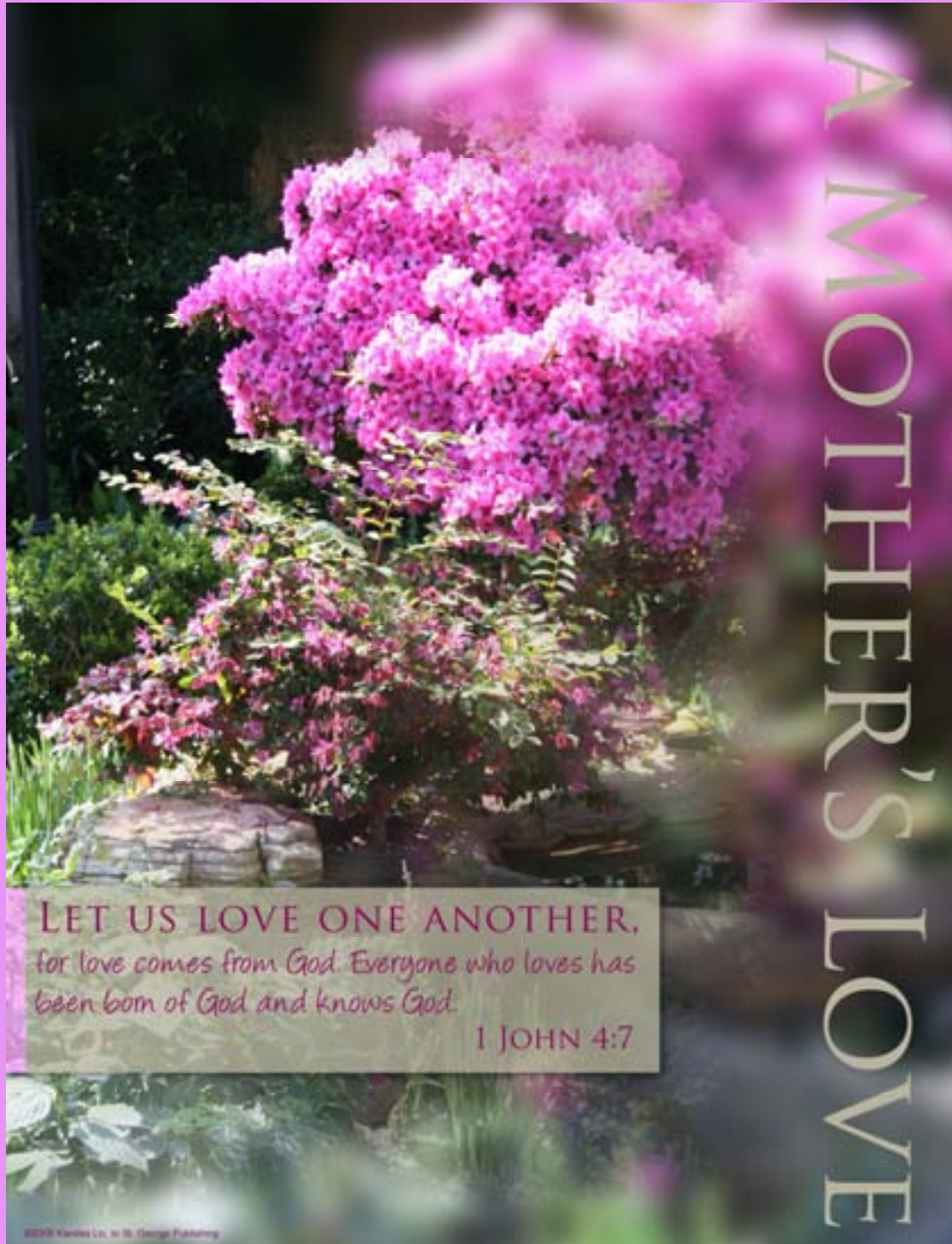


Our Lady of Grace Parish

Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, MA



6th Sunday of Easter May 10, 2015

WELCOME TO
OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH
 OF
 DUNSTABLE, GROTON & PEPPERELL

We are glad you joined us today!

OUR TWO WORSHIP SITES



*St. James Church
West Groton*

*St. Joseph Church
Pepperell*

St. James Church
13 St. James Ave.
Groton, MA 01450

Father Robert Poitras—Administrator
 fr_bob@ourladyofgracema.org
 Ph: 978-433-5737 x303 Fax: 978-433-9566
 Web Site: www.ourladyofgracema.org

St. Joseph Church
28 Tarbell Street
Pepperell, MA 01463

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9a.m. - 5p.m.

For a *Sacramental Emergency*, please call the office and select ext. 302 and leave a message and Fr. Bob will get right back to you.

