



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

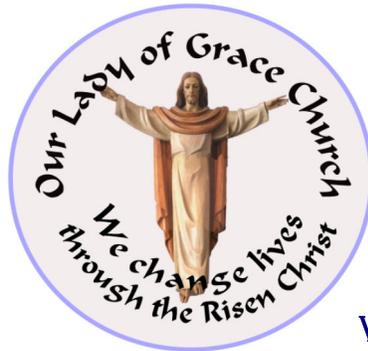
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

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 16, 2018 • Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

<p>Mon. Weekday</p> <p>Sept. 17 <i>1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10</i> 8:00 Levia Graziano 9:00 Ann McQuade</p> <p>Tue. Weekday</p> <p>Sept. 18 <i>1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17</i> 8:00 For reform in church governance 9:00 For the Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Wed. Weekday</p> <p>Sept. 19 <i>1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35</i> 8:00 For victims of clergy abuse 9:00 Gerry Lynch</p>	<p>Thu. Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Paul Chõng Hsang, and Companions,</p> <p>Sept. 20 <i>1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50</i> 8:00 For victims of clergy abuse 9:00 Robert Harsen</p> <p>Fri. St. Matthew</p> <p>Sept. 21 <i>Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13</i> 8:00 Elizabeth Black 9:00 Dennis Ring</p> <p>Sat. Weekday</p> <p>Sept. 22 <i>1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15</i> 8:00 Jane Kaigh, Alan Fricke</p>
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday, 4:00pm, Presider: Fr. Gabriel

Worship for Sunday, September 23, 2018
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
<p>5:00pm (Sat.)</p> <p>8:00am</p> <p>10:00am</p> <p>12:00pm</p>	<p>Fr. Gius</p> <p>Fr. Vin</p> <p>Fr. Gabriel</p> <p>Fr. Gius</p>	<p>Pasqual Forcino (B'Day)</p> <p>People of the Parish</p> <p>Jean Higgins</p> <p>John Mariani</p>

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:

Johanna Mary Higgins – Edward Michael Hudson, Jr.
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, September 17: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, September 18: Youth Ministry 7pm.

Friday, September 21: Shed the Meds 11am.
Widows and Widowers 12pm. Padre Pio 6:30pm.

Saturday, September 22: Bereavement Group 9am.

Next week:

Monday, September 24: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, September 25: Youth Ministry 7pm.

Saturday, September 29: Bereavement Group 9am. Blessing of the
Animals 4pm.

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

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Ms. Lucy Sanchez
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Our Ministries

Ministries of Worship

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Parish Social Ministry

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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

Actions, not Words

There have been a lot of calls for “prayer (and fasting, sometimes)” since the revelations of clergy sex abuse, its coverup, and too-frequent leadership incompetence that began (again!) last July. I think prayer and fasting are important in the midst of this mess and have said so; but there’s something else I want to emphasize today: It’s a general and vitally important rule of the spiritual life:

You should never, never pray for something unless you also intend to act to make what you pray for happen.

Just as there’s much deserved mockery of politicians who offer “thoughts and prayers” after the latest mass-shooting but won’t risk the wrath of the NRA by doing anything to prevent the next one, so calls for “prayer and fasting” deserve to be mocked when they’re offered by anyone who won’t act – beyond more calls for “prayer and fasting.”

So, to take some examples:

