



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

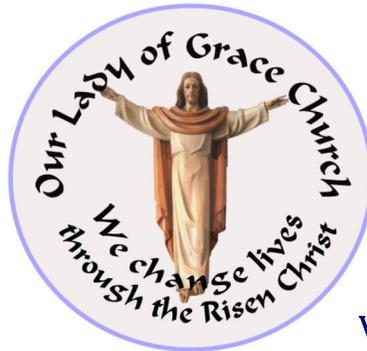
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

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 26, 2018 • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

<p>Mon. St. Monica Aug. 27 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22 8:00 For the Blessed Mothers Intentions 9:00 Michael C. Hill</p> <p>Tue. St. Augustine Aug. 28 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26 8:00 9:00</p> <p>Wed. The Passion of St. John the Baptist Aug. 29 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 /Mk 6:17-29 8:00 9:00 Giuseppe Mozzone</p>	<p>Thu. Weekday Aug. 30 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51 8:00 9:00 The Schandel Family</p> <p>Fri. Weekday Aug. 31 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13 8:00 9:00 Giovanni Assalone</p> <p>Sat. Weekday Sept. 1 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30 8:00 Pellegrino Trapani (B'day), Angela Kish.</p>
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, September 2, 2018

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
<p>5:00pm (Sat.) 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm</p>	<p>Fr. Gius Fr. Gabriel Fr. Gius Fr. Gabriel</p>	<p>Eugene Coutu People of the Parish William F. Sarvis (17 Anniv.) Angel Amengual, Sr.</p>

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism, 1:30pm: Presider: Deacon Irwin

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: Nicole Heiser – Joseph Nocella

Third Banns: Courtney Baumann – Shawn Snyder
 Sally Rose Annarumma – Christopher James Brown
 (Divine Mercy, Central Square, 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:

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

Next week:

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

Saturday, September 8: Bereavement Group 9am.

Upcoming:

Tuesday, September 11: Youth Ministry Fall Kick-Off 7pm.

Monday, 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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Our Ministries

Ministries of Worship

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Parish Social Ministry

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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 - A Special Installment

Physicians in a Time of Plague

(I'm writing this two days after the release of the grand jury report on clergy sex abuse and its coverup in Pennsylvania, and in the wake of the earlier reports of the sordid activities of former-Cardinal, now Father Theodore McCarrick. I usually don't write my column during the summer and I'm on vacation, but I don't want to wait on this.)

I will not expand here on the sadness I feel for the victims of the abuse we've just learned about, my anger at the abusers and at church leaders who protected predators, and my head-shaking disbelief at decisions some bishops made. There is something more important to you as parishioners I have to talk about.

Some Catholics are losing their faith (or leaving the church) over this, and that's a tragedy I urge you to resist, and to encourage others to resist, walking away. Don't give up.

Get angry at the bishops who did this; work for changes in the way the church operates; write letters to the bishop; do any and all of the reasonable and even valuable things that will make sure this sort of thing is stopped wherever it now may exist, and that it never happens again. But don't give up: you need Christ for your own growth in holiness, and Christ needs you for the sake of His saving mission towards others. And our connection to Christ, by His will, is through our church communion, in which we hear His Word and celebrate His sacraments. Be outraged, but don't walk away.

Here's how I intend to keep going. It's worked for me; maybe it will help you. Here's the story:

Fifteen years ago, during what now appears to have been only the first phase of an ongoing leadership crisis, Msgr. Phil Murnion wrote to priests about how to function in the midst of devastating daily headlines about crimes by our colleagues: We should, he said, imagine ourselves to be **physicians in a time of plague**. I think that now this image can be helpful for every Catholic: We have all become aware that aspects of our church environment (including some persons in positions of leadership) are toxic, and we are at risk of infection; yet we have a calling we dare not abandon. We are needed now more than ever.

Christ's church needs bishops (He set it up that way); but no one's faith should ever be about bishops. Christ's church is built on God's goodness, expressed through His gifts of the Sacraments; its life is about helping people to become holy, about inviting people to embrace the salvation Christ won, about remedying ignorance and poverty, about forgiving sin and encouraging virtue. Focus on the mission Christ gave us in the very practical, daily ways open to each of us: Pray; spend time in silence in God's presence (visit Christ in the Blessed Sacrament if you don't already have a practice of that). Pay attention to, and encourage, all the good that's done around you by ordinary believers. Read about the saints, and about the good works of so many Catholics today. Forgive people who wrong you. Apologize when you yourself mess up. As the saying goes, *Be the change you want to see in the church* – you're as much a part of it as the Pope or any bishop is.

And be ready to think hard, and to act courageously.

Think hard, first. Before forming an opinion about this scandal, look for good sources of information (there's lots of axe-grinding going on in commentary, and that's not helpful); keep genuine values in the forefront of your thinking; and recognize that issues and people are complex, and simple slogans get in the way of clear thinking and of effective action.

