



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

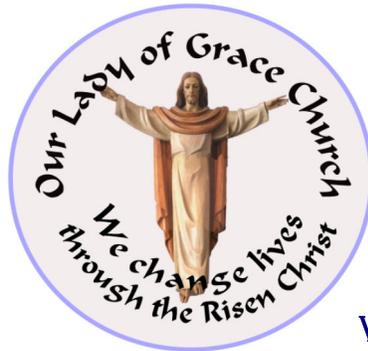
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

BY Prayer

WE PRAY EVERY DAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR PARISH'S MISSION AS WELL AS FOR OUR OWN INTENTIONS.

BY Presence

WE JOIN OUR COMMUNION OF FAITH FOR MASS EVERY SUNDAY FOR MUTUAL SUPPORT AND FOR THE GRACE GOD OFFERS US.



BY Witness

WE LOVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR EACH DAY.

BY Support

WE SHARE OUR GIFTS AND WE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

VIGIL OF SUNDAY: 5:00PM SATURDAY EVENING
SUNDAY: 8:00AM, 10:00AM (CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD),
AND 12:00 NOON (CHOIR)
WEEKDAYS: MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00AM AND 9:00AM • SATURDAY 8:00AM
HOLY DAYS: SEE INSIDE

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February 4, 2018 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

<p>Mon. Saint Agatha Feb. 5 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56 8:00 Francis C. Gilroy 9:00 Gigs Breda</p> <p>Tue. Saint Paul Miki and Companions Feb. 6 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13 8:00 Cindy McKenna 9:00 Andrew Vaccaro</p> <p>Wed. Weekday Feb. 7 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23 8:00 Holly Cappiello and Sue Caruso 9:00 Robert W. Olanick</p>	<p>Thu. Weekday Feb. 8 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30 8:00 Ricardo Sakai, Sr. (6 Anniv.) 9:00 Robert W. Olanick</p> <p>Fri. Weekday Feb. 9 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 8:00 Lena Stile 9:00 Gerry Lynch</p> <p>Sat. Saint Scholastica Feb. 10 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10 8:00 Eileen Calvanico, Gerald Lynch (2 Anniv.)</p>
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00pm, Presiders: Fr. Vin and Fr. Gius

Worship for Sunday, February 11, 2018

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.) 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 1:30pm	Fr. Gabriel Fr. Gabriel Fr. Gius Fr. Vin Fr. Gius	Maureen Caruso People of the Parish Rose and Frank Puleo Frank and Giovanni Aquanno For Persons with Special Needs

The Sacrament of Baptism

Saturday, 11:00am: Presider: Fr. Gius
Baptisms are celebrated throughout the year on most Sundays and occasionally on Saturday. Call the Parish Office for more information or to schedule an appointment for a Baptism interview. This should be done as soon as practicable.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements for marriage should be made as soon as possible, but not less than six months prior to the intended wedding date.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is celebrated each Saturday during the 8:00am Mass for those facing surgery or those with major disorders. Other arrangements may be made by calling the Parish Office.

Becoming a Catholic • Completing Initiation as a Catholic

Any adult, teen, or child older than age seven who is interested in becoming a Catholic or in completing the Sacraments of Initiation as a Catholic (Baptism, Confirmation, Communion), is invited to contact the Parish Office.

Regular Devotions:

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Mondays from 2pm to 9pm except holidays or when noted.
- Miraculous Medal Novena with Rosary:** Mondays following the 8am and 9am Masses.
- Holy Face of Jesus:** Hour of Reparation First Friday after 9am Mass.
- Padre Pio Prayer Group:** Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.
- Scripture Sharing:** Every Tuesday at 9:30am (except during July and August).

Our Parish Communion

This week:

Monday, February 5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, February 6: Scripture Sharing 9:30am.
Youth Ministry 7:30pm.

Saturday, Sunday, February 10 and 11: Youth Ministry Bake Sale
after all Masses.

