgiveness - was preparing and equipping Peter for the role he would play in the early church. Yes, in his heart, Peter knew the identity of Jesus. But in the moment of forgiveness for his betrayal, he knew the mercy of Jesus, the memory of which became the true fuel that fired his life and eventual death. And with that, he was equipped for the call he had received. The keys to the kingdom of heaven!

But following Jesus, being a disciple, and taking on the responsibility of sitting in that "chair" as head of the Church has its cost. At the end of John's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, "Truly I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (John 21:18). On Vatican Hill, in Rome, during the reign of Nero, Peter did stretch out his hands and was led out to glorify his Lord with a martyr's death, probably in the company of many Christians.

After Peter's death, second-century Christians built a small memorial over his burial spot. In the fourth century, the Emperor Constantine built a basilica, which was replaced in the 16th century. Today - on the spot where Peter died on a cross - stands the magnificent St. Peter's Basilica - the Vatican!

For all of us followers of Jesus, there can be no more powerful moment of encounter with the Risen Jesus than the encounter that brings forgiveness. Peter was grateful for that. No one but God alone can forgive sins. To encounter forgiveness is to encounter the power of the Risen Lord. The memory of that encounter provides the fuel for our own life of faith and witness to him. Whatever our own particular calling may be, preserving the memory of Jesus' mercy becomes one of the most important ways we can assure the vitality of that calling.

Ask yourself - is there a "memory of mercy" that you might call to mind today on this feast of the Chair of Saint Peter? *Is that a memory that we cherish?* How has that "memory of mercy" equipped us for our own calling?

**Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE**



The **Chair of Saint Peter** also known as the **Throne of Saint Peter**, is a relic preserved in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. The relic is a wooden throne enclosed in a sculpted gilt bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini in the 1600's.



# Parent Teacher Organization



The 1st grade class received a visit from Raptor to learn more about birds

## Upcoming Events

2/22 - Skating Party @ The Place

2/26 - Skyline Dine & Donate (NCH)

4/13 - International Spring Carnival

5/14 - Volunteer Dinner @ Krimmer's

## What we do

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) helps our school by sponsoring field trips, school equipment, additional monies for teacher's supplies, computer programs and more. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings and participate with the sub committees.

We are currently seeking someone interested in joining the executive board as assistant treasurer. This person would shadow the current treasurer for the 2018-2019 school year with the expectation of taking over the 2019-2020 school year.

## What we've done so far...

1. **Field Trips:** The kindergarten class had a field trip to Caldwell Nature Center while the 1st grade students have had several trips to a local nursing home for community outreach. The first grade students also had a visit from the zoo. More field trips are planned for spring.
2. **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast:** The Friday of Catholic Schools week, the teacher's enjoyed a catered breakfast. Thank you to the volunteers that helped make this all possible.
3. **Ice Cream Social:** During Catholic Schools Week, all OLG students participated in an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the PTO.
4. **Christmas Gifts for Classrooms:** Each teacher picked out items their classrooms' needed and the PTO purchased Christmas gifts to help our teachers.

## Next Meeting

Our next PTO meeting is Monday, March 19th starting at 6:30pm at St. Margaret Mary. PTO meetings are typically the third Monday of the month.



OUR LADY OF GRACE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL

FREE ADMISSION

**Our Lady of Grace**

2940 W Galbraith Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45239

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## Game Tickets

- **Presale:** 4 for \$1  
[Free tote with \$20  
presale purchase]
- **At-Door:** 3 for \$1

## Activities

- Games
- Face Paint
- Photo Booth
- Entertainment from local  
international associations



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# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

*FRIDAYS IN MARCH*

## *JOIN US FOR A* **FISH FRY**

*at St. Ann Parish 5pm-7pm*

*March 2, 9, 16, 23*



**Supporting OLG Athletics**

*Fried or Baked Fish  
Fried Shrimp  
Salted Rye from NCH  
Draft & Bottled Beer*

**Dine in or Carry Out**

*Pizza, Mac-n-Cheese,  
Potato Wedges, Hush  
Puppies, Green Beans*

***The community polls sent out earlier this year showed the Fish Fry to be a very important part of OLG. However, we have come to the point in the planning process where we have come up very short on volunteers. If we do not have all positions filled for March 2 by this Friday (2/23) we will have to cancel the first Fish Fry. If the later weeks get filled in with volunteers we will attempt to carry on with those nights.***

***Running a Fish Fry is a lot of work, and while we have a lot of people dedicated to doing the background work, without more volunteers we cannot make it happen. Please see signup***

***genius link below to view the available slots and volunteer.***  
***<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f44afa823a0fa7-fish>***

***Thanks in advance for your attention!***

***Signed,***

***OLGAA Executive Committee***

***Father McCarthy just informed us working the fish fry CAN count towards your service hours with St. Ann...Have fun, help out the school, and fulfill your service hours all in one place!***

*Track & Field registration is now open for grades K-8 and will run through February 23rd. No previous track experience needed - we encourage all kids who want to have fun and strive to do their best! Practices begin in early March, with meets beginning on March 23rd.*

## **Don't wait to sign up!! Track and Field sign ups end this FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23rd!!!!**

Track practice will be Monday and Wednesday evenings (times TBD) at Mt. Healthy High School Track.

Meets will start at the end of March.

Sign ups on Blue Sombrero. Access through the OLG website.



**Dine N' Donate**

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**5-8pm**

**North College Hill Skyline**



**(1705 W. Galbraith Rd)**

**Dine In/Carry Out/Drive Thru**



**Bring this flyer and 10% of the proceeds will be  
donated back to Our Lady of Grace Catholic  
School.**

(Valid at the North College Hill Skyline location only)



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