



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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September 9, 2018 • Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Weekday
 Sept. 10 *1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11*
 8:00 Ed Flecher
 9:00 Lawrence M. Burnett

Tue. Weekday
 Sept. 11 *1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19*
 8:00 Philip Ognibene
 9:00 Walter A. Matusa, all 9-11 Victims

Wed. Weekday
 Sept. 12 *1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26*
 8:00 Giovanni Assalone
 9:00 Helga Koeppel

Thu. St. John Chrysostom
 Sept. 13 *1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38*
 8:00
 9:00 Elisa and Giovanni Assalone

Fri. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Sept. 14 *Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17*
 8:00 James Quinn
 9:00 Levia Graziano

Sat. Our Lady of Sorrows
 Sept. 15 *1 Cor 10:14-22 /Jn 19:25-27*
 8:00

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, September 16, 2018

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Presiding

5:00pm (Sat.)

Fr. Gabriel

8:00am

Fr. Gabriel

10:00am

Fr. Gius

12:00pm

Fr. Vin

We pray at this Mass especially for

Joseph Marcella, Meireille Sainvil and Family
 and Isabella and Marie St. Vil (Living), In
 Thanksgiving to Jesus.

People of the Parish

Veronica Preiss and Dorothy and William Preiss

James Nielson

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.

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

Second Banns:

Johanna Mary Higgins – Edward Michael Hudson, Jr.

Third Banns: Nicole Heiser – Joseph Nocella

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:

Sunday, September 9: Special Needs Mass 1:30pm.

Monday, September 10: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, September 11: Rosary Makers 10am. Padre Pio 7pm.
Youth Ministry Kick-Off 7pm.

Saturday, September 15: Bereavement Group 9am.

Next week:

Monday, September 17: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, September 18: Youth Ministry 7pm.

Friday, September 21: Widows and Widowers 12pm.
Padre Pio 6:30pm.

Saturday, September 22: Bereavement Group 9am.

Upcoming:

Sunday, September 30: Family Life Ministry Hospitality 11am.

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.

Get FORMED

FORMED is our new web-based adult education and learning tool. Sign-up is free. Go to www.ourladyofgrace.net, and under "Highlights" on the left side of the page, follow the links. This month FORMED features special materials that can deepen our understanding of the Eucharist. Go to study > current topics > Presence: the Mystery of the Eucharist.



Our Pastoral Council

Mrs. Lee Abseck
Mr. Ralph Fiorillo
Ms. Mary Ellen McEntee
Mr. James Nevins
Ms. Maria Russello-Chetti
Ms. Lucy Sanchez
Ms. Haydee Santini
Mrs. Kathleen Scheid
Mrs. Concetta Whelan

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

No Way to Run a Church

The still-unfolding (as I write) mess in Catholic Church leadership is drawing unfavorable attention onto our Church from every direction. Ideological groups left and right, inside and outside the Church, are trying to use it to further their agendas to no one's long-term benefit. And it has created doubt in many Catholics' minds about the trustworthiness of Church leadership: Who is compromised? Who is not telling the full truth? And most important, Who can I trust as a guide toward holiness for me (and my family)?

There are no easy answers to those questions at this point.

I and most pastors I know have from experience developed an ambivalent attitude toward the upper clergy: As Msgr. Ronald Knox said, "To sail tranquilly in the Barque of Peter, stay as far as possible from the engine room." Pastors live and work too close to the machinery for comfort. But that ambivalence, for me at least, always presumed on the part of bishops and cardinals good will and dedication to the Gospel and to the well-being of the People of God (however misguided I might have thought any particular decision or policy might have been). Now I know some church leaders were not worthy of that presumption of good will; at least one has been shown to be corrupt, others incompetent in their decisions. Claims of dereliction of duty reaching to the Holy Father have been made by a retired archbishop; this is not disagreement over policy or even a theological argument: It now touches on the personal integrity of the people who shape the life and mission of the Church and who claim the right to guide our souls.

I cannot begin to imagine the numbers of people who are being harmed by this – beginning with those directly abused, sexually or physically, of course, but by no means ending there. You have probably read, as have I, of Catholics who are now former Catholics because they cannot stomach what is being revealed about some church leaders. And many, many good Catholics who stay are demoralized and (rightly) angry. This is no way to run a church.

