



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

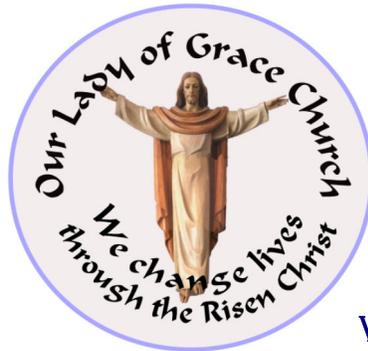
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

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 27, 2018 • The Most Holy Trinity

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Weekday

May 28 *1 Pt 1:3-9/Mk 10:17-27*
 8:00 Dominic and Benediet Majella and Jane Caruso
 9:00 Pellegrino Trapani (11 Anniv.)

Tue. Weekday

May 29 *1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31*
 8:00 Dominic Gurero
 9:00 Giuseppe Mozzone

Wed. Weekday

May 30 *1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45*
 8:00 Maria Iannitti
 9:00 Anthony Zito

Thu. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

May 31 *Zep 3:14-18a /Lk 1:39-56*
 8:00 Eric Brielmeier (5 Anniv.)

9:00 Carol Ann Jacob

Fri. St. Justin

June 1 *1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26*
 8:00 Ray and Kay Wadsworth (Wedding Anniv.)
 9:00 Devotees of the Holy Face of Jesus – Living and Deceased

Sat. Weekday

June 2 *Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33*
 8:00 Eugena Liberti, Fran Vicari, For the intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, June 3, 2018

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Presiding

5:00pm (Sat.) Fr. Gius
8:00am Fr. Vin
10:00am Fr. Gius
12:00pm Fr. Vin

We pray at this Mass especially for

Pat Caruso, Maryann and Rosario Vilardi, and Doug Carder
 Giovanni Iemma
 Josephine Falcone
 People of the Parish

The Sacrament of Baptism

Saturday, 11am: Presider: Deacon Irwin

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

Third Banns: Kathryn M. Clark – Adam C. Perciballi
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, 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.

Next week:

Monday, June 4: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, June 5: Youth Ministry 7pm. Mass of the Bereaved 7:30pm.

Saturday, June 9: Bereavement Class 9am. Babylon Chorale 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, 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. 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 Villella

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

Will the Christian Church Survive?

Recently I came across an article with this title. I entered the major seminary in 1966, so I've been watching the Church for more than a half-century at this point; and I think the author got things about right. He says near the start, "Carried along by inertia, churchmen have watched without comprehension while congregations have melted away, while the secularly educated younger generation increasingly has absented itself from worship and activity." That's been my experience and quite possibly yours, too. Later, diagnosing the problem, he continues, "If the Church is in any real sense to influence the world of tomorrow, it would seem that the Church must reform itself so that it can make a new and almost brutal proclamation of the ethics of Christ." Here's his list of items for that proclamation (all exact quotes, shortened with ellipses omitted so I can fit his list here):

1. "Human happiness is more than a brief existence between birth and death; earthly happiness may often well be sacrificed, and sometimes must be sacrificed, for the sake of spiritual integrity; man's chief end is to know God and to enjoy Him forever.
2. "Patriotism is all too apt to become a snare; to exploit one's fellows by way of privilege is disobedience to God, fratricidal folly, cause of war, and this whether the privilege be within a nation and due to accident of birth or misuse of ownership, or between the nations.
3. "It is better to serve than to be served; servants are quite literally more pleasing to God than masters, and the redemption of a master is made possible only as he becomes the servant of his servants. The more abilities and talents one possesses, the greater is one's obligation to take care of the welfare of those less gifted than oneself.
4. "Enemies are to be loved; if they hunger they are to be fed; we are to do good to those who hate, revile, spitefully use us.
5. "It is useless or worse to refrain from doing right today for fear of what may eventuate therefrom in the future; a man must live each day as though it were the last day; our responsibility is with our own conduct.
6. "Children are the most important of all people and more particularly the determinants of marriage; it is more important that offspring should be nurtured than it is that fathers and mothers should continue 'to be loved.'
7. "It is immoral to lay up riches with the hope that with them we may buy, for ourselves or for our heirs, exemption from the common lot of useful and productive labor; it is right to desire a reasonable security, especially in age, but such security cannot rightly come by increment from private investment. A Christian security must be a social security."

The author goes on: "These ethical convictions are clear in the New Testament; recognized by reputable Christian theologians. In accordance with them Jesus lived. To them the saints have borne their witness. Because the Church of the late yesterdays soft-pedaled them, striking its *forte* on more comforting notes, stressing pious acts and subtle formulas with which to decorate an essential worldliness, the wisdom of Jesus is well-nigh forgotten. **There are millions of Christians who simply do not know that the Christianity to which they give a vague and occasional allegiance involves obedience to such hard and searching sayings.** (My emphasis.)

Why has the Church been dying around us? Look at the list above again. How often have you heard that preached, seen it put into practice by people who claim to be Christian? And if you want to blame it all on "the '60s," or "Vatican II changes" or anything like that – the article was written in 1942. We have a long climb back. Until next week, peace.

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!

Confirmation

On Thursday, May 17, 2018, Bishop Barres Celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Confirmation Prep 8 students. It was a beautiful prayer-filled day in the church, regardless of the rain and gray skies outside! This day would not have been as perfect without the hard work of so many people. Our Faith Formation staff, Fr. Vin and our priests, Music Ministry, maintenance staff, Liturgical Environment Ministry and countless volunteers who all inspire me through the year. Thank you so much!

