



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 20, 2018 • Pentecost Sunday

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Weekday
 May 21 *Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29*
 8:00 Elizabeth Black
 9:00 Mary Clark

Tue. Weekday
 May 22 *Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37*
 8:00 Msgr. Douglas Brown
 9:00 Kenneth Scott

Wed. Weekday
 May 23 *Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40*
 8:00 Msgr. Daniel Hurley
 9:00 Josephine and Antonino Bonventure

Thu. Weekday
 May 24 *Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50*
 8:00 Otto Liebl
 9:00 Frank Commisso

Fri. Weekday
 May 25 *Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12*
 8:00 Robert Lap
 9:00 Tara Venticinque (Anniv.)

Sat. Weekday
 May 26 *Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16*
 8:00 Fran Kish, Robert Olanick, Vito Mikele,
 Porzia Mossa, Pasquale Pino.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, May 27, 2018

The Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Gius	Nicholas Austin Smith
8:00am	Fr. Gius	People of the Parish
10:00am	Fr. Gabriel	Catherine Furey
12:00pm	Fr. Gius	Roberto Rodriguez

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

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

Third Banns: Maria Mossa – Joseph Smith
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 21: Deadline for Pastoral Council self-nominations to be received at the Parish Office, 5pm.

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.

Next week:

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

Tuesday, May 29: Scripture Sharing 9:30am. Youth Ministry 7pm.

Saturday, June 2: Bereavement Class 9am. Concert 6pm.

Upcoming:

Saturday-Sunday, June 23-24: Mission speaker at all Masses.

Wednesday, August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation). Masses at 5:30pm Tuesday (Vigil), Wednesday at 8am, 9am, and 7:30pm.

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

The Spirit of Truth

*I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.
When he comes, the Spirit of truth
He will guide you to all truth.*

Jesus in today's Gospel, John 16:12-13a

If the Holy Spirit leads us toward truth, who leads us away from truth? Jesus himself tells us the answer: “[The devil] was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” [John 8:44] It seems that Jesus is convinced that truth-telling and lying is a high-stakes game. And lying is all around us.

So what are disciples of Jesus to do while living in such a toxic culture, in which lying by public figures is taken for granted and all-too-often let slide in social relationships?

Years ago there was a cartoon of a lonely anti-war protestor carrying a peace sign. A bystander asked him, “Do you really think you’re going to change the world by carrying that sign?” His response was, “I’m carrying this sign so the world doesn’t change *me*.” The first rule for living in a toxic culture is, make sure we don’t get infected ourselves.

And that’s not as easy as we might think. Back in 1951 the social psychologist Solomon Asch performed a series of experiments that have become classic. Here’s the setup: You were invited to take part in a study of “visual perception,” and met with a group of seven other participants. Each was shown two cards, one with a single line and another with three lines of obviously different lengths. Each participant in turn was asked which of the three lines matched in length the line on the first card. Your turn was last. Unknown to you, each of the other “participants” was a confederate of the experimenter and each deliberately gave the same obviously wrong answer. The real question under study was whether people like you would give in to social pressure and agree with the previously-given wrong answers, or would believe your own eyes.

Over a series of such experiments Asch found out that only about 25% of participants consistently resisted the pressure to conform. That is, about three people in four “went along with the crowd” rather than standing out by being different – even when that difference was a simple matter of what they could see with their own eyes.¹ Social pressure is very, very hard to resist – and when that social pressure inclines us toward an “easy way out” (which, obviously, lying often is), it takes a great deal of courage.

So perhaps the first thing to do in order to resist infection by the toxic culture is to admit, and take to heart, that followers of Jesus are not going to be like other people, in this or perhaps many other matters. We may have to learn to endure “standing out in the crowd” by consistently telling the truth and accepting the consequences.

How do we become such persons? By minding ourselves in small, everyday situations. Truth-telling has to become a habit, so that we’re practiced at it by our everyday choices. Jesus tells us today that the Holy Spirit will lead us. It has to be our choice to follow. Until next week, peace.

¹ Questions have been raised about Asch’s findings, as with all psychological experiments.