Next week:

Monday, February 12: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, February 13: Scripture Sharing 9:30am.
Rosary Makers 10am. RCIA 7pm. Youth Ministry 7:30pm.

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday, Lent begins. Masses with
distribution of ashes at 8am and 9am. Services with distribution
of ashes at noon, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, and 8pm. (Ashes may only
be distributed at a Mass or service; they may be brought to the
sick at any time.)

Friday, February 16: Widows and Widowers 12pm.

Upcoming:

Monday, March 5: Lenten Gospel Study of the *Gospel of Mark* begins,
presented by Msgr. Donald Hanson. 7:30 – 9pm. No
registration required. (Dates are March 5, 12, 19, and 26)

Weekday Mass Intentions:

The Parish Mass Book through June 30, 2018, is open for Monday
through Friday Masses only. All Masses must be requested in person,
and the offering must be given at the time of the request.

All dates and times are subject to change when a priest cannot be
available, and the Mass must be rescheduled.

Our Pastoral Council

Mrs. Karen Elefterion
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Mr. James Nevins
Ms. Maria Russello-Chetti
Ms. Lucy Sanchez
Ms. Haydee Santini
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Mrs. Annemarie Zaret

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Our Ministries

Ministries of Worship

Msgr. Vincent Rush, Pastor
Rev. Gabriel Miah, Associate
Rev. Gius Garcia, Associate
Deacon Brian Miller
Deacon Irwin Saffran
Mr. Terence Purtell, Director of
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Parish Social Ministry

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Mrs. Peggy Harnisch, Director
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Director
Mrs. Tischa Stanley, Angel Care
Coordinator
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Kingdom / Summer Fun
Coordinator

Ministries of Administration

Parish Services, Finance
Mr. James Pisano, Facilities
Manager

As I See It

By Fr. Vin

Help Me Out with the Bishop

Bishop Barres is inviting pastors to meet with him in groups to discuss the future of the diocese. I and neighboring pastors are to meet with him on March 8, and he has a question for us that I think some of you can help me out with.

He wants to know what's been most effective in bringing people back to church.

Some of you reading this have been faithful, lifelong Catholics. That's great, but you don't have the experience I'm looking for. And I'm looking for experience, not theories or ideas. I'd like to hear from people reading this who were away from the Church for a part of their lives and are now regular churchgoers and daily disciples.

What brought you back?

I know some people's stories from my service as a priest – from confessions, from people I met in activities like Marriage Encounter or the Pastoral Formation Institute, from people who chat with me in the lobby. But I'm sure there are lots of other stories I haven't yet heard. I'd like to hear them.

Neither the bishop nor I doubt that God's grace is at the root of people being drawn back to the practice of the faith. But God works through human beings and through the activities, groups, and events we organize together. What first inclined you toward coming back? What helped along the way? What encouraged you in your decision? What's kept you going in the tough times?

You can e-mail me (frvin@ourladyofgrace.net) or leave me a note. Or you can find me in the lobby after Mass. We're scheduled to meet with the bishop on March 8. Tell me your story if you think it will help me to help Bishop Barres.

I find it encouraging that the bishop is asking the question in the way he is: He doesn't want us, the invitation said, to talk about what's gone wrong in the Church – we all know that. He doesn't want to hear about the obstacles – we know those, too. He wants to hear about what's been working for people, so we can do more of that. I'm interested in hearing about that from you, so I can convey your experiences (anonymously, of course) to the bishop.

There's a second question the bishop is asking, too; and maybe all of you can help me with this as well. He wants to know what will increase the number of young men in the seminary preparing for the priesthood. A few of you may have considered becoming a priest – if you did, what led you on another course? Many of you had close-up experience of children, grandchildren, or nephews as they explored what they wanted to do with their lives: What led you to or kept you from encouraging them to consider a vocation to the priesthood? I (and I think the bishop) would very much like to hear the answer to that question, even if it's painful to hear. There's a good deal of research that one of the greatest influences on vocations to the priesthood is young men's mothers, and whether they encourage their sons toward the ministry or don't. What are your experiences along those lines?

