



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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July 29, 2018 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Weekday
July 30 *Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35*
8:00 Giuseppe Mozzone
9:00 Vito and Josephine Scarangella
Tue. St. Ignatius of Loyola
July 31 *Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43*
8:00 Rose Monti
9:00 Jimmy Garitano
Wed. St. Alphonsus Liguori
Aug. 1 *Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46*
8:00 George Cassidy
9:00 John Montani

Thu. Weekday
Aug. 2 *Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53*
8:00 Anthony Franco
9:00 Ann Wagner
Fri. Weekday
Aug. 3 *Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58*
8:00 For the Blessed Mothers Intentions
9:00 Joseph Wundrok, Jr.
Sat. St. John Vianney
Aug. 4 *Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12*
8:00 Catherine Magee

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Ruben	Barbara E. Crawford
8:00am	Fr. Gabriel	Giovanni Iemma
10:00am	Fr. Ruben	Veronica Preiss (11 Anniv.)
12:00pm	Fr. Gabriel	People of the Parish

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

Third Banns: Brittney Scaccia – Jonathan Dash
Arrangements for marriage should be made as soon as possible, but not less than six months prior to the intended wedding date.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is celebrated each Saturday during the 8:00am Mass for those facing surgery or those with major disorders. Other arrangements may be made by calling the Parish Office.

Becoming a Catholic • Completing Initiation as a Catholic

Any adult, teen, or child older than age seven who is interested in becoming a Catholic or in completing the Sacraments of Initiation as a Catholic (Baptism, Confirmation, Communion), is invited to contact the Parish Office.

Regular Devotions:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays from 2pm to 9pm except holidays or when noted.

Miraculous Medal Novena with Rosary: Mondays following the 8am and 9am Masses.

Holy Face of Jesus: Hour of Reparation First Friday after 9am Mass.

Padre Pio Prayer Group: Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

Scripture Sharing: Every Tuesday at 9:30am (except during July and August).

Our Parish Communion

This week:

Sunday, July 29: Youth Ministry Car Wash after all the Masses.

Monday, July 30: Vacation Bible School begins, 8:30am.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, July 31: Youth Ministry 7:30pm.

Friday, August 3: Vacation Bible School ends.

Saturday, August 4: Monthly Concert 6pm.

Next week:

Monday, August 6: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, August 7: Youth Ministry 7:30pm.

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

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

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Office Hours

The Faith Formation Office is open each day from 9am to 4pm from Monday to Thursday. 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!

School of Missionary Disciples Sites for 2018 – 2019 Dates to be announced in September

Cutchogue, Sacred Heart (English)

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

East Northport, St. Anthony of Padua (English)

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Levittown, St. Bernard (English)

Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Patchogue, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (English)

Friday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Patchogue, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Spanish)

Friday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Rockville Centre, Mercy Hospital (English)

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Rockville Centre, St. Agnes Cathedral (Spanish)

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Southampton, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Spanish)

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Valley Stream, Blessed Sacrament (Haitian)

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Williston Park, St. Aidan (English)

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Catholic Church Position on the Science of Climate Change

(From www.catholicclimatecovenant.org) Saint John Paul II reaffirmed the wisdom of Pope Leo XIII that “truth cannot contradict truth.” The Catholic Church recognizes the truth identified by scientific inquiry. The scientific community’s consensus on climate change is exemplified by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which states: “Multiple studies published in peer-reviewed scientific journals show that 97 percent or more of actively publishing climate scientist agree: Climate-warming trends over the past century are extremely likely due to human activities.”

Faced with this truth, the Church insists that prudence requires action to address climate change: In facing climate change, what we already know requires a response: it cannot be easily dismissed. Significant levels of scientific consensus – even in a situation with less than full certainty, where the consequences of not acting are serious- justifies, indeed can obligate, our taking action intended to avert potential dangers. In other words, if enough evidence indicates that the present course of action could jeopardize humankind’s well-being, prudence dictates taking mitigating or preventative action (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence and the Common Good”).

Job Fair – August 9

The Suffolk County One-Stop Employment Center will be at the West Babylon Library on August 9, from 10am – 1pm. Come to meet job recruiters and receive employment information from organizations representing various industries. Be sure to bring your resume and dress for success. No appointments necessary.