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!

Pentecost

Today is the Feast of Pentecost, marking the end of the Easter Season. Today we celebrate the Holy Spirit coming down on the Apostles. Imagine how filled they must have been to go out and spread the Good News everywhere!

During the Easter Season we have celebrated six First Holy Communion Masses and this week Bishop Barres joined us to confer the Sacrament on our Level 8 Students. Please pray for them all!

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

Pope Francis: Blessed are the merciful

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:

Mercy has two aspects. It involves giving, helping and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding. In the Gospel of Luke we do not hear the words, "Be perfect" (Mt 5:48), but rather, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you" (6:36-38). Luke then adds something not to be overlooked: "The measure you give will be the measure you get back" (6:38). The yardstick we use for understanding and forgiving others will measure the forgiveness we receive. The yardstick we use for giving will measure what we receive.

We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion. If we approach the Lord with sincerity and listen carefully, there may well be times when we heard his reproach: "Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" (Mt 18:33).

Town of Babylon Residents – Are You Aware of the Many Programs Available?

ASD Bridge Program - designed to teach your child, tween or teen appropriate interaction with peers while fostering and maintaining friendships within the group. Groups are based on the premise that social skills are essential life skills that encourage and promote happiness, success and health.

Program includes a three part dynamic:

- Social Skills Group for the student
- Parent Support Group
- Sibling Support Group

Children aged 6 – 18 years old with an ASD diagnosis qualify for the program

Year round groups meet 1X a week for 45 minutes.

For more information and to schedule an intake, contact Kelly McNulty – 631-893-1018.

Counseling Services – offered free of charge to Town of Babylon residents ages 5-20 years.

Counseling is provided by licensed mental health professionals in the following areas: Referral Services, Individual Counseling, Parent Consultations, Family Consultations, Drug Education and Referrals.

For more information and to schedule an intake, please contact 631-422-7658.

Resource for Parents – Parent Workshops

Parenting classes held on Wednesdays 7:30pm – Town of Babylon Annex Counseling Center.

Learn tools and techniques for the different stage and the challenges that arise, learn how to help your child develop self-discipline, responsibility, cooperation and problem solving skills. Learn how to build respectful relations with yourself, your partner, and your children. Call 631-422-7627 or 631-584-6961.

Social Skills – Children Ages 7-12 years old

The goal is to help children and tweens improve their social functioning. Productive social interactions and the ability to recognize and cope with typical, everyday problems are important skills that help a person lead a successful and pleasant life. Through a variety of programs, tailored for individual needs and success, the program promotes growth in these life-skills. For more information and to enroll contact Town of Babylon Youth Institute, 281 Phelps Lane, North Babylon – 631-422-7658.

Parish News

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Frances Vicari

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.

*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, June 4, 2018, at 7:30pm! Join us!

Hospitality Breakfast

Our next Hospitality Breakfast will be this Sunday, May 20, 2018. Come join us after the 10am Mass to share food and hospitality! Even if you attend a different Mass, come down at 11am and join us. Everyone is 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!



Parish News

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.



Sewing Group News



The Our Lady of Grace Sewing Group has again made and donated christening dresses made from donated bridal gowns that were donated to the Sewing Group. Marie Rizzi and Marge Rosner made boy and girl gowns this year. Anna Foley donated many crocheted baby hats and blankets. Others appearing in the picture helped with the sale of carnations Diane Konicke, Lorraine Tramontana, Irene Palmeri and Ann Kristoffersen.

The Most Technical Jazz Transcriptions Ever

Note for Note, guided by marvelously detailed sheet music, Terence Purtell presents jazz improvisations by Charlie Parker, Art Tatum, Bill Evans, and much more. Concert takes place June 2 at 6pm (directly following Mass). Come hear our parish's baby grand, the James M. Kern Memorial Piano, as you've never heard it before. A \$10 offering will be taken for Our Lady of Grace's annual performance license, up for renewal in September. So far, we've saved \$353 of the \$600 goal, thank you!

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.

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.



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: _____