



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

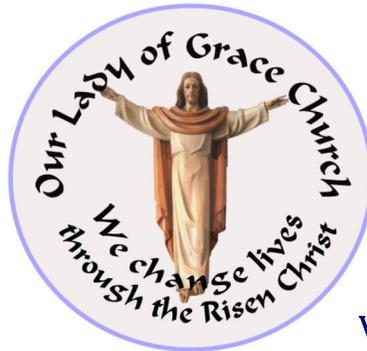
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

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 30, 2018 • Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Oct. 1 *Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50*
 8:00 Richard Kubler
 9:00 Louis L. Fishman, III

Tue. The Holy Guardian Angels

Oct. 2 *Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 /Mt 18:1-5, 10*
 8:00 Toni and Joe Fiore (60 Wedding Anniv.)
 9:00 Joseph C. Noto (20 Anniv.)

Wed. Weekday

Oct. 3 *Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62*
 8:00 Fr. John Corcoran
 9:00 Frank and Mario Commisso and Rosa Ritosto

Thu. St. Francis of Assisi

Oct. 4 *Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12*
 8:00 Tom Brielmeier (5 Anniv.)
 9:00 Victims of clergy abuse

Fri. Weekday

Oct. 5 *Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16*
 8:00 Annette McManus (B'day)
 9:00 Devotees of the Holy Face of Jesus – Living and Deceased

Sat. Weekday

Oct. 6 *Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24*
 8:00 Phyllis Raso, Robert Matnsciano, Frances Sciartino, Michael Raso, Angelo Raso.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, October 7, 2018

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Vin	Vincenzo Bonomo
8:00am	Fr. Vin	Giovanni Iemma
10:00am	Fr. Gabriel	Veronica Preiss
12:00pm	Fr. Gius	People of the Parish

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism, Sunday: Presider: Deacon Brian

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

First Banns: Sarah Crapo – Daniel Scott

Second Banns: Christina Lucivero – Robert Piterniak, Jr.
 Erica Leigh Kreppein – Andrew Cordell-Carey
 (St. Patrick's, Southold, NY).

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, September 30: Family Life Ministry Hospitality 11am.

Monday, October 1: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, October 2: Scripture Sharing 9:30am. Youth Ministry 7pm.
Mass of the Bereaved 7pm.

Saturday, October 6: Bereavement Group 9am. Monthly concert 6pm.

Next week:

Monday, October 8: Columbus Day, all parish offices are closed.
There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday, October 9: Scripture Sharing 9:30am. Rosary Makers 10am.
Youth Ministry 7pm.

Saturday, October 13: Bereavement Group 9am.

Upcoming:

Thursday, November 1: All Saints' Day (Holy Day of Obligation).
Masses at 5:30pm Wednesday (Vigil), and 8am, 9am, and
7:30pm Thursday.

Friday, November 2: All Souls' Day. Masses 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.

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
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Our Finance Council

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Our Ministries

Ministries of Worship

Msgr. Vincent Rush, Pastor
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Rev. Gius Garcia, Associate
Deacon Brian Miller
Deacon Irwin Saffran
Mr. Terence Purtell, Director of Music

Parish Social Ministry

Mrs. Ann Kristoffersen,
Coordinator

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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

The Ongoing Disaster

- of the sex abuse scandal and its coverup is effectively destroying the credibility of the Catholic Church. (“Disaster” is not my word: It’s Cardinal Dolan’s; but I couldn’t agree more.) And as for impact on the Church’s ability to do its job, consider these figures from a recent (Sept. 10) Economist/YouGov poll:¹

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Catholics</i>	<i>Lapsed Catholics</i>
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of churches in general?	Favorable: 55% Unfavorable: 34%	Favorable: 70% Unfavorable: 23%	Favorable: 52% Unfavorable: 44%
Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Catholic Church?	Favorable: 29% Unfavorable: 54%	Favorable: 64% Unfavorable: 28%	Favorable: 24% Unfavorable: 66%

Self-identified Catholics still have a favorable opinion about the Catholic Church (although less-favorable than about churches in general); everybody else has an unfavorable opinion – by almost 2:1.