Again, I'd appreciate hearing from you – e-mail frvin@ourladyofgrace.net, or drop me a note through the parish office. Later in March I'll let you know how the meeting went. Until next week, peace.

From Fr. Vin:

We've had a report of a person visiting homes representing themselves as being from the parish. We do not have persons going to the door of your home. If such a person appears at your home, please do not let them in and notify the police immediately.

Faith Formation

Christian Service

Our students in Confirmation Prep 8 have begun their Christian Service for the year. In this year of their Faith Formation, they will participate in service projects to reach out to the community and the world.

So far our students have made 672 sandwiches for the soup kitchen and raised \$1173 at our Walk-A-Thon and made over \$500 at our bake sale!

Our students in Confirmation Prep 7 have begun their Christian Service around our parish. They have been helping in the community garden, and each week they help clean and set up PES Hall as well as setting up our classes for the year.

I think we're off to a great start!

Faith Formation Office Hours

The Faith Formation Office is open each day from 9:00am to 4:00pm from Monday to Friday. Evenings available by appointment!

Clothing Drive

Our Confirmation students will be fundraising this year to raise money to donate to a worthy charity that they choose. One of the things they will do is have a fundraising clothing drive. Please bring any gently used clothing to our Faith Formation Office Monday through Friday between 9am and 5pm or to the Parish Office during weekend hours. Last year our students loaded a truck for St. Vincent DePaul with 5,000 pounds of clothing to help the needy in the Long Island area. We hope to surpass that this year!



Faith Formation Donations

Pennies can make a difference. We again ask you to drop them off at the Faith Formation Office mail slot, the Parish Office, or in the Sunday collection (place them in an envelope marked for Faith Formation). Last week \$30.00 was donated for the 2018-2019 year. The total to date: \$81.00. Thanks to all who donate.



Pasta Dinner

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Our Level 8 Students will be holding their annual Pasta Dinner on Sunday, February 25, 2018, from 1:00 to 4:00pm. This is a new and earlier time! Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for the family! We will be selling tickets next weekend after the Masses, and tickets are on sale whenever in the Faith Formation Office when we are open. Dinner includes pasta with meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. We will have several raffle baskets as well. Please support our students in this fundraiser!

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

All Human Beings Are Made in the Image of God

The following statement has been issued by James Rogers, Chief Communications Officer for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), emphasizing the USCCB position that all human beings are made in the image and likeness of God and therefore deserving of our respect and compassion.

“Reports of recent disparaging remarks about African countries and Haiti have aroused great concern. As our brothers and sisters from these countries are primarily people of color, these alleged remarks are especially disturbing. All human beings are made in the image and likeness of God, and comments that denigrate nations and peoples violate that fundamental truth and cause real pain to our neighbors. It is regrettable that this comes on the eve of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and could distract from the urgent bipartisan effort to help Dreamers and those with Temporary Protected Status. As a vigorous debate continues over the future of immigration, we must always be sure to avoid language that can dehumanize our brothers and sisters.”

Today is SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – join us with \$1 and/or a can of soup!

Confirmation students will be at the doors of the church collecting a dollar or can of soup for the benefit of our local soup kitchens. Please do not pass them by!

Bereavement and Support Group – Addiction

Community Counseling Center offers a Free support group specifically created for adults who have lost a loved one to addiction.

2nd Monday of each month From 7pm – 8pm
Location: 152 Center Lane, Levittown, NY
To register: Call Corinne – 516-799-3203

Health Insurance Help

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Navigators will be at the Parish Social Ministry Office on Wednesday, February 7, from 12 to 3pm. Assistance is available to apply for affordable health care plans, Child Health Plus and Medicaid. First come, first served.

