



# 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 6, 2018 • Sixth Sunday of Easter**

## Worship This Coming Week

**Mon. Easter Weekday**  
 May 7 *Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a*  
 8:00 Margaret Grillo  
 9:00 Vincent Hagan

**Tue. Easter Weekday**  
 May 8 *Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11*  
 8:00 Intentions of the Blessed Mother  
 9:00 Patricia Shannon

**Wed. Easter Weekday**  
 May 9 *Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15*  
 8:00 John Mirabelli  
 9:00 Soccorso Roberto  
 5:30 Ralph DiDomenico

**Thu. The Ascension of the Lord**  
 May 10 *Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 /Mk 16:15-20*  
 8:00 People of the Parish  
 9:00 Maura O'Grady  
 7:30 Nunzio Italico

**Fri. Easter Weekday**  
 May 11 *Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23*  
 8:00 Mildred C. Petersen  
 9:00 Frances Leone

**Sat. Easter Weekday**  
 May 12 *Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28*  
 8:00 Rosa Levrano, Stephanie Scheuermann,  
 Grace Reyes (Living), Regina Braun

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

## Worship for Sunday, May 13, 2018

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19*

	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>We pray at this Mass especially for</b>
<b>5:00pm (Sat.)</b>	Fr. Gius	People of the Parish
<b>8:00am</b>	Fr. Gius	Mother's Day Remembrance
<b>10:00am</b>	Fr. Vin	Mother's Day Remembrance
<b>12:00pm</b>	Fr. Gabriel	Mother's Day Remembrance
<b>1:30pm</b>	Fr. Gius	For People With Special Needs

### 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:** Maria Mossa – Joseph Smith  
**Second 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:

**Monday, May 7:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

**Tuesday, May 8:** Scripture Sharing 9:30am. Rosary Makers 10am.  
RCIA 7pm. Youth Ministry 7pm.

**Thursday, May 10:** The Ascension of the Lord. (Holy Day of Obligation.) Masses at 5:30pm Wednesday (Vigil), and Thursday at 8am, 9am, and 7:30pm.

**Saturday, May 12:** Bereavement Class 9am.

## Next week:

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

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

## Upcoming:

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

## 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.

## 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.



## 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

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By Fr. Vin

## Our Pastoral Council and Our Future

We're living through an age of remarkable change in our Church and in our culture's attitude toward religion. While some aspects of the change are beyond our ability to control, there are some things we can do and have been doing. And a key element in guiding our parish through these uncertain times is our Pastoral Council.

Our Council was established according to the *Guidelines for Pastoral Councils* that the diocese published in 2002. There are nine members, each self-nominated. From that pool and with the advice of current Council members, I appoint (as required) members to fill vacant seats. Members can serve for a maximum of six years (two terms) before stepping down. This year three seats will be open, and two present members are time-limited and cannot be reappointed. Thus this column, and thus the speakers at Mass this weekend.



The task of the Council is “to maintain the integrity of the parish mission and the objectives and goals related to it, not to run the day-to-day activities of the parish.”

(*Guidelines*, B,1). In our parish, the Council was the central body in developing our mission statement, *We change lives through the Risen Christ*, and the priorities by which we hope to accomplish our mission (printed on the cover of the *Bulletin*.) The Council also evaluates the effectiveness of our programs and services as a whole. You might say that the Council's task is to look at the life of the parish as a whole, the “30,000-foot view”; it's the work of ministry directors, staff, and parishioners in various ministries to do the “on the ground” work of making things happen.

We need, for the success of our mission and the responsible use of parishioners' contributions (especially time and talent, but money as well), dedicated and prayerful parishioners to serve on the Council. If you have talents in seeing the “big picture,” in working closely and collaboratively with others, in learning about the various forces shaping our Church and to which we have to respond wisely – I invite you to consider nominating yourself for the Council. If you know someone who has these gifts, encourage him or her to step forward.

To apply, you send a brief letter describing what you think you can contribute, plus a signed *Statement of Interest* (available from the Parish Office or website), to me. The deadline is 5pm on May 21. I will circulate these materials to the current Council members, who then describe to me privately whether they consider each candidate *highly qualified*, *qualified*, or *not qualified*. From their recommendations I then invite people to serve.

If you're concerned about the future of Catholic life in our parish and about how we invest parishioners' gifts in a time when we can't do everything we'd like to do; and if you think you or someone you know has talents that would serve the parish well: I encourage you to learn more. Pick up a *Statement of Interest* to discover what's required of a Council member. If you want to have a voice in the future direction of our parish, this is the way to do it. Until next week, peace.

# Faith Formation

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## Faith Formation Office Hours

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

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## 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!