Free Crash Avoidance Course for Teen Drivers

The Suffolk County Police Department is offering a FREE One Day, two-hour course teaching new drivers how to avoid dangerous driving situations. Topics covered include vehicle dynamics, braking, cornering, acceleration and crash avoidance. Course is taught by Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) Instructors from the Suffolk County Police Academy. It will consist of a short class room lecture followed by a live demonstration on the EVOC track. The goal is to educate teenagers to avoid dangerous driving conditions and to supplement training already learned from DMV and Defensive Driving courses.

Dates: August 6 – 10, 2018 (select one date)

Times: 9 – 11am OR 12 – 2pm

Location: Suffolk County Police EVOC Academy, 110 Old Country Rd., Westhampton

For registration and additional information – call Jeanne Kremnitzer @ 631-852-6109

Next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday

With the young people home for the summer, we are in need of soup, jelly, tuna, cereal, oatmeal, Chef Boyardee, healthy snacks and personal items (toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, soap).



Thank You – Thank You – for the Diapers!

A special thank you to the anonymous donor for the many cartons of diapers! Our families are most grateful for your generosity...

Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Mason James Frey

Gavin Joseph Frey

Joseph Emile Scarlata

Ellie Grace Cotter

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died This Week

Corrado LoPopolo

Frank Santilli

Justine Ludrosky

Calendar Raffle Winners

Tickets for the Calendar Raffle from July through December are still available in the Parish Office.

7/23/18	7/24/18	7/25/18	7/26/18	7/27/18	7/28/18	7/29/18
278	26	305	390	370	56	456

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

Financial Stewardship Report
September 1, 2017, through June 25, 2018
(Excludes Palm Sunday and Easter)
Sunday offering target: \$13,300 per week
Target to date: \$532,000
Collections to date: \$547,324
Over target by \$15,324

Many thanks to our generous sacrificial givers!

Your sacrificial giving makes our ministries and our mission from Christ possible. Please be generous.

Reminder to All Staff and Ministers – I.D. Tags Required

As part of our safe environment policy, all staff and ministers wear I.D. tags when acting in any official capacity on parish property (with the exception of presiders, deacons, lectors, musicians, and EMHCs during Mass). This is especially important with the start of the new year of Faith Formation. Please get into the habit of wearing your I.D. if you don't do so now and (gently) challenge other ministers you see who may have neglected to wear theirs.



Ministries with Children and Families

Family Life Ministry Updates

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!

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.

Why not look for a movie on one of the Saints? These role models of faith often have inspiring stories. Maybe have a family movie night and let the kids pick which movie they like!

Summer Evening of Reflection

Join the Family Life Ministry of Our Lady of Grace for an evening of Reflection! Join us Monday, August 13, on the lawn in front of the church as Fr. Gius leads us in prayer, song and a reflection on Mary. Afterward, ice cream will be served!

Time is 7pm. Bring your family, bring chairs and enjoy a great evening out! In case of rain we will meet in Room 109.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption a great time to reflect on Mary!



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! Car Wash Sunday, July 29, behind the priest residence after all the Masses.

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

Kids of the Kingdom Is Here

Our summer sun-and-fun program began 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.



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.

August 4 Concert by the Alaria Chamber Ensemble of New York

Members of Alaria join flautist Michelle Lisi on August 4 at 6:15pm for a performance of jazz-classical crossover work by Nikolai Kapustin and renditions of the great composers, Carl Maria von Weber and Francis Poulenc. Plus, explore the rarely heard work of 20th-century composer Nikolai Myaskovsky, the “Father of the Soviet Symphony.” The concert takes place in the church after Mass on August 4. A suggested offering of \$10 will be accepted, a portion of which will benefit the parish food pantry.

Faith Formation Donations

Pennies can make a difference. We again ask you to drop them off at the Faith Formation Office mail slot, the Parish Office, or in the Sunday collection (place them in an envelope marked for Faith Formation). Last week \$33 was donated for the 2018-2019 year. The total to date: \$173. Thanks to all who donate.



