



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

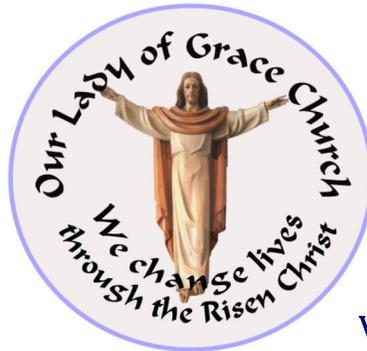
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

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 28, 2018 • Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Weekday

Oct. 29 *Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17*
 8:00 Ralph DiDomenic (B'day)
 9:00 Giuseppe Mozzone

Tue. Weekday

Oct. 30 *Eph 5:21-33 /Lk 13:18-21*
 8:00 Stephen J. Kish
 9:00 Alfred J. Tedesco

Wed. Weekday

Oct. 31 *Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30*
 8:00 Dolores A. Dillon
 9:00 Alina Niebrzydowska
 5:30 People of the Parish

Thu. All Saints

Nov. 1 *Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a*
 8:00 Tina Marie Cicciari
 9:00 Angela R. Tedesco (1 Anniv.)
 7:30 For the Victims of Clergy Abuse

Fri. All Souls' Day

Nov. 2 *Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 /Jn 6:37-40*
 8:00 All Souls' Remembrance
 9:00 All Souls' Remembrance
 7:30 All Souls' Remembrance

Sat. Weekday

Nov. 3 *Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11*
 8:00 Pasquale Pino

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, November 4, 2018

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Presiding

5:00pm (Sat.) Fr. Vin
8:00am Fr. Vin
10:00am Fr. Gabriel
12:00pm Fr. Gius

We pray at this Mass especially for

Phil Temerario and Pat Forcino and John Puzio
 Gene Kelleher
 Bill Hertelio and Maria Pellerito
 People of the Parish

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

Second Banns:

Taylor Cianciotto – Anthony Mastrantonio

Third 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:

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.

Next week:

Saturday, November 3: Monthly concert 6pm.

Monday, November 5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, November 6: Scripture Sharing 9:30am.
Youth Ministry 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 - II

Friday is All Souls' Day so let's talk about Purgatory. Start with a story.

Some years ago I walked into a wake service to preside, and since I didn't know the deceased, looked for a family member to give me a bit of background. One of the sons came up and said (I remember this verbatim, and you'll see why), "Father, whatever you say don't say anything good about my mother. She was a b**** and everyone knows it." Well. Cue a very generic homily.

So what happened to Mom when she died, and where was she as we spoke? From the son's comment it seems likely that the process of sanctification or *theosis* hadn't quite come to a successful conclusion by the time of that wake. There was still more work for Mom to do, apparently, to become the "best version of herself" that was God's dream for her. Enter the doctrine of Purgatory.

Having seen a bit of human nature over the years, I realize that the often-heard solicitous comment that "S/he (the deceased) is in heaven now" is meant to console the mourners – but we go off the tracks if we think it's a reliable guide to what awaits us all after death. I may be wrong, but it seems to me that few people I've known have finished becoming "the best version of themselves" by the point of death. (And, while I'm working on it for myself, I strongly suspect that I won't have the years left to finish the project either before I've shuffled off this mortal coil...)

Our church reassures us that this is where God's mercy comes in. We're not stuck with what we've made of ourselves at death. Nor do we get a second chance with another life. (Religious traditions that trust in reincarnation face the same problem I'm talking about but answer it differently: instead of Purgatory, they anticipate another few – or few thousand – lifetimes to finish up the work. We Catholics see it differently.)

Now no one – including our Church – knows exactly what God has in store for us. Some theologians (including Pope Emeritus Benedict) have suggested that seeing God face-to-face provides an instantaneous (although painful) healing for what's still broken in us. Other descriptions rely on our earthly experience that change happens with hard work over time and that this is the better metaphor for how God helps us toward sanctification. (Think of working to change a bad habit.)

Perhaps the greatest imaginative vision of this process is in Dante's *Purgatorio*. A devout and very insightful Catholic and great poet, Dante understood a great deal about the soul's transformation in this life and used that insight to craft his poem. In it, the souls in Purgatory are given two great gifts: they see clearly exactly what ails them and are given the opportunity for undistracted work on healing that fault. Their sufferings are not punishments, but exactly the right remedy – self-imposed - for their distorted selves.

For example: in the "Valley of the Rulers," Dante puts good kings; a commentator today says that would be the equivalent in our time of "anxious parents, over-burdened housewives and breadwinners, social workers, busy organizers, and others who are so 'rushed off their feet' that they forget to say their prayers." Another commentator adds to that list, "overworked doctors, psychologists, priests, and ministers ... indeed all those who take refuge from themselves in an unreflective pursuit of good, pouring all their energy into the redemption of society or the succor of other people while blind to their own darkness." In their Purgatory, they wait. They wait for a fixed span of time they cannot alter until they learn the proper use of time, something they had failed to do in this life.