- Recently the Attorneys General of multiple states, including New York, have announced investigations (some civil, some criminal) into the way dioceses have handled accusations of clergy sexual abuse. Watch to see how diocesan leadership across the U.S. cooperates (or doesn’t) with these investigations. Acts, not words.
- Watch to see how responsive church leaders are to journalists and others who ask pointed questions. Do sincere, honest questions get honest and complete answers, or do they get fudges and evasions? Acts, not words.
- Watch to see to what extent dioceses are willing to make public the amounts that have been spent on settlements with abuse victims, on legal fees, and on other costs associated with these ongoing scandals. Acts, not words.
- Watch to see whether any church-based reviews or investigations are staffed by competent professionals, whether Catholic or not, whose first loyalty is to the truth rather than to the institution. Acts, not words.
- Watch to see whether the reports on any investigations are made public in their entirety. Acts, not words.
- Watch for attempts on the part of church leaders to make this “everybody’s problem.” I agree, as I’ve often written, that we are One Body in Christ, and that “when one member suffers, all suffer.” But: Lay people by and large did not cause this problem. Priests who abused minors (and adults) caused this problem. And especially, bishops and chancery staffs that covered up the problem, reassigned priests who offended, and did not deal forthrightly with abuse are the major cause of the crisis today. The church as an organization needs to change how it selects for, promotes, and supervises (and, when required, disciplines) leadership. This, in particular, is not “everybody’s problem”: It is an issue for the bishops and for the pope. Acts, not words.

You can probably tell I’m fed up. I want our church to be an effective witness to Christ, to be “light to the nations” in a time when its ethical leadership is especially needed. But the church has no – no – moral credibility right now. I don’t expect perfection from church leaders (I know myself and my weaknesses too well for that). But couldn’t we at least deal with crime, rule-breaking, and internal discipline at least as well as (insert name of random publicly-traded corporation – other than Enron – here)?

Churches in the U.S. have, to date, been largely exempt from civil regulations that apply to everybody else. There’s no Securities and Exchange Commission, or Pure Food and Drug Administration, or the like looking over the bishops’ shoulders. (On a personal note, the church doesn’t have to fund or guarantee my pension the way any secular corporation does, either.) Maybe that’s been good for our mission. But self-regulation may have to come to an end if church leadership can’t demonstrably police itself.

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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 9am and 11am 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!

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.

Catholic High School Open Houses

Date	Time	School
September		
Saturday 22	11am – 1:30pm	Our Lady of Mercy Academy
Saturday 29	10am – 1pm	Sacred Heart Academy
Sunday 30	10am – 1pm	St. Anthony H. S.
October		
Saturday 13	10am – 1pm 2pm – 4pm	Kellenberg Memorial H. S. Chaminade H. S.
Sunday 14	2pm – 4:30pm	St. Mary's H. S.
Saturday 20	11am – 2pm	Holy Trinity Diocesan H. S.
Sunday 21	10am – 1pm 1pm – 3:30pm	St. John the Baptist Diocesan H. S. St. Dominic H. S.

Call the Faith Formation Office for information on the entrance examination.

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Pope Francis: Excerpts from “Letter to the People of God”

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it” (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated.

It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. Likewise, penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people’s sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils.

Suffolk County Civil Service Careers

On Thursday, October 11, 2-3:30pm a Suffolk County Civil Service representative will be at the West Babylon Library to give an informative lecture about Civil service careers in the County, how to navigate the website and apply for these examinations. Call the Library at 631-669-5445 to register. Registration began September 6.

Looking for a Job? Plan to Attend The Following Job Fairs!

Job Fair – Tuesday – September 18, 2018

The Long Island Job Finder is hosting a Fall Job Fair – Tuesday, September 18 from 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.

Job Fair Wednesday – September 26, 2018

Whether you’re about to graduate from college or looking to make a change, here is a chance to meet with many of Long Island’s top companies who are hiring right now.

Wednesday, September 26, from noon – 5pm – Newsday, 235 Pinelawn Road, Melville. For more information, call 631-843-2641.

5th Annual Farewell to Summer Concert

Thursday, October 4, Suffolk County Office for the Aging will present the 5th Annual Farewell to Summer Concert 7-9pm at the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts. Get your FREE ticket at www.PatchogueTheatre.org! Questions? Call Suffolk County Office for the Aging at 631-853-8200.

Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Food Drive

Thank you to the members of the AOH St. Patrick’s Division today for their grocery bag food drive. Please fill the grocery bags and drop them off to our Food Pantry Bin in the lobby.

Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Faith Mary Schaeffner Mackenzie Ann Magliaro Patrick Tomas Benedict John Robert Chiofalo
Harley Mary Hudson Emma Leigh Marcus Kailyn Grace Capobianco

Please Pray For those Who Have Died This Week

Margaret (Peggy) Barrett Ruth Ellen Hughes Kathleen Carroll

Adult Confirmation by Joseph Salzone

Save these Dates....

10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12 and 12/19

The above is the class schedule for the Fall Adult (18+) Confirmation Program. Classes are held from 7:15 to 9pm in Room 109. Confirmation will be consecrated on the Feast of the Epiphany (1/6/19) at the 12pm Mass.

If you would like to attend or know someone who needs to be confirmed, contact me by calling the office and leaving a message or by sending an email directly to me at jsalzone@ourladyofgrace.net.

Blessing of the Animals

In anticipation of the Feast of St. Francis, we will be having the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, September 29 at 4pm on the lawn in front of the priests residence. All are welcome. Please have all pets on a leash or in a carrier.



Calendar Raffle Winners

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

9/10/18	9/11/18	9/12/18	9/13/18	9/14/18	9/15/18	9/16/18
187	204	405	189	142	263	32

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

Financial Stewardship Report – FY2018 September 1, 2017, through August 31, 2018

(Excludes Palm Sunday and Easter)

Sunday offering target: \$13,300 per week

Target: \$651,700

Collections: \$665,279

Over target by \$13,579

**Sunday offering target for FY 2019:
\$13,195 per week**

[A complete financial report will be presented later in the fall, after approval by the parish Finance Council.]

Many thanks to our generous sacrificial givers!

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 was on September 11.

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.



Attention All Teens: Ages 13 - 18

On Wednesday, October 10, we will be starting our Teen Faith Formation Program. If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, and in need of completing your sacraments, please register with the Faith Formation Office by October 1, 2018.

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.



Save the Date

On Sunday, September 23 at 11am, St. Frances Cabrini Parish will be celebrating the installation Mass for Fr. Gil Lap. Reception to follow. All are welcome. For information, please call 631-732-8445.

Donations of Bread and Wine

The bread and the wine have been donated in loving memory of Ruth Ellen Hughes for the week of September 16 through September 22, 2018.

Parish News

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

This special group meets every second Tuesday of the month here at Our Lady of Grace Church at 7:30pm to recite the rosary and special prayers to St. Padre Pio. Come and join us and see what they are all about.

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.

Femme Italia October 6 at 6pm

Vocalist Michele Scharf performs vintage and contemporary Italian music for Columbus Day accompanied by former 5:30-Mass pianist Melissa Visconti. Admission is free. The concert takes place October 6 at 6pm right here at Our Lady of Grace; treats and refreshments provided. Terence, our music director, will make a rare vocal appearance at the request of Ms. Scharf who is also a parish song leader.

From Msgr. Jim McNamara:

I am writing to you from the eternal city of Rome where on October 14, 2018, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero in Saint Peter's Square.

206 Tours, a wonderful pilgrimage group on Long Island, is offering the possibility of coming to Rome for this great event. One of the options they offer is to come for a long weekend while we celebrate Columbus Day in the United States. I will be the spiritual director for this opportunity leaving Thursday, October 11, 2018, and returning Tuesday, October 16. Given the importance of Blessed Pope Paul VI in the development of The Second Vatican Council and the relevance of Archbishop Romero to so many of our wonderful Spanish Catholics on Long Island, it is my hope that you will be part of this pilgrimage community here in Rome. For further information and registration: <http://www.pilgrimages.com/frmcnamara>.

Academic Honors

The Parish of Our Lady of Grace extends our sincere congratulations to Nicholas J. Chichester from Chaminade High School who has achieved honor roll status for the final grading period.

The Holy Face of Jesus and St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

You are invited to pray the rosary and celebrate the holy Mass in Honor of St. Padre Pio's 50th Feast Day on Friday, September 21, here at Our Lady of Grace beginning at 6:30pm. There will be a special blessing with the Saint Padre Pio Relic.
