



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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March 4, 2018 • Third Sunday of Lent

Worship This Coming Week

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| <p>Mon. Lenten Weekday Mar. 5 <i>2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30</i> 8:00 Blessed Mother's Intentions 9:00 Glenn Roth</p> <p>Tue. Lenten Weekday Mar. 6 <i>Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35</i> 8:00 Vincent Ognibene 9:00 Michael Sansalone</p> <p>Wed. Lenten Weekday Mar. 7 <i>Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19</i> 8:00 Monica and Pasquale Chiodi 9:00 Maureen Caruso</p> | <p>Thu. Lenten Weekdy Mar. 8 <i>Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23</i> 8:00 John P. Kelly 9:00 Anne and Howard Wagner (B'Day)</p> <p>Fri. Lenten Weekday Mar. 9 <i>Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34</i> 8:00 Timothy Williams 9:00 Maureen Caruso</p> <p>Sat. Lenten Weekday Mar. 10 <i>Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14</i> 8:00 Rosalie Rubbo, Agnes Sorrintino, Constance Stevens.</p> |
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, March 11, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

| | Presiding | We pray at this Mass especially for |
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| 5:00pm (Sat.) | Fr. Gabriel | Catherine Kolmel |
| 8:00am | Fr. Gabriel | People of the Parish |
| 10:00am | Fr. Gius | Veronica Preiss |
| 12:00pm | Fr. Vin | Marion Schreiner |
| 1:30pm | Fr. Gius | For Persons With Special Needs |

The Sacrament of Baptism

Saturday, 11am: Presider: Fr. Gabriel

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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

Our Parish Communion

This week:

Monday, March 5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-7pm. 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)

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

Thursday, March 8: Family Life Ministry 7pm.

Saturday, March 10: Bereavement Class 9am.

Next week:

Monday, March 12: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-7pm. 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)

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

Friday, March 16: Widows and Widowers 12pm.

Saturday, March 17: Bereavement Class 9am.

Upcoming:

Monday, March 19: Lenten Gospel Study of the *Gospel of Mark* continues, 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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Ms. Lucy Sanchez
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Our Ministries

Ministries of Worship

Msgr. Vincent Rush, Pastor
Rev. Gabriel Miah, Associate
Rev. Gius Garcia, Associate
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Deacon Irwin Saffran
Mr. Terence Purtell, Director of Music

Parish Social Ministry

Mrs. Ann Kristoffersen,
Coordinator

Ministries with Children and Families

Mrs. Peggy Harnisch, Director
Ms. Jeanmarie Florio, Day Care Director
Mrs. Tischa Stanley, Angel Care Coordinator
Ms. Doreen Scalise, Kids of the Kingdom / Summer Fun Coordinator

Ministries of Administration

Parish Services, Finance
Mr. James Pisano, Facilities Manager

As I See It

By Fr. Vin

A Mid-Lent Reminder (from the Holy Father)

We're about halfway through Lent. Here's a shortened form of the Holy Father's Lenten message that might be of help in persevering in our Lenten commitments until Easter and beyond:

I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: "Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (24:12).

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, "the root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own "certainties": the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbor who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God's plan, were created to sing his praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

Francis

Until next week: prayer; fasting; and almsgiving. Peace.

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 raised \$1173 at our Walk-A-Thon and made over \$500 at our bake sale!

Our students have been gathering to make sandwiches for a local soup kitchen. So far they have made 1401 sandwiches!

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.

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!



Pasta Dinner



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This year's Pasta Dinner was a success due to the help of so many parents and families of our Confirmation students who donated many items for the dinner and the raffles! Not to mention the hard work of the parents who supervised and the students who worked so hard. A special thank you goes out to Christine Gilliland and Peter Gilliland for their work cooking and the K of C for assisting us!

Thank you as well to the parishioners who supported this event. Watching our students do so much to serve our parish is such a wonderful thing to be a part of! We'll have new Service totals next week!