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## 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](http://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](http://www.drvc-faith.org) or contact Elizabeth Ramirez at [eramirez@drvc.org](mailto: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

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# Parish Social Ministry

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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### Pope Francis: Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

In his new Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis uses the Beatitudes to reflect on our response to God's call to holiness in today's world:

Hunger and thirst are intense experiences. There are those who desire justice and yearn for righteousness with similar intensity. Jesus says that they will be satisfied, for sooner or later justice will come. We can cooperate to make that possible, even if we may not always see the fruit of our efforts.

How many people suffer injustice, standing by powerlessly while others divvy up the good things of this life. Some give up fighting for real justice and opt to follow in the train of the winners. This has nothing to do with the hunger and thirst for justice that Jesus praises.

True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. If we give the word too general a meaning, we forget that it is shown especially in justice towards those who are most vulnerable.

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### May is Older Americans' Month

It seems that the older we become the more we appreciate life and the more we want to share that awareness. In a letter that he wrote to older people in 1999, Saint John Paul II told them, "The Church still needs you." He went on to call later life a "time for commitment to the service of our brothers and sisters in charity." We thank the many older adults who have accepted that responsibility to undertake some form of service to others. In addition to being a strength for their families, the parish community is indebted to them for their wisdom and experience. The Christian Vocation has no retirement age!!

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### Mother's Day

Don't forget Mother's Day Carnation sale and Baby Shower for the benefit of Birthright on May 13. Unwrapped gifts will be accepted by the members of Birthright and the Respect All Life Committee.

What is Birthright? Birthright is a confidential, non-profit, non-sectarian volunteer service offering at no charge: Pregnancy tests, layettes, maternity clothes and referrals for reduced medical fees. They continue to support new mothers with Formula, food and diapers. Birthright offers a positive alternative to abortion. Please purchase a carnation and help support this ministry. For the Help Hotline, call 1-800-550-4900 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

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**Senior Advocates** – Seniors who need help with applications for SNAP, SCAT or Medicare can come to

Spangle Drive, North Babylon	Monday, May 7	8:30-11:30
Deer Park Library	Friday, May 18	9:00-11:00
Tanner Park, Copiague	Wednesday, May 23	8:30-12:30
West Babylon Library	Thursday, May 24	10:00-1:00

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### Today is Food Pantry Sunday

Today is Food Pantry Sunday. Our pantry is in need of soup, cereal, Chef Boyardee, mixed vegetables (we do not need corn or string beans or pasta) carrots, pasta sauce, healthy snacks, coffee and tea. Personal items and household cleaning items are always welcome. These cannot be purchased using the SNAP card (formerly Food Stamps). Thank you for your continued support. We truly appreciate your help.

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# Parish News

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## 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.

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## Bereavement Class

The next Bereavement Class will be on Saturday morning, May 12, at 9am. For further information, please call Fran at 631-587-1578.

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## From Fr. Vin:

Thanks to all who expressed support for the idea of converting the convent building into a spiritual retreat center after the sisters depart. I've set up a task force from among those offering their expertise to see if it's feasible and could be self-supporting. I'll keep you informed of the group's progress. Keep praying that we can make it happen!

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## 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.

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*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

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### **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](mailto: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!

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### **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!

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### **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.

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### **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**

Wednesdays, April 25, and May 23, 2018 - 7 pm.

#### **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Room# 8/9), Patchogue**

Friday, May 4, 2018 - 7pm.

#### **Sacred Heart (Parish Hall), Cutchogue**

*The room assigned is located in the building when you walk in*

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 - 10am.

#### **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**

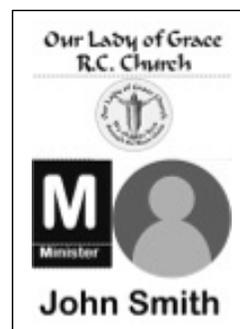
Thursday, May 24, 2018 - 7pm.

## Parish News

### 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](mailto:Jflorio@ourladyofgrace.net).



### Youth Ministry Meeting



Youth Ministry, 7:30pm, Tuesdays in Room 212/214. Teens 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign

Next week, May 12 and 13, our collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ here and around the world in developing countries through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

### 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.



## More Parish News

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### 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](mailto:employment@drvc.org) – Fax: 516-678-9566.

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### “Moving On” Group

Church of St. Joseph, located in Babylon, New York, will be hosting a “Moving On” Group on Friday, May 11, 2018 at 7:30pm. This is an after Bereavement Group for Widows and Widowers. The topic for the evening will be “The Hidden Gifts of Grief” with Dr. Anne Kane as the guest speaker. For further information, please call Geri Olson at 631-661-8994.

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### Academic Honors

Along with Chaminade High School, Our Lady of Grace Parish wishes to congratulate Nicholas J. Chichester in achieving honor roll status for the second trimester.

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### Calling Altar Servers

If you are going into 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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