



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

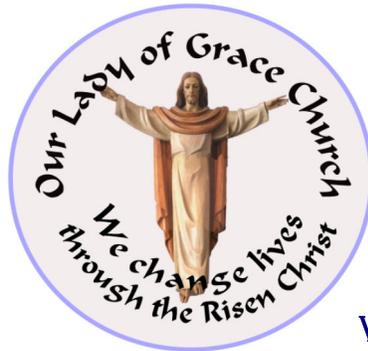
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

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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May 13, 2018 • Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. St. Matthias
May 14 *Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17*
8:00 The Intentions of the Blessed Mother
9:00 Gary Propper

Tue. Easter Weekday
May 15 *Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a*
8:00 John Baker
9:00 Barbara Mirabelli

Wed. Easter Weekday
May 16 *Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19*
8:00 Theresa Calcanes
9:00 Maura O'Grady

Thu. Easter Weekday
May 17 *Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26*
8:00 Msgr. John Weist
9:00 Dominic and Benedieto Majella and Jane Caruso

Fri. Easter Weekday
May 18 *Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19*
8:00 For the Suffering Souls
9:00 Barbara Cassidy (80 B'Day Living)

Sat. Easter Weekday
May 19 *Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25*
8:00 John Bateman-Ferry

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00pm, Presider: Fr. Gius

Worship for Sunday, May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 /Jn 20:19-23

Presiding

5:00pm (Sat.)

8:00am

10:00am

12:00pm

Fr. Vin
Fr. Gabriel
Fr. Gius
Fr. Vin

We pray at this Mass especially for

Jaime Rodrigo Cordova

People of the Parish

Christopher Sirico

Thomas Kilfeather (4 Anniv.)

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

First Banns: Kathryn M. Clark – Adam C. Perciballi

Second Banns: Maria Mossa – Joseph Smith

Third Banns: Christina Wydro – Daniel Posimato

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:

Sunday, May 13: Mass for Persons With Special Needs 1:30pm.

Tuesday, May 15: Scripture Sharing 9:30am. RCIA 7pm.
Youth Ministry 7pm.

Friday, May 18: Widows and Widowers 12pm

Saturday, May 19: Bereavement Class 9am.

Saturday, May 19: Vigil of Pentecost. Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for teens and adults, 5pm Mass.

Next week:

Monday, May 21: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, May 22: Scripture Sharing 9:30am. Youth Ministry spring kick-off 7pm.

Wednesday, May 23: Rosary Makers 4:30pm.

Friday, May 25: Padre Pio 7pm.

Saturday, May 26: Bereavement Class 9am.

Upcoming:

Monday, May 28: Memorial Day, all Parish Offices are closed. There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Mass Intentions for 2018-2019:

The Parish Mass Book from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, will open at 9am on Wednesday, May 23 2018, 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. In addition, 9am Masses may, when necessary, be celebrated as a Funeral Mass.

Parishioners should be aware that intentions are available for the Saturday morning collective-intention Mass each week. Intentions for the Sunday Masses are taken not more than one month in advance.

Our Pastoral Council

Mrs. Karen Elefterion
Mr. Ralph Fiorillo
Ms. Mary Ellen McEntee
Mr. James Nevins
Ms. Maria Russello-Chetti
Ms. Lucy Sanchez
Ms. Haydee Santini
Mrs. Concetta Whelan
Mrs. Annemarie Zaret

Our Finance Council

Mr. Richard Korcz (Trustee)
Mr. Leonardo LoCricchio
Ms. Debra Nicosia
Mr. Joseph Salzone
Mr. Robert Scharf (Trustee)
Mr. Thomas Vilella

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 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

From the Holy Father: Rejoice and Exult!

On April 8, Pope Francis published a remarkable Apostolic Exhortation. It is, at root, a simple guide to everyday holiness. It's long, but the heart of it is a meditation on the ethical demands of the Beatitudes. I think that for those of us in the U.S. these paragraphs are especially important:¹

101. The other harmful ideological error is found in those who find suspect the social engagement of others, seeing it as superficial, worldly, secular, materialist, communist or populist. Or they relativize it, as if there are other more important matters, or the only thing that counts is one particular ethical issue or cause that they themselves defend. Our defence of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection. We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty.