Call 631-656-9783 for information or apply at www.coverage4healthcare.com

Food Pantry Sunday

Today is Food Pantry Sunday. Thanks to donations over the holidays, our shelves have plenty of canned vegetables however, we desperately need the following:

Jelly – (we are in desperate need of Jelly)

Tuna Fish – that wonderful protein that helps many make a meal

Paper Goods – people on food stamps are not allowed to use them to purchase toilet tissue, Kleenex or paper towels, soap or laundry detergent.

Canned Meats – Chef Boyardee, etc.

Coffee—we try to give families one can of coffee – but there is never enough.

Thank you again for your continued support. We truly appreciate your help.

Parish News

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Della Noce

Geraldine Coughlin

Sewing Group News

A request was made, and the women of the group made 85 baby crocheted hats for the neonatal ward at Stony Brook Hospital. Anna Foley, Marge Rosner and Carol Lyden fulfilled the request. We have been working from home because of frequent weather challenges, but the outpouring of work still is done. We are so proud of these women who use their God-given talents to help others, especially babies.

Registration for Angel Care Is Here

Angel CARE is our before- and after-school program. We offer a safe and friendly environment for children in kindergarten through sixth grade for West Babylon schools and kindergarten through fifth grade for Daniel Street and Wm. Rall in Lindenhurst.

The before care is for West Babylon schools only. It opens at 7am and is \$9 for each morning you need. The aftercare includes all the schools and is until 6pm and is \$12 each day that you need. We are a state certified program. Our staff is CPR/First Aid certified and has 15 hours of yearly training. We have two MAT certified employees on site.

For further information, please contact us at 631-893-6564 or email pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net.

From Fr. Vin: Calendar Raffle

We are unable to run the calendar raffles for the first half of the 2018 year. I hope we can count on your support in the second half of this year when we hope to resume the raffles. You should hear from us about that no later than June 1. Let me express my sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

*The Gift you have
received
Give as a
Gift*
Matthew 10:8

Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2017, through January 29, 2018

Sunday offering target: \$13,300 per week

Target to date: \$292,600

Collections to date: \$294,046

Over target by \$1,446

Christmas Offerings, 2017

Target: \$51,000

Collections: \$48,135

Many thanks to our generous sacrificial givers!

Your sacrificial giving makes our ministries and our mission from Christ possible. Please be generous.

Ministries with Children and Families

What is Family Life Ministry?

Family Life Ministry hopes to address the needs of families of all ages and sizes. From those in single person families or multi-generational families, we are all part of the parish family of Our Lady of Grace.

Contact Maria at mrchetti4olog@gmail.com, or call our Faith Formation Office at 631-661-9353 for more information.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 7:30pm! Join us!

Coming Soon!

Catholic Family Bible Experience

This Lent season we are teaming up with over 10 other parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to offer the Catholic Family Bible Experience.

The Catholic Family Bible Experience allows your whole family to read the books of the New Testament in eight weeks through an innovative book approved by Pope Francis himself.

The Books of the New Testament presents the New Testament Scriptures in a simplified format - much like a letter from God about God. No chapters, no verses!

Your family members will read approximately 60 pages a week and once a week practice the ancient Catholic prayer method of praying with the Bible called *Lectio Divina*.

We will give each interested family copies of *The Books of The New Testament* so that there is no cost to participate.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is excited about the Catholic Family Bible Experience and invites you to participate at no cost whatsoever.

Individuals are invited to participate in this experience as well!

More information next week!!

Save the Date

Please join us!

Stations of the Cross

Come learn what the Stations of the Cross are and how we celebrate and remember them each year especially during Lent.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - anyone in grades 3 – 12 is welcome to come down to Our Lady of Grace at 7:30pm to get his/her part and rehearse for the Live Stations of the Cross which will be presented on Good Friday, 3/30/18 at 5:30pm (no experience).

If you have any questions, call: 631-661-9353.