I’m going to put my organizational-psychologist hat on here: If any large business (well, maybe except cable companies) had these poll numbers, the senior leadership would be out on its ear in a heartbeat. It wouldn’t be a matter of proving wrongdoing or of ethical lapses (although those are important to uncover and address). The issue would be that the leadership is unable to have the organization do its job in a way that’s acceptable to the general public.

Along those lines, I’m going to speculate that until this crisis few people paid attention to how church leadership is selected, trained, evaluated, supervised, and (when necessary) disciplined. (A personal vignette: I have only twice in my 46-plus years as a priest been professionally evaluated for the quality of my ministry and given appropriate feedback. And that happened once because I engaged a private consultant and paid for his evaluation of my work myself; and again during my three years of leadership training with Gallup – which I also sought out and paid for myself. There were certainly selection processes when I was accepted to the seminary, accepted for ordination, and appointed and then renewed as a pastor; but those processes were hardly what would be expected in a modern large organization – which the Church is, although it’s of course also more than that.)

I don’t have to argue that some church leaders did not belong in their positions; but how they got there and how they stayed there are pressing questions that need to be answered and soon. And with many more people now interested in how it happens, the processes for selection and promotion (and evaluation and discipline) of leaders need to be transparent and most likely radically revised.

I admit that these issues shouldn’t have to be on the radar for lay people. If I go into a Mazda dealership to buy a car, I don’t want to have to care how the vice-president of engineering got her job – I just want a well-designed car. You have your own Christian lives to lead with the daily challenges of raising children, earning a living, dealing with all the joys and the messes of ordinary life; you shouldn’t have to pay attention to how your priest or bishop was selected and is being supervised. But events are showing every day that the existing process isn’t working; and as in most bureaucracies, things will only change when there’s a spotlight on what happens in the back rooms.

I never thought I’d have to write the series of columns that I’ve written since August; but the Church’s mission is clearly at risk (look again at the numbers above). We have no credibility to preach what is always a difficult Gospel to hear. The world needs the Church to be a “light to the nations”; we’ve now got it firmly under a bushel basket of suspicion and mistrust.

Fr. Vin

¹ <https://today.yougov.com/topics/philosophy/articles-reports/2018/09/10/cost-sexual-abuse-scandals-catholic-church>

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.

Time is running out.....

Registration for the 2018 – 2019 School Year

Classes are starting this week! If you have not picked up supplies, they must be picked up prior to the start of classes!

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.

Catholic High School Open Houses

Date	Time	School
October		
Saturday 13	10am – 1pm	Kellenberg Memorial H. S.
	2pm – 4pm	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	St. John the Baptist Diocesan H. S.
	1pm – 3:30pm	St. Dominic H. S.

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

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Pope Francis (Laudato Si'): A Prayer for Our Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey

toward your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

September is National Preparedness Month

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June to November. The Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management, PSEG, LI, New York State and the National Weather Service suggest the following preparation measures and safety tips:

Before a Storm

- Fill your car with gas.
- Make sure you have cash. ATMs will not be available in the case of a power outage.
- Check batteries in flashlights, radios and other devices.
- Create a family emergency plan: think about how you contact one another, how you will reunite. The Office of Emergency Management website can help you to make your own plan.
- Put together an emergency supplies kit: have enough food, water, medication and other supplies to last for at least three days.
- Make sure loved ones with special needs are on the county's Special Needs Registry. This includes those with special and/or functional medical needs and is designed to assist first responders in identifying those who need help evacuating and special shelter.
- Sign up for Suffolk County's free Code Red high-speed notification system, used to contact registered users through phone calls, emails and text messages during an emergency.
- Trim trees and shrubbery so branches don't fly into or damage your home.
- Review your insurance policy.

During a Storm:

- Tune in to local radio or TV stations for up-to-date storm information.
- Follow all instructions issued by local officials.
- Set your refrigerator to the coldest setting and keep it closed; this way, in the event of a power outage, your food will stay fresh longer.
- During a power outage, to prevent a sudden electric surge when the power comes back on, turn off major appliances such as air conditioners, refrigerators and TVs.
- Fill your bathtub with water in case clean tap water is unavailable. Use the water in the bathtubs for cleaning and flushing only - not for drinking.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Keep to a small interior room, closet or hallway, secure external doors.

