



# 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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**November 4, 2018 • Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Worship This Coming Week

**Mon. Weekday**

Nov. 5 *Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14*

8:00

9:00 John F. Kristoffersen

**Tue. Weekday**

Nov. 6 *Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24*

8:00

9:00 Angela R. Tedesco

**Wed. Weekday**

Nov. 7 *Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33*

8:00

9:00 Marie Napoleon

**Thu. Weekday**

Nov. 8 *Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10*

8:00

9:00 Laurie Ann Hoschke

**Fri. The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

Nov. 9 *Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/  
Jn 2:13-22*

8:00 Angela Diaz

9:00 Dolores Dillon

**Sat. St. Leo the Great**

Nov. 10 *Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15*

8:00 Vincenzo Geremia, Benjamin Geremia.

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### Worship for Sunday, November 11, 2018

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44*

**Presiding**

**5:00pm (Sat.)**

**8:00am**

**10:00am**

**12:00pm**

Fr. Gabriel

Fr. Gabriel

Fr. Gius

Fr. Vin

**We pray at this Mass especially for**

People of the Parish

Giovanni Iemma

Veronica Preiss

Vincent Ingrisaro

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Saturday, 11am: Presider: Deacon Irwin

*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:** Rebecca LaFlare – Gerard Posillico

**Third Banns:** Taylor Cianciotto – Anthony Mastrantonio  
*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:**

**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.

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## **Next week:**

**Monday, November 12:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

**Tuesday, November 13:** Scripture Sharing 9:30am. Rosary  
Makers 10am. Padre Pio 7:30pm. Youth Ministry 7:30pm.

**Friday, November 16:** Widows and Widowers 12pm.

**Saturday, November 17, Sunday, November 18:** Sewing Group  
Christmas Afghan raffle sale after all the Masses.

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## **Upcoming:**

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

**Friday, November 23:** Parish offices closed.

**Saturday, December 8:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation). Masses at  
5:30pm Friday (Vigil), Saturday at 8am and 9am. (The 5pm  
Saturday Mass is the Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent.)

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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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## **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

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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

# As I See It

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By Fr. Vin

## The State of Our Parish

There's more to be said than I have time for in my *State of the Parish Report* from the pulpit this week. Here I want to address briefly two threads that connect us to the larger Church and culture; we have to remember that we don't live in a vacuum.

The first is the trend in religious participation generally, across denominations. It's down. There are occasional congregations that are growing, but that's usually because there is either a growing population (such as some churches in retirement destinations) or a charismatic leader (such as some nondenominational churches). But those are both local (and temporary) aberrations.

Here's some recent data from Gallup:

From 2014 to 2017, an average of 39% of Catholics reported attending church in the past seven days. This is down from an average of 45% from 2005 to 2008 and represents a steep decline from 75% in 1955. ... After stabilizing in the mid-2000s, weekly church attendance among U.S. Catholics has resumed its downward trajectory over the past decade. In particular, older Catholics have become less likely to report attending church in the past seven days -- so that now, for the first time, a majority of Catholics in no generational group attend weekly. Further, given that young Catholics are even less devout, it appears the decline in church attendance will only continue.<sup>1</sup>

Our culture is becoming pagan (about which I hope to have more to say in a few weeks), and the children and grandchildren of faithful Catholics, Methodists, Mormons, Jews, and all the rest just aren't joining congregations in large numbers any more. Our parish is like a cork floating on the ocean of this growing paganism, and the empty pews (and perhaps your own family) demonstrate that. It's tragic, but there isn't a lot we can do. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, our job is not to be successful but to be faithful.

And then there's the ongoing sex-abuse and cover-up scandal, which is driving people away from participating in Catholic parishes. This is too recent to have good polling data, but I can tell you that there are families who have stopped participating here for exactly this reason. Read the Catholic blogs, and you'll see cold fury toward Church leadership, along with people – some notable like *The Week's* columnist Damon Linker – leaving Catholicism completely.<sup>2</sup> With just about every media report about the Catholic Church now a negative one, it's hardly surprising that young people in particular want nothing to do with church membership or participation. Pope Francis himself has said as much.<sup>3</sup>

If you're reading this, you're probably the exception to the trends. You think there's still value in being a Catholic and practicing the faith. You need to understand: we are now a minority in this culture and will likely be one for the foreseeable future. The "good old days" of full churches and "automatic" Catholic practice for children and grandchildren are gone. We cannot rely on the trend of the culture to hand on the faith – culture is working against us.