Lent

During this season of Lent, our students are reflecting on ways they can get more out of the season by prayers, fasting and giving. We are supporting CRS with Lenten Rice Bowls, praying a little more each day and trying to help others. We talk about ways we are 'fasting' each week. Upstairs in the building you may notice purple paper chains forming. These are our Lenten practices each week. We hope to fill the hallway by Holy Week!

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Excerpts from Pope Francis' Lenten Message for 2018

In his description of hell, Dante... pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

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Do You Want to Fast This Lent? *In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
 - Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
 - Fast from anger and be filled with patience
 - Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
 - Fast from worries and have trust in God
 - Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
 - Fast from pressures and be prayerful
 - Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
 - Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
 - Fast from grudges and be reconciled
 - Fast from words and be silent so you can listen
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Health Insurance Help

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Navigators will be at the Parish Social Ministry Office on Wednesday, March 7, from 12 to 3 pm. 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. Thank you for your continued support. We have many cans of string beans and corn; however, we are in need of canned carrots and mixed vegetables. Cereal is always needed also soup and canned meats. We truly appreciate your help.



Parish News

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Joseph Alvarez

Catherine O'Keefe

Margaret Hayes-McLoughlin

Alwine (Irene) Faulkner

Joseph Milidantri

Kevin Dunn

Bereavement Class

A 'Bereavement Class' has begun at Our Lady of Grace on Saturdays at 9am. All are welcome to come and join us. For more information, please call Fran at 631-587-1578.

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!

From Fr. Vin:

Because of the flu epidemic in line with recommendations from the diocesan Office of Worship, we will discontinue the offering of the Eucharistic Cup to the assembly at Mass until the flu threat passes. Parishioners should also feel free to smile, nod, or make another gesture rather than shaking hands at the sign of peace.

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 Our Lady of Grace Youth Ministry is a group of kids who love pizza and Jesus. Especially pizza. I come to YM because it's a place where I feel safe and closer to Jesus. It's somewhere we can serve the community but have fun doing it. We make our own money for causes and many fun things. We accept everyone and anyone no matter your preferences. Plus Professor makes church amusing." Brianna MacGregor – 19 year old – Junior Youth Ministry Leader.

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

Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2017, through February 26, 2018

Sunday offering target: \$13,300 per week

Target to date: \$345,800

Collections to date: \$347,692

Over target by \$1,892

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?

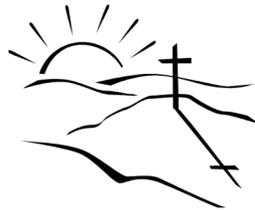
Family Life Ministry hopes to address the needs of families of all ages and sizes. From those in single person families or multi-generational families, we are all part of the parish family of Our Lady of Grace.

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 Monday, March 5, 2018, at 7:30pm! Join us!

Stations of the Cross!!

Come and see our children and teens reenact the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 5:30 pm. We will process around the grounds of the parish as students act out each station.



Remaining rehearsals are as follows:

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Tuesday, March 20, 2018
Tuesday March 27, 2018 –Rehearsal in Church (in case of rain)

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

Hospitality Breakfast

Our next Hospitality Breakfast will be on Sunday March 18, 2018. Come join us after the 10am Mass between the Feasts of St. Joseph and St. Patrick for a nice time and good food! Even if you attend a different Mass, come down at 11am and join us. Everyone welcome!

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.



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.

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

Parish News

Adult Confirmation

It just happened again. I received a call from a woman who was asked to be a Godmother for her newborn niece. Unfortunately, she never confirmed as a child and now needs to do so by early April. I had to tell her the confirmation of adults would be taking place on May 26 well after the baby's christening. Not much I could do to help her. Understandably, I never heard from her again.

Don't let this happen to you or someone you know. Our Lady of Grace is here to help. An Adult Confirmation Program is being offered to those ages 18 and older who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program entails attending seven classes being held on the following Wednesdays from 7:15 to 9pm: April 4, 11, 18, 26, May 2, 9 and 16, 2018

Confirmation will be conferred during the 5pm Mass on Saturday, May 19.

