



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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June 24, 2018 • The Nativity of St. John The Baptist

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Weekday
 June 25 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5
 8:00 Gloria Kagen (1 Anniv.)
 9:00 William Williamson

Tue. Weekday
 June 26 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt
 7:6, 12-14
 8:00 Mary James
 9:00 Anna and Antonio Mozzone

Wed. Weekday
 June 27 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20
 8:00 Benjamin and Vincenzo Geremia
 9:00 Elisa Giovanni Assalone

Thu. St. Irenaeus
 June 28 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29
 8:00 Antonino Bonventre
 9:00 Giuseppe Mozzone

Fri. SS Peter and Paul
 June 29 Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
 Mt 16:13-19
 8:00 Therese Gigante (Living)
 9:00 Jennifer Fleenor

Sat. Weekday
 June 30 Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17
 8:00 Tommy Merendino, Govani Osorio,
 Ann Kozlowski.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, July 1, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Gius	Henry Fiorillo
8:00am	Fr. Gius	People of the Parish
10:00am	Fr. Vin	Henry Fiorillo
12:00pm	Fr. Gabriel	Eric Orkwis

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:

*Jocelyn Marie Brassil – Christopher George Habenko
 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, June 25: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Sunday, July 1: Thank-You to the Sisters of St. Joseph, 10am Mass (reception after).

Next week:

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

Wednesday, July 4: Independence Day. Parish offices closed.

Saturday, July 7: Concert 6pm.

Upcoming:

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

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Ms. Debra Nicosia
Mr. Joseph Salzone
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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

Abuse of Scripture

The U. S. Attorney General, Jefferson Beauregard Sessions III, was widely reported last week as having said in the context of administration policy that separates children from their parents at border crossings:

I would cite you to the Apostle Paul and his clear and wise command in Romans 13, to obey the laws of the government because God has ordained them for the purpose of order. Orderly and lawful processes are good in themselves and protect the weak and lawful.

I have two comments. First, about the practice of taking verses of Scripture out of context. I learned as long ago as high school the adage, “A text out of context is a pretext.” You can find people using Scriptural texts to justify pretty much anything; so our Church is wise to direct us to competent interpreters rather than to self-serving advocates of any particular position if we wish to understand God’s guidance in the Bible. The Scriptures, if we are to understand them rightly, have to be understood as a whole and in the context of the history both of their writing and their subsequent interpretation by saints and scholars (and, of course, official Church teaching). Whatever his other credentials, I suspect that the Attorney General has no competence in Biblical interpretation but that we should learn one important thing from this sad instance: Ignore (and, if you have the energy, condemn) misuses of Scripture by anyone who seeks support for a predetermined position, rather than understanding and challenge to one’s own way of thought and life. That’s not what God’s revealed Word is for. Agree or disagree with the position, and argue it on its merits; but don’t misuse Scripture for self-serving purposes.

(Many genuine Biblical scholars have pointed out that Sessions turned the meaning of the passage from Paul on its head by his selective quotation; you can hardly miss that if you search. But I did learn – from historians – that this one verse has a nasty historical connection: It was widely misused by pro-slavery politicians before the Civil War to defend horrors like the Fugitive Slave Act. Again, there’s no substitute for in-depth knowledge if we’re to understand things correctly....)

Second, I think it appropriate to include a few comments from legitimate authorities regarding the policy the Attorney General was seeking to (mis)use the Bible to defend. Here I rely not on my own judgment, but that of official teachers in our Church:

Our government has the discretion in our laws to ensure that young children are not separated from their parents and exposed to irreparable harm and trauma. Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together. Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral.

-- Msgr. J. Brian Bransfield, speaking on behalf of Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

On too many occasions our government has taken a posture and established policy which is in principle and in practice hostile to children and families who are fleeing violence, gangs, and poverty. The United States is now openly before the world using children as pawns to enforce a hostile immigration policy. This strategy is morally unacceptable and denies the clear danger weighing upon those seeking our assistance.

-- Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston

I usually write a lighthearted column for the final week before the summer break, but it seems to me that our present national moment isn’t the time for that. Something very sick is accelerating in our culture. We need trustworthy guides in such a time and should be grateful for the deep wisdom of our Church to help us to find our way (as individuals and, unlikely but potentially, as guides to the wider, increasingly pagan culture) back to sanity. In difficult times, the saints turn to prayer; to study of the sacred tradition; and to daily charity. The rest, we leave to God in His justice and His mercy.

Have a good summer. My next column will be on September 9. Until then, 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!

Special Needs Faith Formation is looking for volunteers to assist our students to grow spiritually and understand more about God and our Catholic faith. We meet Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:15pm for small group instruction, 1:1 instruction and whole group prayer and share. Our program runs from early October through May. It's an extremely rewarding ministry that will bring you closer to God. For more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 631-661-9353.

