



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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October 21, 2018 • Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

<p>Mon. Weekday Oct. 22 <i>Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21</i> 8:00 Rita Costello 9:00 Msgr. Douglas Brown</p> <p>Tue. Weekday Oct. 23 <i>Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38</i> 8:00 Lucille Towns 9:00 Rev. Joseph Colligan</p> <p>Wed. Weekday Oct. 24 <i>Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48</i> 8:00 Stephen W. Kish 9:00 Victims of clergy sexual abuse</p>	<p>Thu. Weekday Oct. 25 <i>Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53</i> 8:00 Marjorie Duncklee 9:00 Msgr. Peter Chiara</p> <p>Fri. Weekday Oct. 26 <i>Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59</i> 8:00 Rev. John Callahan 9:00 Barbara Trovato</p> <p>Sat. Weekday Oct. 27 <i>Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9</i> 8:00 Joseph A. Pergola</p>
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, October 28, 2018

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
<p>5:00pm (Sat.) 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm</p>	<p>Fr. Gabriel Fr. Gabriel Fr. Gius Fr. Vin</p>	<p>Ruth Ellen Hughes Philip Prince and Don Moran People of the Parish Guinesspi Aidone (Living)</p>

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the year. 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: Taylor Cainciotto – Anthony Mastrantonio
Second Banns: Jessica Tillinghast – Christopher Siegel
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, October 22: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, October 23: Scripture Sharing 9:30am.
Youth Ministry 7:30pm.

Saturday, October 27: Youth Ministry Bake Sale 4pm.

Next week:

Sunday, October 28: Youth Ministry Bake Sale 7am to 2pm. Family Life Ministry 11am.

Monday, October 29: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

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

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.

Upcoming:

Thursday, November 22: Thanksgiving Day. Mass at 9am (only).
Parish offices closed.

Friday, November 23: Parish offices closed.

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.

Our Pastoral Council

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

Our Finance Council

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

Our Ministries

Ministries of Worship

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

Parish Social Ministry

Mrs. Ann Kristoffersen,
Coordinator

Ministries with Children and Families

Mrs. Peggy Harnisch, Director
Ms. Jeanmarie Florio, Day Care Director
Mrs. Tischa Stanley, Angel Care Coordinator
Ms. Doreen Scalise, Kids of the Kingdom / Summer Fun Coordinator

Ministries of Administration

Parish Services, Finance
Mr. James Pisano, Facilities Manager

As I See It

By Fr. Vin

Saints and Souls - I

A week from Thursday is All Saints' Day, and the day after is All Souls'. So I want to use these two weeks' columns to write about the Communion of Saints.

Let's start with the goal of our existence: those old enough to remember the Baltimore Catechism will recall, "God made us to know, love, and serve Him in this life and so to be happy with Him in the next." The shortcut word for that phrase is *sanctification* – being made "holy," as God is holy. (The Eastern churches have a similar word in Greek: *theosis*, which means "becoming Godlike.") Either way, the point is clear.

We become sanctified by God's gift of grace and our response to it. God helps us fulfill our vocation in life with all its challenges through His grace; God helps us to overcome difficulties and setbacks that come from within and without through His grace; and God helps us in the sacramental graces that come from participation in the life of the Church.

When that process is completed, we call the person a saint; but I suspect that for most of us it takes more than a lifetime to complete it. That's why the Body of Christ, the communion of the baptized, is imagined as having three groups: one living in the body on earth (you and me), one with God in heaven (the saints), and one no longer in the body but not yet fully sanctified: those in Purgatory.

I admit that Purgatory isn't a fashionable topic these days, but I think that's partially due to a misunderstanding of the doctrine (and yes, it is still a doctrine of the Church). Maybe because of a common misreading of Dante's *Divine Comedy* or maybe because of sloppy religious education, too many people miss the point of Purgatory. It's not punishment (although in Dante the souls in Purgatory indeed suffer); it's the hard work of self-change. (If you've ever struggled to break a bad habit, you know what this means....) Those in Purgatory are undistractedly devoted to the work of self-change, of their sanctification. Today, I'll mention only that we help them toward sanctification by our prayers.

I'll have more to say about the work of Purgatory next week; I want to focus our attention now on the communion of saints and the interconnectedness we share not only with all the living but also with all who have died, whether they have reached full sanctification or have not yet done so. The key thing to keep in mind is, we are connected to one another as conduits for God's grace. We pray to the saints for their help (and rely on it); and we pray for one another and for the souls in Purgatory because God works through us for the sake of others and through others for our sakes. That's the point of the two feasts we'll celebrate next week.