102. We often hear it said that, with respect to relativism and the flaws of our present world, the situation of migrants, for example, is a lesser issue. Some Catholics consider it a secondary issue compared to the "grave" bioethical questions. That a politician looking for votes might say such a thing is understandable, but not a Christian, for whom the only proper attitude is to stand in the shoes of those brothers and sisters of ours who risk their lives to offer a future to their children. Can we not realize that this is exactly what Jesus demands of us, when he tells us that in welcoming the stranger we welcome him (cf. Mt 25:35)? Saint Benedict did so readily, and though it might have "complicated" the life of his monks, he ordered that all guests who knocked at the monastery door be welcomed "like Christ", with a gesture of veneration; the poor and pilgrims were to be met with "the greatest care and solicitude".

103. A similar approach is found in the Old Testament: "You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Ex 22:21). "When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress him. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Lev 19:33-34). This is not a notion invented by some Pope, or a momentary fad. In today's world too, we are called to follow the path of spiritual wisdom proposed by the prophet Isaiah to show what is pleasing to God. "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn" (58:7-8).

104. We may think that we give glory to God only by our worship and prayer, or simply by following certain ethical norms. It is true that the primacy belongs to our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is what we have done for others. Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously, and allow God's gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters.

There's much more, but certainly this is enough for more than a week's self-examination. I urge you to read the whole thing. Until next week, peace.

¹ You can read the entire text online at

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Office Hours

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

Clothing Drive Finished

Our Clothing Drive is finished for this year! Thank you all so much for donating the clothes you no longer need. They will go to St. Vincent DePaul for the needy of our community! An update on how much we have collected will be forthcoming.



Registration for the 2018 – 2019 School Year

We are already planning for next year's Faith Formation Program! Registration has begun! Please print the registration form from the parish website or pick one up in the Faith Formation Office. Remember, we will not be mailing forms home. The early incentive runs until August 1, 2018. All balances must be paid, and all previous work made up in order to be able to register early.

If you will have a child entering first grade in the fall, now is the time to register him/her for Faith Formation classes. The Diocese of Rockville Centre requires two years of formation before receiving First Holy Communion, and we adhere to that! Come on in during our office hours and get started. We look forward to meeting you!

Adult Faith Formation Classes

Are you interested in learning more about your faith? This summer the diocese is offering several classes to complete the Basic Catechist Certificate. All classes will be held at St. Cyril and Methodius in Deer Park.

Old Testament July 9 - July 12, 2018: 9:30am – 12pm.

New Testament July 9 - July 12, 2018: 1pm – 3:30pm.

Christology July 16 - July 19, 2018: 9:30am - 12pm.

Church July 16 - July 19, 2018: 1pm – 3:30pm.

Morality July 23 - July 26, 2018: 9:30am - 12pm.

Liturgy and Sacraments July 23 - July 26, 2018: 1pm – 3:30pm.

Register Online at www.drvc-faith.org, or forward the completed registration form below along with a check payable to "Office of Faith Formation" to Diocese of Rockville Centre, Office of Faith Formation, P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

This series of courses is designed for teachers, catechists and interested adults. Location: Ss. Cyril and Methodius, 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, New York 11729. Cost: \$40.00 per person/per session | \$30.00 per person if taking more than one course.

For more information, please visit www.drvc-faith.org or contact Elizabeth Ramirez at eramirez@drvc.org | 516-678-5800 ext.408.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Parish / Parish Town _____

Email _____

Number of Courses _____ X \$30.00 per course | One course only \$40.00

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE WOMEN WHO MOTHER US

“There is within each one of us
a potential for goodness
beyond our imagining
for giving seeks no reward;
for listening without judgment;
for loving unconditionally.”

EKR

The quote expresses well the way we honor mothers
and the other women who have mothered us in our lives. Thank You.