Parish Staff

Deacon: Michael Markham
 dcnmichaelmarkham@gmail.com

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 Ph: 978-433-2028 Robert@ourladyofgracema.org

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 Ph: x307 Debbie@ourladyofgracema.org

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 Ph: x301 Cotty@ourladyofgracema.org

Music Coordinator: Ellen Blackwell
 Ph: 978-433-6131

Cemetery Manager: Joseph Viel
 Ph: 978-208-0266

Liturgy Schedule

At Saint James Church
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

At Saint Joseph Church

Weekday Mornings: Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month:
 5:30 p.m. Rel. Ed. Mass For CY1 & CY2
 & Families

Confessions: 3:00—3:30 PM at St. Joseph Church
 or by appointment with the Pastor.

Information regarding any sacraments, (Baptism,
 Marriage, Anointing) please check our website or
 call the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	IN MEMORY/HONOR OF	REQUESTED BY
Sunday	May 10	9:30 AM	Susan Surprenant	Rita DeVincentis
Sunday	May 17	9:30 AM	Anna Lopez	Her Daughters

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Wednesday	May 13	2:00 PM	Legion of Mary	Private Residence
		6:30 PM	Ascension of the Lord Mass	St. Joseph Church
Thursday	May 14	8:30 AM	Ascension of the Lord Mass	St. Joseph Church
		11:00 AM	Prayer & Communion	RiverCourt Residences
		6:30 PM	Ascension of the Lord Mass	St. James Church
Sunday	May 17	10:30 AM	Sunday Brunch hosted by the Groton School Confirmation	St. Joseph Church Hall
		12:30 PM	Free Ice Cream Social hosted by the Knights of Columbus	Outside St. James Church



*Scripture for the week of
May 10, 2015*

- 10 SUN Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
- 11 Mon Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a
- 12 Tue Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
- 13 Wed Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15
- 14 Thu Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- 15 Fri Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
- 16 Sat Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
- 17 SUN Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Ascension of the Lord



Mass Times:

Wednesday, May 13
6:30 PM St. Joseph Church

Thursday, May 14:
8:30 AM St. Joseph Church
6:30 PM St. James Church



SAVE THE DATE!!

Gala Art Exhibition & Auction on

Friday evening, June 12, 2015

At The Groton Country Club

94 Lovers Lane, Groton, MA

Preview: 7:00pm Auction: 8:00pm

Admission \$15 per person/ \$25 for two

Door prizes and Silent Auction

Complimentary finger foods, coffee & tea

Cash bar

For tickets or information call:

Pat Buckjune [978-433-7897](tel:978-433-7897)

Debbie Lackey [978-433-5737](tel:978-433-5737)

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Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) Election

Coming Up!

There are 6 openings up for election

Weekends of May 23/24 and May 30/31: Election forms at Masses

*Forms will be available in the pews and ballot boxes
can be found at each church.*

Also available at www.ourladyofgracema.org

Please prayerfully consider yourself or another parishioner for service on this important advisory board to Father Bob.



The Art Auction Committee is in need of volunteers.

We need help in the weeks
before the auction, or if your time
is limited, we could use your help the day
of the event.

Please call Pat Buckjune 978-433-7897
or Debbie Lackey 978-433-5737






**Kept in Our Lady of Grace Parish
Month of April 2015**

	ACTUALS 2014/2015	BUDGET 2014/2015	DIFF
Offertory collected at Mass	\$ 17,354		
ONLINE Offertory 4/1-30/2015	\$ <u>9,329</u>		
Total Offertory	\$ 26,683	\$ 30,083	(\$ 3,400)
NEW Parish Monthly Collection	\$ 3,414	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,914
NEW Annual Fuel Collection	\$ 25	\$ 00	\$ 25
Grand Annual	\$ 250	\$ 00	\$ 250
Mass Offerings	\$ 95		
Baptism Offerings	\$ 00		
Wedding Offerings	\$ 00		
Funeral Offerings	\$ <u>648</u>		
Total Sacramental Offerings	\$ 743	\$ 2,000	(\$ 1,257)
Easter Flowers	\$ 110		
Altar Memorial Flowers	\$ <u>00</u>		
Total Flowers	\$ 110	\$ 1,200	(\$ 1,090)
NOTE: Money for Easter flowers came in March but budgeted for April)			
Use of Hall donations	\$ <u>00</u>	\$ <u>50</u>	(\$ 50)
TOTAL	\$ 31,225	\$ 34,833	(\$ 3,608)
<i>Offertory to date</i>	<i>\$294,202</i>	<i>\$300,834</i>	<i>(\$ 6,632)</i>
<i>Grand Annual to date</i>	<i>\$ 59,795</i>	<i>\$ 50,000</i>	<i>\$ 9,795</i>
<i>Annual Fuel Collection to date</i>	<i>\$ 23,159</i>	<i>\$ 25,000</i>	<i>(\$ 1,841)</i>
<i>Parish Monthly Collection to date</i>	<i>\$ 24,427</i>	<i>\$ 12,000</i>	<i>\$12,427</i>

Would you consider increasing your weekly offering by a few dollars? Even that small amount will make a difference. Thanks!

