

Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

March 1, 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.



On February 28, Our Lady of Grace welcomed 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.

The students commented on how much they learned and felt confident they could work to "protect their cool".

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for a very informative handout which outlines all the tools he taught the students yesterday.

Re-enroll for Next Year

<u>CLICK HERE</u> 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.



No Greater Love...

Franciscan Father Mychal Judge was chaplain to the New York City Fire Department. He was also a true New York character. Born in Brooklyn, Mychal Judge seemed to know everyone in the city, from the homeless to the mayor. A recovering alcoholic, Mychal became the Fire Department chaplain in 1992, and at his residence in the New York friary, Judge's room was immaculate and spare. Every morning, he'd wake up at around 6:30 and give thanks for his sobriety. At Morning Prayer he sat in the first row, always 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. That was the New Yorker in Father Mike. As Father often said, 'It can get messy, it can get crazy, but it can be an awful lot of fun."

On September 11, 2001, learning that the World Trade Center had been hit by the first of two jetliners, Father Judge immediately rushed to the site to be with his fellow firefighters. He was met by Rudolph Giuliani, the Mayor of New York City, who asked him to pray for the city and its victims. Judge administered the Last Rites to some bodies lying on the streets, then he 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 Judge. At the moment he was struck in the head and killed, Judge was repeatedly praying aloud, "Jesus, please end this right now! God, please end this!"

3,000 people attended Judge's funeral Mass on September 15, 2001, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, which was presided over by Cardinal Edward Egan, the Archbishop of New York at that time. Former President Bill Clinton, who attended the funeral, said that Judge's death was "a special loss. We should lift his life up as an example of what has to prevail ... We have to be more like Father Mike than the people who killed him."

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. A photographer from Reuters, photographed Judge's body being carried out of the rubble by the five men. It became one of the most famous images related to 9/11. 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 because his was the first body to be recovered and taken to the medical examiner. At a special Mass for FDNY Engine 73, Ladder 42, Bronx, NY - Father Mychal said in his 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" – Father Mychal preached - "Good days. And bad days. Up days. Down days. Sad days. 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 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 he needs you. He needs me. He needs all of us."

Father Mychal preached that homily on September 10, 2001 – the **day** *before* the attacks on the World Trade Center. "Greater love than this no one has - to lay down one's life for a friend."

Lenten Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



8th Grade Boys Basketball team will be playing in the WBC conference tournament finals versus Visitation this Friday, March 2nd, at 8:30pm at St. James...come out & support our boys as they compete for the championship! Good luck Eagles!!

FRIDAYS IN MARCH

JOIN US FOR A

FISH FRY



Weekly Bake Sale Table hosted by various OLG youth programs

at St. Ann Parish 5pm-7pm March 2, 9, 16, 23

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

Dine in or Carry Out

Supporting OLG Athletics

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







INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL

FREE ADMISSION

Our Lady of Grace

2940 W Galbraith Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45239 Friday, April 13th | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



• Presale: 4 for \$1 [Free tote with \$20 presale purchase]

• At-Door: 3 for \$1



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