On All Saints' Day we remember and ask for the help of – well, all the saints. That means not only the famous ones like St. Francis and St. Theresa but also of those people known to you but probably to only a few others who have completed the work of sanctification. We can't know for sure, but I'd be willing to suspect that a few of my teachers in elementary and high school are saints as are some parishioners I've known over the years. They gave me good example and practical help while we shared this planet, and I'm confident that they haven't lost track of me now. So it's natural and appropriate to ask for their help and guidance; they continue to be conduits for God's grace to come to me as I face the challenges of my vocation and my life. There are no doubt similar people in your life.

So it might be a useful exercise to get ready for next week (in addition to reading the Scriptures before coming to Mass) to make a list of the people who have shaped and helped you along the way and what you've received from God through them. It's likely that they weren't perfect or well-known or perhaps particularly pious: but they (so far as any outsider can know) learned to respond wholeheartedly to God's grace and put it into action in love, generosity, forgiveness, and compassion. What do you still need to learn from them? What sort of help might you ask them for? Is All Saints' Day a time to renew a vital connection? Until next week, peace.

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

Our Faith Formation Students in Levels 6, 7 and 8, as part of preparation for Confirmation, complete several service projects at home and in the parish as part of their discipleship journey! Our first group of Level 8 students made 342 sandwiches for the soup kitchen. Next Saturday a large group will complete a Walk-A-Thon in the back field to raise money for the needy! I am always so happy to go through this journey with them, and the students work so hard. Our Level 7 students have started in the Community Garden even working in the rain to get things done! We talk about Jesus as our model of service and how he calls us to serve each other!

Catholic High School Open Houses

Date	Time	School
October		
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.

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 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 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>.

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

“The mystery of human life is that we – every one of us – are precious to God. Everyone of us is made in God’s image and likeness. Our eternal destiny depends on our recognition of the face of Christ in others.

Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that “everyone should look upon his neighbor as ‘another self,’ and of actively helping him when he comes across our path, whether he be an old person abandoned by all, a foreign laborer unjustly looked down upon, a refugee, a child born of an unlawful union...or a hungry person” (The Church in the Modern World,27)
The duty of making oneself a neighbor to others is particularly urgent when it involves the disadvantaged and the most vulnerable.

(Cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1932-33)

Coping With the Holiday Workshops

A free workshop for those who are grieving, offering support, education and strategies to cope with the loss of a loved one during the holiday season.

Each attendee will also be creating a beautiful remembrance. All community members are welcomed

Monday, November 12, 2018 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Good Shepherd Hospice Administration Building
110 Bi-County Blvd, Suite 114
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Registration Required – Carolyn Lisi Haas, LCSW-R@631-828-7629

Are You Registered to Vote?

To register you must be a citizen, 18 years of age by the end of this year, not be in jail nor claim the right to vote elsewhere. Forms are available in the Outreach Office and in the Post Office or call 1-800-for-vote. Be a Faithful CitizenRemember to Vote! We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world.

Thank You for Your Support of Birthright!

Thank you for your support in purchasing the press-on roses for Birthright!

Birthright is a confidential, non-profit, non-sectarian volunteer service offering at no charge: Pregnancy tests, layettes, maternity clothes and referrals for reduced medical fees. They continue to support new mothers with food and diapers. Birthright offers a positive alternative to abortion. 1-800-550-4900

Thank you to the many volunteers who help support Birthright – by giving of their time to assist at the Birthright Offices and help to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Please continue to support Birthright!

Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Emma Luz Ramirez

Adelyna Rose Johnson

Jameson Blake Raven

Amelia Geraldine Ostrander

Vanessa Ryan Ferraro

Vincent Michael Schiavone

Faythe Mackenzie Amato

Lucas William Depena

Hannah Elizabeth Byrnes

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Maryjane Volturo

Joseph A. Pergola

Harry Prodromides

Frank Martorana

Joseph Anthony Rose

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.

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.