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!

Catechetical Congress – Save the Date!!

Living As Missionary Disciples - Saturday, September 15, 2018, St. John the Baptist High School, West Islip 8:30am - 5pm. Doors open at 8am. Pricing \$40 before July 1 - \$50 after that date.

Featuring keynote speaker Auxiliary Bishop-elect Richard Henning, S.T.D. of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. This year's Catechetical Congress promises once again to be exciting, enjoyable, and rewarding. The worship, keynote address, and many workshops will touch on every aspect of catechetical parish ministry. It will be an opportunity for renewal, formation, and fellowship.

The Congress will include: Morning Prayer, Keynote Address Workshops in English and Spanish, Many Exhibits and Vendors, Mass and Special Blessing of Catechists.

Early Registration is until July 1, 2018! Call the Faith Formation Office at 631-661-9353 for information to register or go to www.drvc.org.

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The US Bishops' Statement on Separating Families at the US/Mexico Border

The Department of Homeland Security has recently acknowledged implementation of the policy...of separating families arriving at the U.S./Mexico Border. Most Revered Joe S. Vasquez, Bishop of Austin and Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration, issued the following statement in response:

"Forcibly separating children from their mothers and fathers is ineffective to the goals of deterrence and safety and contrary to our Catholic values. Family unity is a cornerstone of our American immigration system and a foundational element of Catholic teaching. Children are not instruments of deterrence but a blessing from God.

My brother bishops and I understand the need for the security of our borders and country, but separating arriving families at the U.S./Mexico border does not allay security concerns. Children and families will continue to take the enormous risks of migration – including family separation – because the root causes of migration from the Northern Triangle remain: community or state-sanctioned violence, gang recruitment, poverty, and a lack of educational opportunity. Any policies should address these factors first as we seek to repair our broken immigration system."

Farmers' Markets – Babylon, Lindenhurst and Amityville



Buying at a Farmers' Market can save money. When fruits and vegetables are grown locally, they only travel a short distance and that helps keep the cost low. At many markets you can use your SNAP benefits EBT card to pay for fresh fruits and vegetables. You can't get any fresher than straight from the farm! Also more of your money goes directly to the farmer and helps strengthen the local economy.

The surrounding towns have Farmer's Markets now through the fall. They are located at:

Babylon – at the Railroad Station	Sundays	8am to 1pm
Lindenhurst – Wellwood Avenue White Gazebo	Saturdays	10am to 3pm
Amityville – 25 Broadway – lawn adjacent to First United Methodist Church	Saturdays	10am to 3pm

Do you know someone who will be having knee surgery?

Outreach has a bath tub transfer bench for use after knee surgery. If interested, please call the Parish Social Ministry Office at 631-661-9354.



Next Week is Food Pantry Sunday

With our young people at home for the summer, we will need extra provisions. We are in need of soup, Chef Boyardee, jelly, tuna, canned carrots and mixed vegetables and snacks. Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry.

Bottle Returns – Thank You!

Do you know when you donate empty bottles in the bin by the OLOG lobby, the bottles are taken to the store for deposit and Outreach is the recipient of the deposit money? Sometimes this amounts to as much as fifty dollars a month. So thank you for your help and please continue to leave your empty bottles for us.



Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Charles-Jeffery Patrick Austin

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died This Week

Richard J. Romano

Bread and Wine Donations

The bread and the wine have been donated in loving memory of Robert Harson for the week of June 24 through June 30, 2018.

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 calendar raffle tickets will begin on July 1, 2018, and will be posted in next week's bulletin. Good luck to all who have their tickets!

A Thank-You to the Sisters – July 1, 10am Mass

Please join parishioners at the 10am Mass on Sunday, July 1, to say a thank-you for all the service the sisters have offered the parish since its founding!

Hospitality and a chance to say a personal thanks will be offered in Shanahan Hall after the Mass courtesy of our Knights of Columbus.

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

Financial Stewardship Report
September 1, 2017, through May 31, 2018
(Excludes Palm Sunday and Easter)

Sunday offering target: \$13,300 per week
Target to date: \$478,800
Collections to date: \$494,573
Over target by \$15,773

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?

Our Family Life Ministry had a wonderful planning meeting to begin to plan 2018-2019 events. I am so excited by the enthusiasm of this wonderful group of volunteers! Next year looks to be our best and busiest yet!

This summer we are planning an evening of prayer, song and reflection with Fr. Gius! Followed by ice cream! We hope to have a date soon.

A Gift for You - FORMED

Formed is a Catholic web service that hosts hundreds, if not thousands, of educational and informative (and extremely well-done) videos, lectures, music selections, study outlines, ebooks, and much, much more. (It's sort of like a YouTube for Catholics who want to learn about and deepen their faith from trusted sources.) You can see and hear Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. Scott Hahn, and lots more. You can give time to serious study, or while away an evening watching inspirational movies. It's up to you.