As we honor our mothers and celebrate their generous lives, we are grateful to all the mothers who have supported the Social Ministry Office. Let us continue to work together to:

- Support life (e.g. Birthright, Life Center, Respect All Life Group, our Day Care Center, and our many seniors)
- Protect children (e.g. Angel Care, Kids of the Kingdom, Our Faith Formation students, and Summer Bible School)
- Strengthen family life, especially our struggling single parent families (e.g. Pantry Services, Advocacy, Info and Referrals)

Your donations of Time, Talent and Treasure make it happen.

Today is the Carnation Sale and Baby Shower

Please support Birthright. Birthright is a confidential, non-profit, inter-denominational, volunteer service offering at no charge: pregnancy kits, layettes, maternity clothes and referrals to community resources. They continue to support new mothers with formula, food and diapers. Birthright offers a positive alternative to abortion. For questions, call the helpline 1-800-550-4900 / 24 hours a day / 7 days a week

Please purchase a carnation in the lobby and help support this ministry.

Connections – A Child and Family Bereavement Program – Presented in Spanish

Connections is an eight-week bereavement group for children/teens and their caregivers who have experienced the death of a loved one. They will work in separate and concurrent groups to heal together while developing healthy coping; increase understanding of grief; engage in creative activities that create and preserve memories.

The program is held at the HRHCARE Center at Brentwood Road, Brentwood. Wednesdays 6:30-7:45pm, May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27, and July 11. Registration Required – Call 631-828-7628. Dinner will be served. Transportation available if needed.

Kick the garbage habit. Reduce, reuse, recycle

- Think before you buy. The best way to reduce waste is not to create it.
- Buy in bulk when you can, and you'll use fewer containers
- Choose items with less packaging over those using extra bags, boxes, etc.
- Remove your address from unwanted mailing lists. Register through the Direct Marketing Association at www.dmaconsumers.org/cg/offmailinglist.

Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Anthony Joseph DeMonte
Cody Anthony Johnston
Marisa Rose Field
Elijah Liam Chavez

Liliana Rose Specht
Melina Rose Mangano
Thomas Joseph Fitzsimons

Hunter Shea Granieri-Patino
Olivia Elizabeth Sloan
Avery Lynn Mills

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Josephine Falcone

Pastoral Council Self-Nominations Invited

Do you enjoy planning? Are you intrigued by making complex organizations work better? Do you have a talent for envisioning a better future, plus a way to get there? If so, God has given you gifts that could serve others through our Pastoral Council! You should send a completed *Statement of Interest* (available from the Parish Office or website) and a one- or two-page letter describing your experience, vision for the future of our parish, and potential contribution to the Council to Fr. Vin no later than May 21.



Calendar Raffle Tickets



The calendar raffle tickets for July through December 2018 have been mailed out. If you have not received your tickets in the mail or would like to purchase more tickets, please feel free to come into the Parish Office; and we will be more than happy to help you.

Bread and Wine Donation

The bread and the wine have been donated in loving memory of Anthony Cuteri for the week of May 13 through May 19, 2018.

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

Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2017, through April 30, 2018

(Excludes Palm Sunday and Easter)

Sunday offering target: \$13,300 per week

Target to date: \$425,600

Collections to date: \$438,552

Over target by \$12,952

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 through events that also strengthen our faith. 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, May 7, 2018, at 7:30pm! Join us!

Hospitality Breakfast

Our next Hospitality Breakfast will be Sunday, May 20, 2018. Come join us after the 10am Mass during the Easter Season to share food and hospitality! Even if you attend a different Mass, come down at 11am and join us. Everyone welcome! This is a great way to get to know those we worship and pray with each week! This is Pentecost, a great day to celebrate!

May Crowning

This year our annual crowning of the statue of Mary will take place on Monday evening, May 21, at 7pm. We encourage all parishioners and especially all First Communicants (wearing their First Communion clothes) to attend! Refreshments (including ice cream) to follow! This is always a beautiful and touching tribute to Mary.

School of Missionary Disciples Information Sessions

The School of Missionary Disciples is an enriching program to help deepen our knowledge and our faith. It is a two-year program that covers many topics. Classes are held around the diocese often where there is need. Please pray about looking into this program. Many people in Our Lady of Grace have attended this program and the Pastoral Formation Institute, the predecessor to this program. The following information sessions may help you think about it!