Bereavement Mass – October 2

On Tuesday, October 2, at 7:30pm we will be holding the Mass for Bereaved Family Members. Come join us in support of these families and pray for your own deceased.

Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Valentina Alessandra Doherty

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Michael Kolvinsky

Marie Schwenker

Mary Theresa Carito

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.

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.

Calendar Raffle Winners

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

9/24/18	9/25/18	9/26/18	9/27/18	9/28/18	9/29/18	9/30/18
94	585	586	59	26	305	571

*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 first Hospitality Breakfast is today, Sunday, September 30, after the 10am Mass! We meet in PES Hall (the basement) and have coffee, bagels, quiche and other baked goods. Bring the family or come by yourself! We look forward to seeing you there!

Our next meeting is Monday, October 1, 2018, at 7:30pm in Room 107. If you have any time to help and want to see us plan more events, we'd love to have you join us!

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 something to read wherever I go!

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!

Christmas Pageant

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!!!!

Family Life Ministry is looking for all children up to Grade 12 to participate in Our Lady of Grace's Christmas Pageant - Saturday, December 14, 2018 in the church at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome and will be included. We have a part for everyone! Singing, acting and plenty of non-speaking parts. Come and join the fun, meet new friends and be part of Our Lady of Grace's celebration of Jesus' birth.

Signups will be held: Tuesday, October 9, 2018, in Room 110 or Wednesday, October 10, 2018, in the church. Time is 7:00pm both nights. If you would like a speaking part, you must come to one of these nights! Minimum age is 5 years old.

Any questions, please contact Maria R. Chetti at mrchetti4olog@gmail.com or Peggy Harnisch @ (631) 661-9353.



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.



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.



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.



Opportunities to Serve Others

As in the past, we have always relied on our parish members to come to the aid of needy people around us. Today is no different. We are in need especially of ministers for the East Neck Nursing Home and for the rosary makers. These ministries are very important to our parish and especially our parish communion. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 631-587-5185.

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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Children's Liturgy is up and running. All children in kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome to attend this inspiring liturgy experience. Come to the 10am Mass on Sunday and see what it is all about. The schedule for this liturgy is on our web site www.ourladyofgrace.net.

Parish News

St. Agnes Medal of Service Award

The annual St. Agnes Medal of Service for 2018 has been awarded to Will and Concetta Whelan. Bishop Barres will present the medal in a ceremony at St. Agnes Cathedral on the afternoon of October 28. The medal is given to one person or couple in each parish each year in recognition of exemplary generosity to the parish community. We thank and congratulate Concetta and Will for their service to Our Lady of Grace!

News from the Knights of Columbus

Please join the Knights on October 5 for a night of fun, good food, music, dancing, entertainment by the Schuhplatter Dancers and Tony and the International Boys. As always there will be an authentic German dinner, Sam Adams OctoberFest Beer with all the trimmings for \$30 per person. Please call Rob at 631-747-0147 or Tom at 631-445-3253 for information and tickets.

The Knights of Columbus Online Membership Program is now up and Running

The Knights of Columbus has come to the realization that many men would love to join the K of C but free time is always, an issue.

There is now a website that you can visit for more information and join our order to be a part of our charitable good works. The online program is a good way for men to start their journey with the knights and participate without the commitment of attending monthly meetings. It goes without saying that any online member can easily join a council at any time when he is able or desires to. Please visit www.kofc.org/joinus for more information or to join. Please remember to reference Local Council #11968. Questions? Please contact Tom Humel at 631-445-3253 or help.

Fatima Day

The Shrine of Our Lady of the Island located in Manorville, New York, will be the site for Fatima Day held on Saturday, October 13, 2018. The morning program will be from 10am through 1:30pm. Fatima under the Stars will be from 7 to 9pm. For further information, contact Our Lady of the Island at 631-325-0661.



Website Technical Problems

We're having technical problems with the parish website. Our IT people are working on it, but they may take some time to resolve it. Please call the parish if you can't find what you're looking for on the site. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Life Center of Long Island

The Life Center is searching for a part-time bilingual staff person for our Deer Park location. Counseling skills background a plus but will also train. For more information, please contact Gloria at 516-798-8746. Please send resumes to gschreiber@lifecenterli.org.