Let me draw a distinction here between weakness and corruption. Every church leader sins. A leader who sincerely adheres to a goal of personal holiness and competent pastoral service but sometimes fails is weak – as is every human being. The Church will never have perfect leaders (or perfect members). But a leader whose goals are egocentric, whose life is aimed at power or pleasure or wealth or prestige or anything other than the fulfillment of his vocation from God – such a leader is not just sinful but corrupt. And a Church organization that cannot guard against corruption, uncover it when it occurs, and deal effectively with it by removing corrupt leaders from their positions quickly and decisively is a system in dire need of a major overhaul.

I want to be clear: The recent revelations from Pennsylvania and about Archbishop McCarrick, and the (as I write, unsubstantiated) accusations against Pope Francis and other cardinals and bishops by Archbishop Viganò, in no way shake my faith in Christ or in the wisdom of the Catholic Church's teaching. What we face is a failure of the organization to select and promote suitable leaders and to hold leaders properly accountable when they misuse the powers and the trust they must inevitably be given if they are to do their work.

So we have three issues: First, those who have been harmed must be given care and justice. Second, we must quickly know who in leadership has abused people's trust and must be held to account and, if necessary, removed from office. And third, over the longer term, the Church has to come up with a better system for the selection, promotion, and supervision of its leadership.

Every Catholic has a right to reasonable confidence in both the good character of the individuals who hold high office in the Church, and in the processes that guard against the misuse of leaders' power. At this point many good Catholics have confidence in neither. Restoring that confidence will take a long time, given what has been going on since the first phase of this crisis back in 2002. But the rebuilding needs to start now. I am committed to doing what I can here in our parish to see that your trust is never abused. Other leaders of local parishes whom I know are similarly committed. The wider Church, locally and internationally, does much good work through its hospitals and charities and other ministries. But all of us are under a cloud, and our mission is compromised when higher leadership is suspect. This is no way to run a Church.

- Fr. Vin

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!

Catechists Needed!

Teachers are still needed in the following grade levels and time slots: Level 1- One Sunday each month at 1:15pm; Level 3 – Wednesday afternoon; Level 4 - Thursday afternoon; Level 5 - Monday afternoon; Levels 6 and 7 - One time each month at 9:00 and 11:00am on a Saturday.

Please consider and pray about helping our young people know Jesus on their journey to Confirmation! All materials and training provided! Call the Faith Formation Office and ask for Peggy

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

Please make sure to register your child for Faith Formation for the upcoming school year! 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!

Formed

Check out our Parish content on www.ourladyofgrace.formed.org! We'll be using some of the resources in meetings and classes this year!

Just go to www.ourladyofgrace.formed.org and set up your account.

Parent Meetings

At this date, our letters have gone out for September parent meetings. Due to new information and procedures, all children must have a parent attend a meeting. You are invited to the meeting once your child is registered.

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Revision of the Catechism on the Death Penalty

Pope Francis has approved the following new draft of no. 2267 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (the death penalty):

2267. Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person”, and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide.

Job Fair – Tuesday – September 18, 2018

The Long Island Job Finder is hosting a Fall Job Fair – Tuesday, September 18, 9:30am – 2:30pm at the Radisson Hotel Hauppauge, 110 Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge, NY.

Free admission for Job Seekers! Top companies looking for great new hires. Wear proper attire and bring plenty of copies of your resume.

Bereavement Support Groups

Our Lady of Grace Bereavement Group meets on Saturday 9am in Room 106. For further information, and if interested in attending, please call Fran at 631-587-1578.

Connections: Child and Family Bereavement Support Program

Good Shepherd Hospice Administrative Offices – 110 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 114, Farmingdale, NY

Tuesday Evenings – September 25 thru November 13/ 6pm – 7:15pm

Registration Required – Please call Carolyn Lisi Haas, LCSW-R at 631-828-7629

Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support

St. Patrick's Catholic Church – 9 Clinton Ave., Bay Shore, NY

Thursday Evenings – September 27 thru November 1/ 6:00pm – 7:30 pm

Registration Required – Please call Maribeth Mckeever, LCSW-R at 631-828-7628

Next Weekend – The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Food Drive for our Pantry!