Calendar Raffle Winners

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

10/15/18	10/16/18	10/17/18	10/18/18	10/19/18	10/20/18	10/21/18
56	279	420	288	456	300	395

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

Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2018, through September 30, 2018

Sunday offering target: \$13,195 per week

Target: \$65,975

Collections: \$63,552

Under target by \$2,423

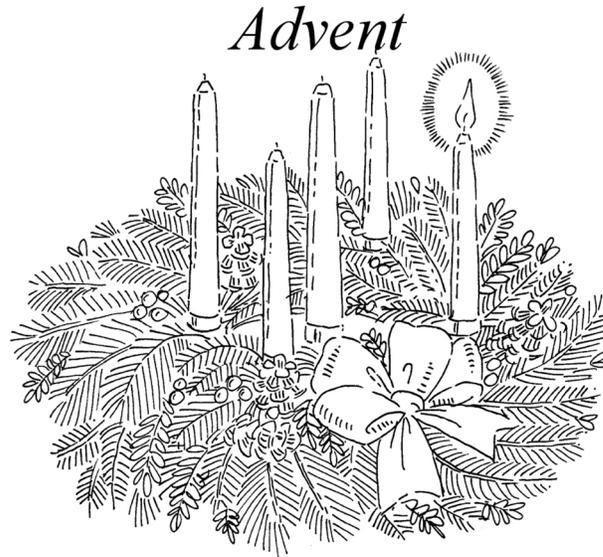
[A complete financial report for FY2018 will be presented later in the fall, after approval by the parish Finance Council.]

Many thanks to our generous sacrificial givers!

Ministries with Children and Families

Family Life Ministry Updates

Our first Hospitality Breakfast is today, Sunday, October 28, 2018, after the 10am Mass! **Please join us!**



Advent Wreath Making

Sunday December 2, 2018

All families Invited!!

11am—after the 10am Mass we'll be making Advent wreaths! Advent wreaths are a wonderful way for every family to celebrate the four Sundays of this beautiful season of Advent in preparation for the birthday of Jesus. We'll have coffee, tea, hot cocoa as well as some snacks!

We hope you will join us!

Please return this form and your money by November 12, 2018, to ensure we have enough supplies!

Family last name _____

Total # attending _____ #children under 6 _____

Phone # _____ email _____

We will be able to bring something for the dessert table - Y or N (cookies, brownies etc.)

Please send this part of the form with your \$10.00 / \$5.00 in an envelope to the office or mail to OLOG, 666 Albin Ave. West Babylon, NY 11704 Attn: Faith Formation.

Amount enclosed _____ \$10.00 / _____ \$5.00

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.

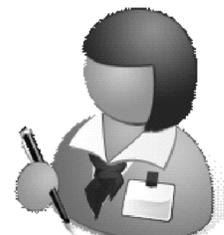


A Note for WeShare Users

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.



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!

The Youth Ministry will be having their 'bake sale' on the weekend of October 27 and 28 after all the Masses. Please stop by and support them.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) news

Do you want to become a Catholic Christian? Do you know someone who does? The RCIA Program here at Our Lady of Grace will be starting a new session in September, and we look forward to hearing from all interested persons. The RCIA is for those who have **not** been baptized (or for those baptized in another Christian tradition). We meet regularly to pray, read the Bible and learn more about Catholic Christian faith and traditions and prepare to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. If you want to learn more about the RCIA process or if you are ready to participate this September, please call the Parish Office at 631-587-5185 or Will Whelan at 631-957-0518 or e-mail: wfwhelan@aol.com.

The RCIA team is looking to expand! Do you want to put your PFI certificate to good use? Do you like to share your faith with others? Are you being called to spread the faith? Then the RCIA team may be the right ministry for you. The commitment is only a few hours each month but the reward is helping others develop a lifelong loving relationship with Jesus Christ and our Father in heaven. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help others on their faith journey. Call or e-mail Will for more info or to join the team. 631-957-0518 (wfwhelan@aol.com)

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!

Rosary Makers Needed

If you have time on your hands or need to relax in the evening, please consider joining Our Lady of Grace Rosary Makers. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month to ship and send out rosaries to our local hospitals, nursing homes and missions all over the States. Some of our members have been making rosaries for over 20 years, and we continue to do so each month. However, our group is in need of additional rosary makers to keep up with the demand for rosaries.

To join the rosary makers, all you need are two capable hands, good eyes and two hours of your time once a month. We will teach you how to make the knots to make the rosaries; and then once you have mastered them, you are given a supply kit to 50 rosaries that you will make at home and bring back the finished product at the next month's meeting. If you feel that you can help us out, please leave your name and phone number in the Parish Office and someone will get back to you.

Volunteers Are Needed For The Nursing Home

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. This ministry is very important to our parish and especially our parish communion. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 631-587-5185.

Casino Night

East Neck Nursing Home will be hosting a Casino Night Fundraiser and Grand Chinese Auction on November 1 from 5:30 to 8:30pm. All proceeds to benefit the West Babylon Fire Department. Please call Alyssa at 631-422-4800, Ext. 166 to reserve your spot.

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?



Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana Program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on November 2, 3, 4, 2018.

For information, please call Lenny and Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org.