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

MEMORIAL DAY – 2018

“They walk as if on hallowed ground.
They touch the stone
They speak with the dead.
They come to mourn and to remember,
memory mixing with grief,
making an old ritual new
creating in this time another timeless moment...”

“..it is a sad place – there is no denying that – especially sad for the volunteers and luckless conscripts who survived war, trying to make sense of the senseless, trying to find a way to remember that will not mock the meaning of the dead...”

THE WALL – February 1987

As we observe Memorial Day this weekend, we honor those who have served our country and those who have died in that service. In this modern age, we recognize that there is so much more to peace than the absence of war.

Let us also remember the police officers in our town and across our nation who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

As people of faith grounded in the Catholic social teaching we are aware of the need of the Gospel mandate of justice to be proclaimed with new clarity, urgency and energy. Let us pray that we can be people of peace.

Birthright Baby Shower Thank You

Thank you, thank you! Thank you – to Our Lady of Grace Parishioners. All our carnations were sold out! All money collected was sent to Birthright to support single moms and babies in need. In addition, many items of baby clothes and supplies were donated. Thank you for your support.

Lost Your Health Insurance Coverage?

Facilitated Enrollment for Child Health Plus/Family Health Plus and Medicaid will be provided through the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital at the Social Ministry Office the first Wednesday of the month – June 6, from noon to 3pm. Check their website to find out the specific documents you need to apply. Click on Facilitated Enrollment to download the list and also a copy of the calendar.
www.coverage4healthcare.com

Thank You! Thank You!

- To the Babylon Rotary Club who collected food at the Stop & Shop Supermarket last week
- To Rob Lodato and our Knights of Columbus members who picked up, delivered and stocked our shelves with the food.
- To the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division #2 for their donation of a full shopping cart
- To the West Babylon Schools who continue to donate food for our Pantry

Help Needed – Adult Gardeners -- Newly Retired? Like to Garden?

In our Community Garden we grow veggies for distribution through Outreach. Assisted by our young people we enjoy the beauty of creation and also have some fun.
Please call Outreach and leave your name and number. Call 631-661-9354

Parish News

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Sadie Labate

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.

Long Island Credo Recovery

Long Island Credo Recovery is a Christian, non-denominational outreach. We provide exciting, life changing, three-day weekends for those who are in recovery from alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, co-dependency, etc.

Our tenets for recovery are healing, forgiveness, and a reliance on Jesus Christ. Experience has taught us that this is the best road to long-term recovery.

We have four retreats per year on Long Island and weekly follow-up meetings in Babylon. We are open to anyone who has 30 days or 30 years of recovery. Everyone can benefit from our meetings and retreats.

If you or someone you know is suffering from a life controlling issue and would like more information about our ministry, please call Steven at 516-551-7309.



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.

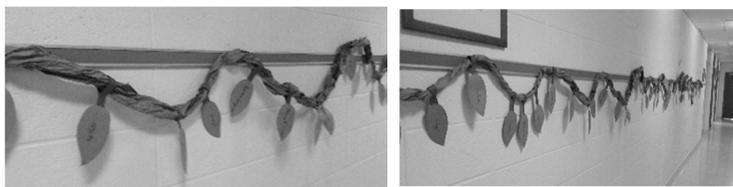
Contact Maria at mrchetti4olog@gmail.com or call our Faith Formation Office at 631-661-9353 for more information. Our next meeting will be on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 7:30pm! Join us! **We will be planning for next year, and we would love to have your input!**

Hospitality Breakfast

Our next Hospitality Breakfast will be this Sunday, June 10, 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!

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!



Child Abuse Reporting and Standards of Conduct for Church Personnel

There is a special diocesan phone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel and volunteers: 1-516-594-9063. The New York State abuse hotline for all allegations of child abuse can be reached at 1-800-342-3720.

Our parish complies with a diocesan child protection policy. The text of the policy can be found on the diocesan website at http://www.drvc.org/policy_procedure_forms and is also available through the Parish Office.

A code of conduct to which all parish clergy, employees, and volunteers must comply can be found at http://www.drvc.org/pdf/protecting_children/policy/pastoralconduct.pdf and is also available from the parish.

Further information, including information on the diocesan child protection and safe environment programs to which our parish subscribes can be found on the diocesan website at <http://www.drvc.org/efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people/diocesan-efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people.html>.

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 was Tuesday, May 22, at 7pm. We invited 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.

Fr. Gil Lap Appointed Pastor in Coram

Bishop Barres has appointed Fr. Gil to serve as pastor to St. Frances Cabrini Church in Coram. We offer congratulations and prayers for his new ministry!

Hopes and Dreams by the Babylon Chorale

The Babylon Chorale will be presenting Broadway tunes about hopes and dreams of the future on Saturday, June 9, at 8pm here at Our Lady of Grace. Tickets for adults are \$20, for seniors and students \$15. For more information, call 516-799-4974.

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.

Academic Honors

Along with St. John the Baptist High School, Our Lady of Grace Parish wishes to extend congratulations to the following students who have maintained honor roll status.

Magna Cum Laude

Emily Duci

Kathryn McHugh

Abigail Engrassia

Michael Ippolito

Julianna Mazur

Carlie Mullin

Cum Laude

Bailey Wrede

Carissa Salvadori

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: _____
