



# Our Lady of Grace

## Roman Catholic Church

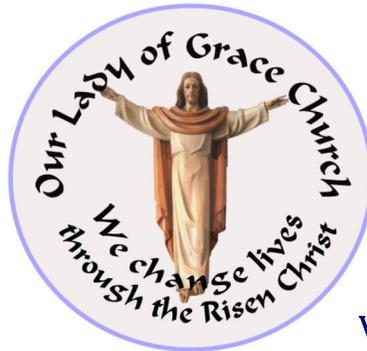
**Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ**

### 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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**August 19, 2018 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Worship This Coming Week

**Mon. St. Bernard**  
 Aug. 20 *Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22*  
 8:00 Catherine Magee  
 9:00 Tom Peterson

**Tue. St. Pius X**  
 Aug. 21 *Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30*  
 8:00 Angela Cioffi  
 9:00 Richard Prasnal

**Wed. The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Aug. 22 *Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16*  
 8:00 Michael Marchetti  
 9:00 Glenn Roth

**Thu. Weekday**  
 Aug. 23 *Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14*  
 8:00 Thomas Hayes  
 9:00 Alfred J. Tedesco (Anniv.)

**Fri. St. Bartholomew**  
 Aug. 24 *Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51*  
 8:00 Joseph LoFaso  
 9:00 John F. Kristoffersen (6 Anniv.)

**Sat. Weekday**  
 Aug. 25 *Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12*  
 8:00 Victor J. Caputo, Rosita Pascual Fernandez  
 (2 Anniv.)

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### Worship for Sunday, August 26, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 /Jn 6:60-69*

#### Presiding

**5:00pm (Sat.)** Fr. Gius  
**8:00am** Fr. Ruben  
**10:00am** Fr. Gius  
**12:00pm** Fr. Ruben

#### We pray at this Mass especially for

Edward J. Thompson  
 People of the Parish  
 Rose Scala  
 Angela Marino

#### 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:** Courtney Baumann – Shawn Snyder  
 Sally Rose Annarumma – Christopher James Brown  
 (Divine Mercy, Central Square, NY)

**Third Banns:** Alexandria Anderson – Michael Apuzzo  
 (St. Joseph, Babylon)  
 Gina Romeo – Matthew Smith

*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

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## **This week:**

**Monday, August 20:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

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## **Next week:**

**Monday, August 27:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

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## **Upcoming:**

**Monday, September 3:** Labor Day, All Parish Offices are closed. There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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## **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.

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## **Get FORMED**

FORMED is our new web-based adult education and learning tool. Sign-up is free. Go to [www.ourladyofgrace.net](http://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. 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

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## **Our Finance Council**

Mr. Richard Korcz (Trustee)  
Mr. Leonardo LoCricchio  
Ms. Debra Nicosia  
Mr. Joseph Salzone  
Mr. Robert Scharf (Trustee)  
Mr. Thomas Vilella

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## **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

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## **Faith Formation Office Hours**

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

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## **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.

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## **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!

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## **Formed**

Check out our parish content on [www.ourladyofgrace.formed.org](http://www.ourladyofgrace.formed.org)! This month our Gospels on Sunday are from the Gospel of John, known as the Bread of Life Discourse.

What a great time to look at Presence on Formed. It's a wonderful program on the True Presence in the Eucharist. If you haven't joined Formed yet, it's easy and free. Just go to [www.ourladyofgrace.formed.org](http://www.ourladyofgrace.formed.org) and set up your account.

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## **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

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## **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

### **Pope Francis' Homily at the Holy Mass for Migrants**

“You who trample upon the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land...Behold the days are coming...when I will send a famine on the land...a thirst for hearing the words of the Lord” (Amos 8:4.11)

Today this warning of the prophet Amos is remarkably timely. How many of poor, are trampled on in our day! How many of the poor are being brought to ruin! All are the victims of that culture of waste that has been denounced time and time again. Among them, I cannot fail to include the migrants and refugees who continue to knock at the door of nations that enjoy greater prosperity.

Today's Gospel acclamation contains Jesus' invitation: “Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Mt 11:28). The Lord promises refreshment and freedom to all the oppressed of our world, but he needs us to fulfill his promise. He needs our eyes to see the needs of our brothers and sisters. He needs our hands to offer them help. He needs our voice to protest the injustices committed thanks to the silence, often complicit, of so many. Above all, the Lord needs our hearts to show his merciful love towards the least, the outcast, the abandoned, the marginalized.