Sent outside the parish

Easter-Clergy Health & Retirement \$9,838 Good Friday-Holy Land \$1,514
 Military, Black, Native American \$1,143 Catholic Appeal \$200
 Rice Bowl \$34

Important Information for your DONATION STATEMENTS for 2015

Statements for donations are only sent to those parishioners who submit their donations in a parish envelope or through our OnLine Giving system. *Loose checks put into the Offertory basket are not recorded into the database.*

Please give Debbie a call at 978-433-5737 or email Debbie@OurLadyofGraceMA.org for information.



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Special Collections for May 2015

- **May 10 Nepal Relief Collection** - All monies collected will be distributed by the USCCB to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local church to meet the most urgent relief efforts in that area. CRS emergency personnel have landed in Kathmandu, Nepal's capital, to begin helping the tens of thousands of people affected by the destructive earthquake. The initial targets will be the thousands in need of shelter. Many buildings were destroyed or damaged in the 7.8 magnitude earthquake, and continuing aftershocks are causing widespread fear of sleeping inside of even intact buildings.
- **May 10 Parish Monthly 2nd Collection** - 100% stays in parish - to help reduce our parish offertory shortfall and a percentage towards the care and maintenance of our parish cemetery, St. Joseph Cemetery on Jersey Street in Pepperell
- **May 17 Communications** - the Catholic Communication Campaign believes Jesus would use as many means of Communication as possible to share the Good News and that is why it supports projects that use the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. Visit www.usccb.org/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm for more info. 50% of the collection remains at the parish to promote local communication efforts, such as website technology and bulletins.
- **May 24 Seminarians (Pentecost)** - supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more info, visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

PARISH HAPPENINGS



SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday,
May 16
12:00 PM

Our Lady of Grace at
St. Joseph Church
(Mary's Garden)

Rosary

Followed by your favorite
"Mary Hymns"
There will be light refreshments afterwards.

~ ~ **Sunday Brunch** ~ ~
May 17th
in St. Joseph's Hall
directly after
the 9:30am Mass.



Hosted By

Groton School Confirmation Candidates
Groton School Confirmation Year 1 Candidates (CY1)
would like to invite you to a

Complimentary Brunch directly after the
9:30am Mass in St. Joseph's Hall on **May 17th.**
It's their way of reaching out to the their Church
Community beyond the school,
to say **Thank You**, for being there!

Come along and enjoy! Don't forget the date, time and venue! Sunday May 17th 2015, after the 9:30am Mass in St. Joseph's Hall!

Knights' Corner



Save The Date
Sunday May 17th.

The second annual **Parish Ice Cream Social** is coming to **St. James** after the **11:30 Mass.**
More details in the coming weeks.



Baby Item
Collection a
great
success!

The Respect Life group of Our Lady of Grace thanks you for your generosity to the collection for Problem Pregnancy in Worcester. The confirmation classes and many parishioners donated over 120 *dozen* diapers, 40 packages of baby wipes, dozens of towels, wash clothes, socks, bath items etc. Enough to fill a pick up truck! By your support you are helping struggling parents say Yes to life. Bless you!



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



San Damiano House of Prayer Directees needed.

We have a need for 6 people willing to be **Spiritual Directees** for the interns in our

Spiritual Direction Training Program.

The commitment is for one year - once a month.

Spiritual direction is essentially companioning someone in his or her spiritual life.

There is **no fee** for the service.

Please note that our student interns have been in our program for a year.

These interns will have peer supervision; plus one of our staff persons will check in with them on a regular basis to spot check how things are going.

The sharing that takes place between the Spiritual Directee and the Intern is **confidential**.

The Spiritual Direction sessions, will take place at:

San Damiano House of Prayer
333 Pawtucket St. Lowell, MA

Please contact Sr. Linda at
[\(978\) 441-0988](tel:9784410988) or lgosf@netzero.net
if you are interested in participating.

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Dear God,
Help me spend today ☺
with a *Smile* on my face,
Love ❤️ in my heart,
Joy in His grace, 🧢
and my *thinking cap* on all day.
Amen



The 23rd Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament



The 23rd Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for

**Monday, May 18th,
at The Weston Golf Club.**

This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary.

To register, call Kate Folan at [781-899-5500](tel:7818995500) or visit www.psjs.edu

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



We Pray for Mothers

Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers.
 May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom,
 strength and selfless love.

For new mothers with new responsibilities; For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
 For those who are tired, stressed or depressed; For those who balance the tasks of work and
 family; For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; For those who
 raise children on their own; For those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty; For
 those who selflessly place their child for adoption; For those who adopt a child into their family;
 For those who have lost a child; For those who care for the children of others; For those whose
 children have left home; For those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be
 deep and tender, and that they may lead their
 children to know and do what is good.