But, Dante says, there is one thing that can help them along the way (and here he is fully basing his poem on Catholic teaching): the prayers of the living can shorten their span. Again the Holy Communion of the baptized comes into view, and God's grace comes to them through others.

On Friday, join us if at all possible to pray for the faithful departed. Masses are at 8am, 9am, and 7:30pm. And remember and pray for all those (like "Mom") who departed this life without finishing their work of sanctification. We can help them along by our prayers. 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 [reparation 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!

All Saints' Day

This Thursday we celebrate All Saints' Day! Although Halloween is a big deal for our children, remember how important All Saints' Day is in our faith. This is the day we celebrate all of those who are in heaven. Remember, everyone in heaven is a saint. Take some time this week to look up some of the saints with your children. They are wonderful role models and their examples of faith are sorely needed in the world today! Last week – October 22 we celebrated the feast of St. John Paul II – why not look him up. Formed.org has a movie about him – Pope John Paul II. We have also just celebrated the canonization of six new saints, among them St. Pope Paul VI and St. Oscar Romero, a tireless advocate for justice and the poor. If you haven't set up your account on FORMED, remember there is no cost to you; and it has wonderful programming!

Faith Formation Donations

Pennies can make a difference. We again ask you to drop them off at the Faith Formation Office mail slot, the Parish Office, or in the Sunday collection (place them in an envelope marked for Faith Formation). Last week \$32 was donated for the 2018-2019 year. The total to date: \$205. Thanks to all who donate.

Congratulations to All

Let us all congratulate the following students from St. Anthony's High School for receiving honor roll certificates for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Lilly Feehan

Paige Murray

Alyssa Seidler

Sarah Skala

Gabriel Zeccolella

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

A Will Lacking Humility

It was forgotten that everything “depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy.” Those who yield to this...mindset, even though they speak warmly of God’s grace, “ultimately trust only in their own powers and feel superior to others...” When some of them tell the weak that all things can be accomplished with God’s grace, deep down they tend to give the idea that all things are possible by the human will, as if it were something pure, perfect, all-powerful, to which grace is then added. They fail to realize that “not everyone can do everything” and that in this life human weaknesses are not healed completely and once for all by grace.

Ultimately, the lack of a heartfelt and prayerful acknowledgment of our limitations prevents grace from working more effectively with us, for no room is left for bringing about the potential good that is part of a sincere and genuine journey of growth...Unless we can acknowledge our concrete and limited situation, we will not be able to see the real and possible steps that the Lord demands of us at every moment, once we are attracted and empowered by his gift.

- *Gaudete et Exsultate*, 49-51

Medicare Full Open Enrollment

People with Medicare should review their Health and Drug coverage carefully. Medicare’s Fall Open Enrollment period is October 15 through December 7.

Use the Medicare Plan Finder tool www.medicare.gov to review your options and get details.

Beneficiaries who wish to speak with a counselor can call the Medicare Rights Center’s toll free helpline at 800-333-4114 or visit www.medicareinteractive.org.

State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) also provide free counseling services. To find your local SHIP call 800-701-0501 or go to www.shipnpr.shiptalk.org.

October Is Fire Safety Month

This year’s FPW campaign is “Look, Listen, Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere” Learn the three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire—and how to escape safely in the event of one:

Look – for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

Listen – for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should know to meet.

Learn – two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.



“Learn to be Tobacco Free – Program” -- West Babylon Public Library



Suffolk County’s smoking cessation program provides behavior modification and supportive pharmaceuticals to medically eligible participants. All cessation groups and programs are supervised by a nurse practitioner and services provided to residents at no cost.

For further information on the program in October and November – contact Debora: 631-853-2928.

Parish News

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Joan Koenecke

Nancy Bonsignore

Laurie Ann Hoschke

James Ahearn

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.

10/22/18	10/23/18	10/24/18	10/25/18	10/26/18	10/27/18	10/28/18
216	478	310	350	595	467	382

*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 next hospitality breakfast will be today October 28, 2018, after the 10:00 Mass. Please join us! We will have coffee, tea and juice plus bagels, quiche and muffins. This is a great way to get together with our worship community!



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.

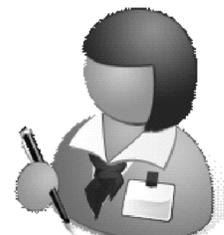


A Note for WeShare Users

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' this 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: wfwwhelan@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 maybe 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 (wfwwhelan@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 make 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.

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.

Diocese of Rockville Center - An Evening of Prayer for Men Suffering Abortion Loss

An Evening of Prayer for Men is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The evening is directed by a spiritual team who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer. The evening will consist of Mass, dinner, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and adoration.



Wednesday, November 28, 2018, from 7pm to 9pm. To register and for more information, please visit www.respectlife.drvc.org or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673) or 1(516) 766-2538, projectrachel@drvc.org. Please register by Monday, November 26, 2018.

All reservations and information will remain confidential.