If our parish is to thrive in this environment, we can't count on outside help from the culture or from the public posture of the larger church. Our help will come from the Risen Christ, through prayer, study of the wisdom of the saints and sages of our tradition, and the practice of the faith: weekly Sunday Mass, daily prayer, constant charity and forgiveness. Encouragement of one another to persist despite obstacles. Appreciation for one another's generosity. Kind words when they're needed. Practical help when we can meet a need. In short, the state of our parish depends on you. Until next week, peace.

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<sup>1</sup> "Catholics Church Attendance Resumes Downward Slide." <https://news.gallup.com/poll/232226/church-attendance-among-catholics-resumes-downward-slide.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> <http://theweek.com/articles/792775/unbearable-ugliness-catholic-church>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/pope-francis-estonia-baltics-catholic-church-abuse-report-scandal-a8554111.html>

# 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 Friday. Evenings available by appointment!

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## Christian Service

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. Yesterday 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!

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## 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](http://www.ourladyofgrace.net).

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## St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

This special group meets every second Tuesday of the month here at Our Lady of Grace Church at 7:30pm to recite the rosary and special prayers to St. Padre Pio. Come and join us and see what they are all about.

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## Advent "Lessons & Carols" at Our Lady of Grace, 12/1, 6pm

Celebrate with us as we prepare for the birthday of the Lord. The clergy, lectors, and choir at Our Lady of Grace are offering this seasonal worship service with assistance from special guests, the choir of Our Lady of Lourdes. Begins directly following the 5:00 Mass on December 1.

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## "Moving On" Group

Presented by the Church of St. Joseph Parish Center located in Babylon, NY. This is an after bereavement group for widows and widowers. The presentation will be "Cooking For One" on Friday, November 9, 2018, at 7:30pm.



For further information, please call Geri Olson 631-661-8994, Linda Sparaco 631-225-9530 or Mike Goodwin 631-422-0957.

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## Religious Article Counter

The Religious Article Counter is open with new merchandise from the Holy Land. We have olive wood rosaries, Jerusalem crosses, bracelets and Christmas ornaments. All items have been blessed.

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# Parish Social Ministry

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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### US Bishops on Hurricane Michael Assistance

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued the following statement on the devastating impact of Hurricane Michael from the Florida Panhandle to Virginia.

“In the wake of two powerful hurricanes, people across the southeast now face the long process of recovery. May God’s mercy comfort family and friends who have lost loved ones and sustain those rebuilding their homes and businesses? Let us respond with prayer and personal generosity.

As a community of faith, we remain with our brothers and sisters throughout their journey. Humanitarian needs still exist from previous hurricanes. New storms will bring new suffering. Together, we can help communities carry the cross. Thousands of parishes have taken up an Emergency Collection for 2018 Natural Disasters. You can also support relief efforts in the United States by visiting [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org) “

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### Election Day – Tuesday – November 6, 2018

Remember to Vote ...Be a Faithful Citizen – As you prepare to vote this week, we are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes to help build a better world.

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue and participation in political life a moral obligation.

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**Senior Advocates** – seniors who need help with applications for SNAP, SCAT or Medicare can come to

Rainbow Center, Lindenhurst	Wednesday, November 7	8:30am – 11am
Tanner Park, Copiague	Wednesday, November 14	8:30am - 1pm
Wyandanch Nutrition	Friday, November 16	8:30am - 12:30pm
West Babylon Library	Thursday, November 29	10am - 1pm

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### Free Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, November 10, 2018 – 9am – 12pm -- 1683 and 1701 Deer Park Avenue, Deer Park. Sponsored by Mangano Funeral Home and Family Florist. All documents get shredded in a professional Mobile Shredding Truck while you watch and are then recycled. No plastic, cardboard or hard drives! No need to remove staples or paper clips.

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### Health Insurance Help

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Navigators will be at the Parish Social Ministry Office on Wednesday, November 7 from 12 to 3pm. Assistance is available to apply for affordable health care plans, Child Health Plus and Medicaid. First come, first served. Call 631-656-9783 for information or apply at [www.coverage4healthcare.com](http://www.coverage4healthcare.com).