Parish News

Day Care News

Day Care is in for a fun-filled winter! Our curriculum includes the ABCs, science, math, music and art for toddlers and preschoolers. We have a few openings available at each level. Please feel free to call or email me to set up a tour or ask questions at 631-422-4681 or Jflorio@ourladyofgrace.net.



Youth Ministry Meeting



Youth Ministry, 7:30pm, Tuesdays in Room 212/214. Teens 9th – 12th grade. Nothing to do Tuesday nights? Our fall session began September 19 at 7:30pm, Room 212. Join us for faith, fun and fellowship!

The next 'Bake Sale' will be held on the weekend of February 10 and 11, 2018. Please come and support our youth in this endeavor.

"Youth Ministry is an organization at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Its purpose is to support the moral and personal growth of teenagers while also offering fun experiences. While based inside of a Catholic church, the Youth Ministry welcomes those of all faiths to show tolerance and respect of others. We hold meetings on the second floor on Tuesdays as well as other events during the weekends. If you are interested, check it out!" Aiden O'Sullivan 11th Grade

Lectors and EMHCs – Schedule Change Requests Due

Lectors and EMHCs who wish to change their scheduled service for the April – June 2018 period should let leadership know by e-mail no later than February 15 at worship@ourladyofgrace.net. New schedules will be sent to you as soon as they can be prepared. Thank you for your service to our people!

DRVC School of Missionary Disciples

Information sessions are being held for anyone interested in learning more about this wonderful program! This was formerly known as the Pastoral Formation Institute (PFI) and is all new!

- Seminary of the Immaculate Conception – February 4, 2018, at 2pm.
- St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays – February 4, 2018, at 2pm.
- Mercy Hospital – February 6, 2018, at 7:30pm.
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue – February 7, 2018, at 7:30pm.

For more information, please call Maria Elaina Barbieri at 516-678-5800 ext.540 or visit the website at www.drvc-faith.org/adult-formation.

Contribution Statements for 2017

Contribution statements for 2017 will be mailed out on request. Please contact the Parish Office (631-587-5185) or e-mail parish@ourladyofgrace.net. If you have your envelope number, that would be helpful. We will send letters as soon as they can be prepared. Thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of Grace!

Lent 2018

Entering the Word and World of Mark: a Lenten Series

Presenter: Msgr. Donald Hanson

Mondays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, Center Room 110



This year we are reading the gospel of Mark at Sunday Mass. Mark is the earliest written and the shortest of the gospels. Similar in structure to Matthew and Luke's gospels, it is very different from John's gospel. Mark's gospel presents an important and distinctive view of Jesus, its subject. In four sessions we will come to know Mark a little better, as well as becoming acquainted with the methods modern scripture scholars use to study the gospels, who their original audience was, and the literary forms in which the message was expressed. Participants will have the chance to examine key passages up close and ask questions of the text in order to understand it better.

The first two sessions will focus on how the Gospels came to be, and how we now study them. The final two sessions will have more to do with reading the Gospels for spiritual benefit.

No advance registration is required. Get to know Jesus better this Lent through study of his word. Again, the sessions will meet on Monday evenings, 7:30 to 9 PM., in the Parish Center, Room 110. Dates are March 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Msgr. Donald Hanson is the recently-retired pastor of Most Holy Trinity Church in East Hampton. Fr. Don has had a varied career as a priest: from parish service, to a time as assistant chancellor of the diocese, and to several years on the faculty of the American College of the University of Louvain in Belgium. (He keeps up his facility with Dutch and Flemish, so if you speak one of those languages I'm sure he'd be delighted to chat with you in them.)

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations:

- ≡ Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- ≡ Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of one's 59th birthday.)
- ≡ On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other smaller meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- ≡ Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

From Fr. Vin:

Bishop Barres's news release on CYO is available at the parish website. Please note his urging that every CYO player, family, and coach attend Sunday Mass every week!