The AOH, St. Patrick's Division 2 will be distributing grocery bags at all the Masses the weekend of September 15 and 16. Please fill the grocery bags and drop off to our Food Pantry in the bin located in the lobby. The items we have requested are: tuna fish, soups, pasta sauce, Chef Boyardee, jelly, snacks, coffee, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and soap.

The AOH is a national Irish-Catholic men's fraternal organization located in Babylon that provides food through their AOH hunger program.

We thank them and you our loyal parishioners for your continued support of our Food Pantry.

Parish News

Please Pray For those Who Have Died This Week

Marie Basile

June Elizabeth Sannasardo

Angelina Morello

Donation of Bread and Wine

The bread and wine have been donated in loving memory of Walter A. Matuza and all the victims of 9-11 for the week of September 9 through September 15, 2018.

Bereavement Group Information

The Our Lady of Grace Bereavement Group will meet on Saturday, September 15, 2018, at 9am in Room 106. If you have lost your mate and are interested in attending, call Fran at 631-587-1578 for more information.

Calendar Raffle Winners

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

9/3/18	9/4/18	9/5/18	9/6/18	9/7/18	9/8/18	9/9/18
249	172	400	501	389	114	472

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

Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2017, through July 31, 2018

(Excludes Palm Sunday and Easter)

Sunday offering target: \$13,300 per week

Target to date: \$598,500

Collections to date: \$611,621

Over target by \$13,121

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

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!

Paint Night

Our Lady of Grace Family Life Ministry
Invites you to a Paint Night!



Join us as we have fun painting together!

Cost: \$30 per person includes all supplies plus coffee and cake!

Place: Our Lady of Grace PES Hall

Date: Friday, October 5, 2018

Time: 7pm

Space is limited! Reserve your spot by September 23, 2019, so we can have enough supplies!

Please tear off this part with your \$30 per person. We will email you to confirm we received it! Drop in the Faith Formation Office. Reservations must be received by 9/23/18.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ # Attending _____

Parish News

Day Care News

September is upon us and day care is in full swing. We are looking for a lead teacher and assistant teachers. We have a few openings for September in our classrooms. Please come in to visit us. New, starting September, is our enrichment program. We hired a teacher to visit the classrooms to teach extra special lessons in math, language arts, science, music and movement. For a tour or interview, please call 631-422-4681.



Serving God By Serving Others

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! Youth Ministry fall kick-off is on September 11 at 7pm. Come and join us for an exciting year of faith and friendships.

Angel Care Is Here

The summer is over and Angel Care is up and running. Come down and pick up a registration packet and join us for a wonderful new year.



Lectors and EMHCs – Schedule Change Requests Due

Lectors and EMHCs who wish to change their scheduled service for the October – December 2018 period should let leadership know by e-mail no later than August 15 at worship@ourladyofgrace.net. New schedules will be sent to you as soon as they can be prepared. Thank you for your service to our people!

A Note for WeShare Users:

As part of a security upgrade, the “save my credentials” option is no longer available. You will have to enter your username and password each time you log on. Also, there are new rules about the complexity of passwords; you may be asked to create a new password if your existing one is too short and/or simple. This is for the security of your account information. Thank you for using *WeShare!*

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, please do so now and (gently) challenge other ministers you see who may have neglected to wear theirs.



Parish News



Working to Reduce Poverty in America.



**Migration &
Refugee Services**

Renewing Hope. Seeking Justice.

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 e-mail 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.

The Knights of Columbus Presents:

A bus trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA, on Thursday, October 11, 2018. The bus departs from the rear parking lot at 9am sharp, arrives at the casino at approximately 12pm, leaves for home at 6pm sharp and should be back at Our Lady of Grace by 8:30pm. There will be bagels, juice and water for the ride down. The cost for the trip will be \$45 per person with a \$30 slot play credit and a \$5 food voucher.



Please contact your travel agents Lou at 631-884-2210 or Bobby at 631-742-5704 for tickets or for further information.

Diocese of Rockville Centre Charismatic Renewal Day of Healing

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, from 9am to 5pm, the diocese will host its first bilingual event, a Day of Healing with Brother Paul Miller, OFS, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Greenlawn, NY. The day will include light breakfast, lunch and Mass at 4:30pm. For additional information and for registration, please call 516-678-5800 ext. 638.