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### Thank You! Thank You!

To the children who attend Day Care for their donation of food to our Pantry. Thank you to Jeanmarie, the Director for organizing it and bringing them down to the Pantry to place each item in our bins. So great to see the little ones learning to help their neighbors in need.

# Parish News

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

Jameson Eric DiFilippo

## Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Frances Poeggel  
Sharon Ruth Noschese

Hilda Tomasina  
Valdassare Pusateri

Patricia Nolde  
Eric Eriksen

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## Another Successful Year for Our Community Garden

Our garlic is planted; the asparagus fern will be cut down after it comes back (Nov.) The garden can rest for the winter. So too can our faithful gardeners: Loraine and Frank Bustamante, Fran Ehrlinger, Lucy Lim and Sister Alice McVey. Assisted by some of our Confirmation students for a ministerial experience, other students for school community service or honors credits, young adults from Life Worx who helped each Thursday, we have been able to undertake this important ministry.

In addition to their muscles and energy, our young people added good cheer and fun. They also learned of the locally "food insecure" families who make use of the veggies grown to supplement the non-perishable food items available through the Parish Food Pantry. Some interesting discussions have taken place as they grow in their awareness of family budgeting. The garden also provides a "lab" for science projects as they watch the plants grow, or compost being made or provide a veggie at snack time. Fresh peas, string beans or asparagus are a new treat for many.

We are grateful to the many people who have supported our efforts over the years with donations of money, plants, or goods they grew at home as well as making an offering when we had excess to sell.

We are grateful to the parents who stayed to help along with their children. It's hard work but very rewarding (and cheaper than the gym).

Would you consider joining us in 2019? Watch for a spring announcement. Garden manager needed. Leave your name and number at Parish Social Ministry – 631-661-9354.

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## Calendar Raffle Winners

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

10/29/18	10/30/18	10/31/18	11/1/18	11/2/18	11/3/18	11/4/18
424	526	261	314	137	398	113

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

### **Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2018, through October 29, 2018**

**Sunday offering target: \$13,195 per week**

Target: \$118,755

Collections: \$117,804

**Under target by \$951**

A complete financial report for FY2018 is on the parish website,  
[www.ourladyofgrace.net](http://www.ourladyofgrace.net).

*Many thanks to our generous sacrificial givers!*

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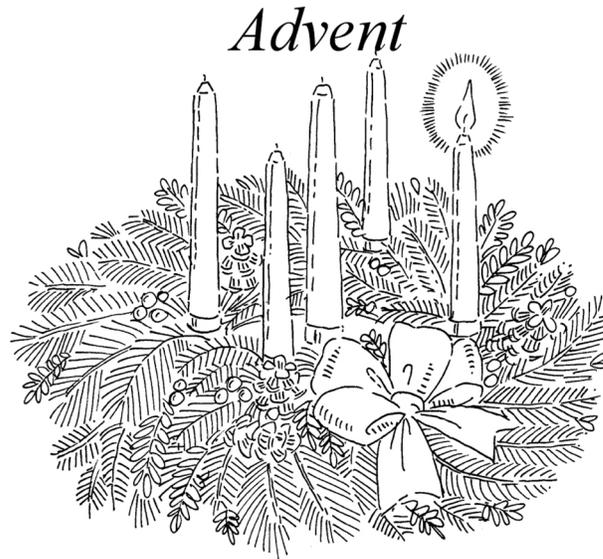
# Ministries with Children and Families

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## 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!

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## 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

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## 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 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Nothing to do Tuesday nights? Room 212. Join us for faith, fun and fellowship!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:wfwwhelan@aol.com))

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### **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 this afternoon. 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!

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **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](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org) or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673) or 1(516) 766-2538, [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org). Please register by Monday, November 26, 2018.

*All reservations and information will remain confidential.*



### **Healing after Abortion Day of Prayer and Healing for Women**

A Day of Prayer and Healing for Women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

#### **Saturday, December 1, 2018**

To register and for more information please visit [www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org), or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673) or 1(516) 766-2538 or [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org). Please register by Monday, November 26, 2018.

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