And it's free. Go to <https://ourladyofgrace.formed.org> – sign up from there.

And if you use a smartphone more than a computer, don't neglect to download the free iOS or Android app for your phone after you've signed up.

There are special sections on parenting as a Catholic, areas specifically for children and for young people, and on current events. You can learn about faith and science, human sexuality, the Bible, the Sacraments, discovering your vocation in life, and much more. There's also a large selection of materials in Spanish. There are also special sections for children and for young people, so please encourage your family members to sign up too. And tell your Catholic neighbors – whether they're practicing or not.

Any parishioner can also sign up by going to the parish website (www.ourladyofgrace.net) and clicking the link on the left side of the home page (under "Highlights"). Spread the word! Until next week, peace.

From Peggy Harnisch:

Have you joined Formed yet?

I've downloaded the Formed app on both my phone and my tablet. This way wherever I am Formed is at my fingertips! I've downloaded some books, so I have summer reading. I am especially enjoying the video series, Presence. I'd love to hear what you're enjoying on Formed – email me at mharnisch@ourladyofgrace.net.

Parish News

Day Care News

Day Care is in for a fun-filled summer! 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!

Come and join us for our summer session beginning July 10 through August 7.

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.



A Blood Drive Is Coming

Aidan O'Sullivan is working on his Eagle Scout Project by holding a blood drive on June 30, 2018, at the West Babylon Community Youth Center. For questions concerning medical eligibility, please call 1-800-688-0900. For all other questions, please call Aidan at 631-422-5569 or email aosullivanwb@gmail.com.

Widows and Widowers

“Love & Marriage”

Join the Widows and Widowers as they celebrate Love or Marriage. Enjoy music, dancing, laughter, great food and a very funny show. We will help you remember those wonderful days of falling in love and what happens after you say, “I Do!” The trip is on Thursday, August 9, 2018. The cost is \$106 per person. For information or reservations, please call Evelyn at 631-661-3439.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group

All of the Padre Pio Prayer Groups throughout the world are encouraged to gather in common prayer to implore the Lord, through the intercession of Our Lady of Grace and St. Pio of Pietrelcina for the many intentions of the Holy Father, in particular the intentions of each group.

Parish News

New Pastoral Council Members Announced

Based on the recommendations of the present Council members and the needs of the parish, I have appointed Lee Abseck and Kathleen Scheid and reappointed Concetta Whelan to three-year terms on our parish Pastoral Council. Council member terms begin September 1.

The Council is my primary advisory body, serving to recommend overall direction and priorities for the parish and to assess our effectiveness in meeting our goals.

My profound thanks to Karen Elefterion and to Annmarie Zaret, who have served the parish generously for the past six years and whose wisdom and good judgment were vital to the work of the Council and to the parish as a whole. (Neither was eligible for reappointment since the maximum continuous term of service on the Council is six years.)

Names of all present Council members are listed on page 3 of the *Bulletin*.

Visiting Missionary Sisters: Weekend of June 23-24

The Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara is a growing congregation of African nuns whose work is caring for the needs of the poorest and most deprived people in the northeastern region of Tanzania. Our areas of ministries include teaching religious education to young people, providing services to the poor and the sick, and educating young women in schools and colleges.

Also, the sisters provide food and shelter to the poor and the needy and run orphanages for helpless children who have lost their parents due to HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other killer diseases. They also serve the malnourished and provide medical services.

Being the local congregation with local nuns as members, we understand difficulties, problems, and opportunities within the community we serve. Our problem is shortage of resources to serve people. Your generous contribution will highly be appreciated. Please be assured of our prayers.

For Leaders of Ministries and Organizations – Calendar Requests for 2018-2019

Materials to request space for activities at OLOG for September 2018 – August 2019 were sent by e-mail to listed leaders on Monday, June 4. If you did not receive the materials, please e-mail the Parish Office to confirm that we have your proper contact information or stop by. Materials can also be picked up in person at the Parish Office by designated leaders of parish ministries and societies.

A Celebration of Independence Day and Video Games Day

On July 7 at 6pm in the church, Extra Chi presents “War and Video Games” featuring two original transcriptions for organ and flute: “Once Upon a Time in America” by Ennio Morricone and the most previewed score of all time, “The Thin Red Line,” which was inspired by the Battle of Guadalcanal in World War II. The video game segment includes music from Super Mario Brothers, Minecraft, and The Legend of Zelda. The concert is free and open to the public.

Religion and Rock

Tune into “*Religion and Rock*” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7am – 8am on WBAB 102.3FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island’s East End. To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at “*Religion & Rock*” on ITUNES.



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