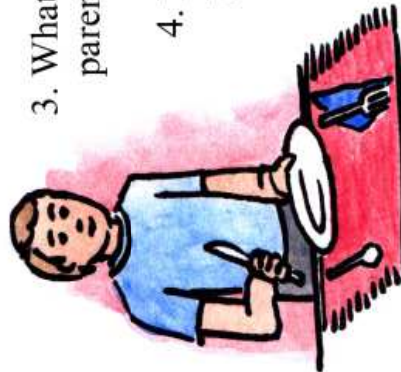
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Love One Another



Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?

1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?
3. What can you do for your grandparents to show you love them?
4. How do you show your friends you love them?
5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?

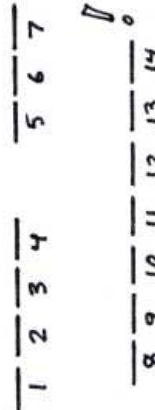
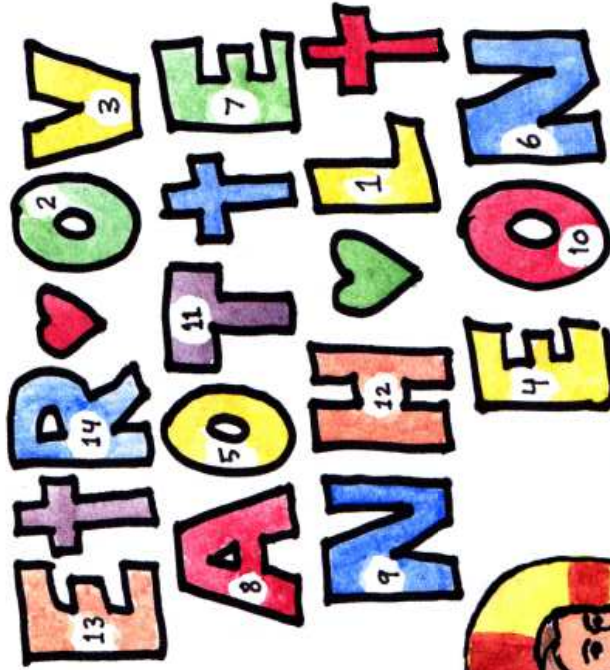


Besides being the sixth Sunday of Easter, today is also Mothers' Day! Can you do something special for your Mom and maybe your grandmother today?



The Kids' Bulletin

Sixth Sunday of Easter



What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading? Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!



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Priest, Deacons & Youth Ministers Familiarization Trip

If you enjoy traveling and want to see how you can immerse your church community in helping children in need while transforming their own lives through service, visit a Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") home with us. Your life may never be the same!

Visit the *Pequeños* at NPH Guatemala August 24th-28th, 2015

Come experience first-hand how NPH transforms the lives of the children it supports. We invite you to visit Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") Guatemala with us. You will meet the amazing children, staff and volunteers of NPH and learn the ins and outs of their daily lives. If you are new to NPH, visiting a home is the best way to see what we do in action. If you are a longtime supporter or sponsor, come catch up with old friends and see how your godchildren are growing and flourishing. Join us – your life may never be the same!

About NPH Guatemala

Opened in 1996, NPH Guatemala is home to 335 children. It is located in San Andres, 16 miles from Antigua and an hour northwest of Guatemala City, the capital. It has approximately 25 acres of land, kinder through junior high school, a computer lab, vocational workshops, a clinic, gardens and a solar water heating system.

Trip Highlights

- Discover first-hand the effects that love, caring, and acceptance have on children who once struggled to survive
- Experience life as the children of NPH do each day with chores, school, sports, and sharing meals
- Develop meaningful relationships where language and culture have no boundaries
- Meet the leadership, staff and volunteers of NPH Guatemala
- See how your church can make a difference by introducing them to NPH whether it be with a future service trip, sponsorship drive, hosting a pequeño tour, or an NPH speaker!



Cost: \$250.00*

Includes:

- Accommodations at NPH Guatemala
- Local transportation
- Meals while at NPH
- NPH USA interpreter and guide
- Travel insurance and background check
- Airfare to and from Guatemala City

Not included:

- Outside meals
- Airport fees

Reservation Schedule

- Reserve a spot with a \$250 non-refundable deposit due June 10, 2015

*We would love to cover the cost of your airfare (approximately \$700.00 value) for the opportunity to be welcomed into your church this year!

*One representative per church.

Register online at www.nphusa.org/maneguatemala2015

For more information, please contact **Monica Henry: mhenry@nphusa.org or 617.206.4943**



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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes...There is hope for your future."
 Jeremiah 31:15-17



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