Working to Reduce Poverty in America.



The ongoing practice of separating children from their parents has already, as of May, left nearly 2000 children separated from their parents. As Bishop Vásquez, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, and Sister Donna Markham OP PhD, President and CEO of Catholic Charities, remind us - as a nation and people of faith, we can and must do better.

Join USCCB/Migration and Refugee Services and Catholic Charities USA today to help make a difference. Please email us at familyseparation@usccb.org or socialpolicy@catholiccharitiesusa.org with information and questions.

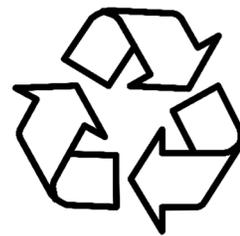
Ways to Help Stop Family Separation

- **Pray:**
- **Speak Up:** Also consider contacting your senators and representative directly by phone to voice your concern.
- **Take Action:** Contact your local Catholic Charities affiliate to learn about their material/volunteer needs, consider fostering an unaccompanied child, or join the *Share the Journey* global solidarity campaign with migrants and refugees.
- **Give:** To support agencies that are helping families and children impacted by the crisis. (100% of your donation will go to the 21 Catholic Charities agencies assisting unaccompanied children)

Learn More: To learn more about Family Separation, visit the Justice For Immigrants (JFI) "Family Separation Webpage" to review backgrounders, educational material and a webinar.

Electronics Recycling and Donations

State law requires that electronic equipment (computers, printers, etc.) be recycled through approved centers. Thus the parish cannot accept donations of this sort, and drop-offs (as occasionally happens) cause a burden to the parish because we then have to take the material to a recycling center at our own cost. We cannot use even otherwise-serviceable electronic equipment on the parish system. Please recycle on your own!



Gennesaret Retreat for those facing serious illness.

A retreat especially designed for persons who live with a serious illness is planned September 21 – 23, 2018 at Montfort Spirituality Center in Bay Shore, NY. This retreat offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis, to enable one to continue the journey. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. To register or to receive more information about this weekend, please call: Colette Fanelli at 631-665-7052.

Parish News

From Fr. Vin:

Parish Finance Update

At its meeting on June 25th the parish Finance Council reviewed the financial report for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 (March-May), showing the following results:

(9 month figures)	Budget	Actual	Previous YTD
Operating Income	1,960,678	1,927,899	1,985,692
Operating Expenses	<u>1,885,937</u>	<u>1,779,020</u>	<u>1,732,121</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	74,741	148,878	253,571

(\$1 differences are due to rounding errors with whole-dollar amounts.)

The Council also approved a budget for fiscal 2019 (September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019) that showed the following:

Operating Income	2,597,410
Operating Expenses	<u>2,595,587</u>
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	1,823

(Remember when comparing: the top figures are for nine months; those just above, for an entire year.)

I have several comments on the parish's financial situation:

- The parish has shown a small operating surplus for the past four years and looks poised to do so for the current year. During this time all improvements and renovations to the parish's buildings have been paid for out of operating income and without a capital campaign. The parish has some reserves and no debt. This is a testimony to many parishioners' generosity and good stewardship.
- The projected surplus for the coming year is miniscule (\$1,823 on a total budget of over \$2.5 million – about 0.07%); this is worrisome.
- Contributions income continues to decline by about 3% per year as Mass attendance declines (largely, I believe, due to demographic changes outside our control).
- Again, this coming year the parish will have to raise employees' salaries to comply with the N.Y. state minimum wage law. (Some of this is offset by increases in tuition, but a part of it must be made up from collections income.)
- The two factors just above (decline in contributions and required increases in employee compensation) are the primary causes of the reduced surplus projected for the coming year.
- The parish has, thanks to its employees, continued to be very disciplined in its spending; there are no "frills" or unnecessary expenses. Every dollar you contribute goes, directly or indirectly, to fostering the parish mission to *change lives through the Risen Christ*.

Full financial reports going back to 2014 and summaries back to 1997 are available on the parish website. A full financial report on FY2018 and the entire FY2019 budget will be posted around October.

Again, I thank our generous contributors, and I again ask everyone: Be a good steward!