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### **Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support**

The Long Island Alzheimer's Association conducts a caregiver support group on the First Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Our Lady of Consolation, 111 Beach Drive, West Islip. The group consists of both spouses and adult children who consider themselves care partners or caregivers for a loved one living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. The group is facilitated monthly by a licensed social worker.

Call to register at 800-272-3900. Counselors are available and at this help line 24 hours, 7 days a week All services and programs are free of charge.

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### **School Supplies Needed**

The stores are having amazing school supplies sales. The young people are already receiving lists from the schools with supplies needed for the new school year. Many of you who are parents know how extensive those lists are. For many families, these lists put an additional burden on their already fragile incomes. Your donations of backpacks, marble notebooks, colored pencils, glue sticks, pocket folders, pens/pencils, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Gift cards to Walmart, Staples, Target, Dollar Stores, and Big Lots - are most helpful. Thank you for your support in helping school age children in need.

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### **Project Rachel**

Project Rachel is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. Project Rachel is led by dedicated teams who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer. For more information, please contact Project Rachel at 516-766-2538 or [www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org). All information will be kept confidential.

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### **The Long Island Gianna Center for Women's Health and Fertility**

A highly skilled team is available to offer an exciting approach to women's health care. This organization provides preventive, specialized obstetrical and gynecologic care to women, honoring their dignity and the sanctity of human life. The Gianna Center is located at 661 Deer Park Ave., Babylon, NY. For information, call 631-376-3232 or visit [www.chsli.org/gianna-center-long-island](http://www.chsli.org/gianna-center-long-island).

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# Parish News

## Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Liam Daniel Burnett

Aria Antoinette DiFalco

Delilah Rose Edwards

Aliyah Eileen Sluka

Luca Andrew Sozzi

Isa Laurent Warren

## Please Pray For Those Who Have Died This Week

Thomas Larounis

Giuseppa DiLorenzo

Victor James Caputo, Jr.

Kathryn Emma Proodian

## Calendar Raffle Winners

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

8/13/18	8/14/18	8/15/18	8/16/18	8/17/18	8/18/18	8/19/18
603	325	121	281	604	369	73

*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.***

## 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.



# Ministries with Children and Families

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## 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!

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## 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!

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## Parish News

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### 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](mailto:Jflorio@ourladyofgrace.net).



### Youth Ministry Meeting

Youth Ministry, 7:30pm, Tuesdays in Room 212/214. Teens 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Nothing to do Tuesday nights? Room 212. Join us for faith, fun and fellowship! Come and join us on September 11.

### 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.

### Bereavement Group Information

The Our Lady of Grace Bereavement Group will meet on Saturday, September 8, 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.

### Child Abuse Reporting and Standards of Conduct for Church Personnel

There is a special diocesan phone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel and volunteers: 1-516-594-9063. The New York State abuse hotline for all allegations of child abuse can be reached at 1-800-342-3720.

Our parish complies with a diocesan child protection policy. The text of the policy can be found on the diocesan website at [http://www.drvc.org/policy\\_procedure\\_forms](http://www.drvc.org/policy_procedure_forms) and is also available through the Parish Office.

A code of conduct to which all parish clergy, employees, and volunteers must comply can be found at [http://www.drvc.org/pdf/protecting\\_children/policy/pastoralconduct.pdf](http://www.drvc.org/pdf/protecting_children/policy/pastoralconduct.pdf) and is also available from the parish.

Further information, including information on the diocesan child protection and safe environment programs to which our parish subscribes can be found on the diocesan website at <http://www.drvc.org/efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people/diocesan-efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people.html>



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](mailto:familyseparation@usccb.org) or [socialpolicy@catholiccharitiesusa.org](mailto: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.

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### 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](mailto: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!

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### 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!*

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### Then and Now: A Tribute to Our Grandparents

September 1 at 6pm here in the church, Extra Chi performs popular and jazz standards from the Great American Songbook with a focus on handwritten manuscripts inherited from two grandfathers who were musicians. Hospitality provided. Ten dollars suggested offering. All proceeds to benefit Parish Outreach.

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# Parish News

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**From Fr. Vin:**

## Parish Finance Update

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

<b>(9 month figures)</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Previous YTD</b>
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!