St. Aidan, Monsignor Kirwin Hall (Auditorium Room - Lower Level), Williston Park

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - 7pm.

St. Bernard (Parish Center), Levittown

Look for the sign St. Joseph Room first room to the right entering the building

Wednesday, May 16, 2018 - 10am.

St. Anthony of Padua (Alcove Room lower level of Church), East Northport

Thursday, May 24, 2018 - 7pm.

The Vine and the Branches!

On the fifth Sunday of Easter our children who attended Children's Liturgy saw leaves put up with their names on them! This is to illustrate the Gospel that day of the vine and the branches!

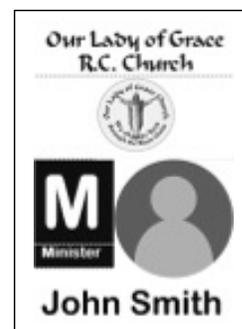


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A Reminder about ID Badges

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.



Day Care News

Day Care is in for a fun-filled spring! 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? Room 212. Join us for faith, fun and fellowship!

Our spring kick-off is Tuesday, May 22, at 7pm. We are inviting all teens, 8th grade to 12th grade to join us for food, faith and fun! Bring a friend and check us out!

Kids of the Kingdom is Coming

Summer is approaching quickly and our summer sun-and-fun program begins on June 25, 2018. It runs for eight weeks through August 17, 2018. The hours are 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

There is before care from 7:30am – 8:30am and after care from 4:30pm – 5:30pm which is an additional cost of \$5 for each session used.

Our program ranges from daily field trips to on-grounds recreation. Feel free to choose any or all weeks as needed. We accommodate children ages five to twelve.



Come Celebrate With Us

Join us in celebration of the birthday of St. Padre Pio and the crowning of Mary on Friday, May 25, 2018, here at Our Lady of Grace Church. Starting at 7pm sharp with the recitation of the rosary, we will continue with the Mass at 7:30pm. All are invited. All children who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to come wearing their Communion outfits.

Widows and Widowers

Our Lady of Grace Widows and Widowers will meet on Friday, May 18, at 12pm, in Room 109 of the Parish Center. For information, call 631-661-3439. New members are most welcome.

Parish News

Bookkeeper Position Available

The Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre is seeking three part-time bookkeeper positions (Eastern Suffolk, Central Suffolk, and Nassau). This part-time position is 21 hours per week, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Individual be expected to work with all parish support managers and associate parish support staff in providing financial services and administrative support to a select group of parishes and schools.

Position requirements – knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel, associate degree, preferably in the discipline of accounting or bookkeeping, good verbal and written communications skills, ability and willingness to learn new tasks and systems.

Please email your cover letter and resume in Word format as an email attachment. Please note Part-Time-Bookkeeper in subject of email to our Human Resources Department: Diocese of Rockville Centre, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 – Email: employment@drvc.org – Fax: 516-678-9566.



Your Help is Needed

Are you available to drive someone to a local doctor or to visit a local nursing home? For more information about this ministry, please contact the Parish Social Ministry Office at 631-661-9354.

Catholic High School Entrance Exam

St. John the Baptist DHS is offering a prep course to prepare students for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam. They will run five two and one-half hour sessions beginning in September. For information, please visit www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call 631-587-8000 ext. 117.

Lectors and EMHCs – Schedule Change Requests Due

Lectors and EMHCs who wish to change their scheduled service for the July – September 2018 period should notify worship@ourladyofgrace.net by e-mail no later than May 15. New schedules will be sent to you after June 1. Thank you for your service to our people!

Calling Altar Servers

If you are going into third Grade (or higher), willing to be trained, love to come to Mass, then come and become an altar server!! If interested, please fill in the tear off sheet below and drop it off at the Parish Office. You may also call 631-587-5185 and leave your name and phone number with the secretary.



Yes, I want to become an Altar Server

Name: _____ (please print)

Age: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____