Next, act instead of griping. There are changes you (and I!) might like to make in how the church operates, but pretty much all of those changes are beyond our ability to make. We need to do what we can do, and as Catholics we learn what we can do from the Scriptures. Saint Paul tells us that when one member of the Body of Christ suffers, all suffer [I Cor 12:26]. Jesus himself tells us that some evils can only be driven out by prayer and fasting [Mark 9:29]. Prayer, and fasting, are within the power of each of us. Pray for the people who were abused. Pray for the civil authorities and for journalists, that evil will be exposed and justice will be done. Pray that bishops and priests will be faithful and wise and courageous. Pray that other believers will not turn away because of this. If you speak, or write, let your words come from a prayerful and disciplined center. Your own holiness is needed at this time, for your sake and the sake of others in our society. Don't give up. In this time of plague, be a healer.

-- Fr. Vin

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Office Hours

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

Special Needs Faith Formation

Is looking for volunteers to assist our students to grow spiritually and understand more about God and our Catholic faith. We meet Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:15pm for small group instruction, 1:1 instruction and whole group prayer and share. Our program runs from early October through May. It's an extremely rewarding ministry that will bring you closer to God. For more information, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 631-661-9353.

Registration for the 2018 – 2019 School Year

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! 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 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

Pope Francis on the 3rd Anniversary of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*

We can think back on the call that Francis of Assisi received from the Lord: “Go and repair my house, which, as you can see, lies in ruins.” Today, the “common home” of our planet also needs urgently to be repaired and secured for a sustainable future.

In recent decades, the scientific community has developed increasingly accurate assessments in this regard. Indeed, “the pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet’s capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now periodically occur in different areas of the world.” There is a real danger that we will leave future generations only rubble, deserts and refuse.

So I express my hope that concern for the state of our common home will translate into systematic and concerted efforts aimed at an integral ecology. For “the effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now.” Humanity has the knowledge and means to cooperate responsibly “cultivating and protecting” the earth.

School Supplies – Needed!

Won’t you purchase some school supplies to donate to our school age children in need? Please bring in backpacks, pencils, pens, notebooks, crayons, glue, etc. If you don’t have time to shop, gift cards to Walmart, Target, CVS and Rite Aid area most helpful. Please place all supplies in the lobby bin.



Suffolk County Senior Advocate September Schedule

The Senior Advocates offer help with Medigap, SCAT Transportation, SNAP (food stamps) and HEAP applications.

Rainbow Center	Wednesday, September 5	8:30am - 11:00am
Wyandanch Nutrition Center	Friday, September 7	8:30am - 12:30pm
Spangle Drive Center	Monday, September 10	8:30am - 11:30am
Tanner Park Nutrition	Wednesday, September 19	8:30am - 1:00pm
Wyandanch Nutrition Center	Friday, September 21	8:30am - 12:30pm
West Babylon Library	Thursday, September 27	10:00am - 1:00pm

West Babylon Library Homebound Program – check it out!

The West Babylon Library has a “Homebound Program” for residents who are unable to get to the library but would like to borrow books to read. This program will deliver books to you and pick them up when you finish reading them. To become part of this program you must call the Library at 631-669-5445 and ask to speak to Phyllis regarding the “Homebound Program”. She will schedule an appointment to come to your home to meet with you and complete an informal application. She will discuss what your preferences are in books, authors, etc. and set up a delivery schedule. It’s that easy. Give them a call.

If you know of a homebound resident – tell them about this program – it can brighten their day.

Local Farmer’s Markets – now through the fall

Babylon – at the Railroad Station	Sundays	8am to 1pm
Lindenhurst – Wellwood Avenue White Gazebo	Saturdays	10am to 3pm

Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Angela Gabriella Santos

Lilly Anne Ramlogan

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.

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.

Calendar Raffle Winners

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

8/20/18	8/21/18	8/22/18	8/23/18	8/24/18	8/25/18	8/26/18
72	385	387	447	522	57	281

*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

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: \$30.00 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 \$30.00. 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 Coming Soon

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.

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.

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*!

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.



Working to Reduce Poverty in America.



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

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

Ways to Help Stop Family Separation

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

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

Volunteer Opportunity

The Neighborhood House provides support groups to people grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide or overdose. Our eight-week support groups begin with a home-cooked meal provided by community volunteers, and the kindness of strangers in this way provides tremendous nurturing and support as they begin to try and heal.

Our support groups are now in need of volunteers to join our *Dinner Brigade* – providing a home cooked meal for upcoming Connections meetings. If you enjoy cooking and are looking for a wonderful way to give to those in need, please contact us about joining the *Dinner Brigade*.

Please contact us at 631-589-0055, email info@tnh-hope.org or visit www.tnh-hope.org for more information.