There is no fee for the program. Parishioners from Our Lady of Grace and from any other parish are welcome. If interested, please leave your name, telephone number and email address in the Parish Office or email Joe Salzone directly at jsalzone@ourladyofgrace.net.

Entering the Word and World of Mark: a Lenten Series

Presenter: Msgr. Donald Hanson

Mondays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:30 – 9:00pm, 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.

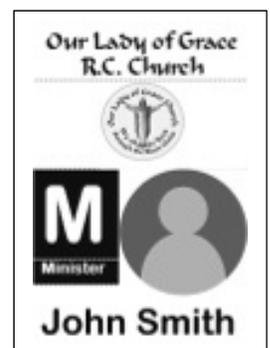
The first two sessions will focus on how the Gospels came to be, and how we now study them. The final two sessions will have more to do with reading the Gospels for spiritual benefit.

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 9pm, in the Parish Center, Room 110. Dates are March 5, 12, 19, and 26.

A Reminder about ID Badges

Parish staff and volunteers wear I.D. badges (except at worship) to identify themselves as people who have authority and responsibility for the good order of the parish and its programs. You should feel free to question (or to report to the Parish Office) anyone who seems to be in an area or doing anything out of order if the person is not wearing I.D. Keep yourself and others safe on our campus!

Volunteers and staff: Please remember that wearing your ID as required is a contribution to the safety and good order of our parish.



More Parish News

Rosary Makers

I am sure many of you read a portion of the letter that was received from Mother Teresa Center of the Missionaries of Charity regarding the 250 rosaries that were shipped to them by Our Lay of Grace Rosary Makers to be sent to the poor somewhere around the world.

Our Lady of Grace Rosary Makers meet on the second Tuesday of each month to ship and send out rosaries to our local hospitals, nursing homes and missions all over the states. Some of our members have been making rosaries for over 20 years, and we continue to do so each month. However, our group is in need of additional rosary makers to keep up with the demand for rosaries. Last year two of our members died and we have been unable to replace them.

To join the Rosary Makers all you need are two capable hands and two hours of your time, once a month. We will teach you how to make the knots to make the rosaries; and then once you have mastered them, you are giving a supply kit for 50 rosaries that you will make at home and bring back the finished product at the next month's meeting. So if you have time on your hands and can help us, we welcome you. You can stop into the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number, and I will contact you and give you more details. Thank you, Gladys Rodriguez

To My Fellow Parishioners

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Msgr. Vincent Rush, all office and staff members and all of my fellow parishioners and friends at Our Lady of Grace Church who have expressed their support, condolences, love and prayers to our family. God Bless you all, The Sansalone Family

Academic Honors

The parishioners of Our Lady of Grace would like to congratulate the following students from St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School for their scholastic achievements:

Magna Cum Laude

Emily Duci

Agigail Engrassia

Julianna Mazur

Kathryn McHugh

Michael Ippolito

Carlie Mullin

Cum Laude

Bailey Wrede

Carissa Salvadori

Giana Grisolia

Joseph Horvath

Employment Opportunities

Part-time Maintenance Helper Position St. Joseph's Church is seeking a part-time maintenance helper. Monday to Friday 11am_to 3pm. Key responsibilities include various aspects of maintenance and operations of the parish as well as snow plowing. Need knowledge of stripping and waxing floors, experience with industrial strength cleaning chemicals and ability to lift 50 lbs. Plumbing and electrical skills a plus. High School degree required.

Part Time Maintenance Worker St. Joseph's Church is seeking a part-time maintenance worker. Monday to Friday, 7 to 12. Duties and responsibilities include overseeing maintenance helpers and assisting in the upkeep of all parish facilities & parish cemetery; handling parish emergencies; light carpentry, painting, light electrical and plumbing repairs, snow plowing and maintenance of equipment. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. High School degree required.

Interested and qualified individuals should send their resume to: Anna Rose Regan, Business Manager, St. Joseph Parish Center, 39 North Carll Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702 or fax to: 631-669-9175. Telephone: 631-669-0068 x159.