



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 11, 2018 • Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

<p>Mon. St. Josaphat Nov. 12 <i>Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6</i> 8:00 9:00 Giuseppe Mozzone</p> <p>Tue. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Nov. 13 <i>Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10</i> 8:00 The O'Malley Family 9:00 Sebastian Caliendo and Anthony Caliendo</p> <p>Wed. Weekday Nov. 14 <i>Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19</i> 8:00 Margaret Koliaga 9:00 Giuseppe Mozzone</p>	<p>Thu. Weekday Nov. 15 <i>Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25</i> 8:00 Vincent Hagan 9:00 Dominick Pisani</p> <p>Fri. Weekday Nov. 16 <i>2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37</i> 8:00 Jennifer McManus (3 Anniv.) 9:00 Madeline Bowen</p> <p>Sat. St. Elizabeth of Hungary Nov. 17 <i>3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8</i> 8:00</p>
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, November 18, 2018

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
<p>5:00pm (Sat.) 8:00am 10:00am 12:00pm</p>	<p>Fr. Gius Fr. Gius Fr. Vin Fr. Gabriel</p>	<p>Mary Orth People of the Parish Patrick Summers Frank Criscione</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

Second Banns: Rebecca LaFlare – Gerard Posillico
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, 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.

Next week:

Monday, November 19: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, November 20: Scripture Sharing 9:30am.
Youth Ministry 7:30pm.

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

Friday, November 23: Parish offices closed.

Upcoming:

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.)

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

For Those Who Haven't Heard

At the Masses last weekend, in my *State of the Parish Report*, I announced that Bishop Barres has accepted my request to retire as pastor here effective June 2019. I believe that the mission of the parish – *to change lives through the Risen Christ* – can be well served in the future by a pastor with a fresh viewpoint and his own distinctive gifts. My retirement as pastor takes place at the end of June.

While I'll be retiring from parish administration, I'm certainly not planning to retire from pastoral ministry. I'll be living on Long Island and I intend that, in addition to offering my sacramental ministry in a parish (or several) that could use help from me, I'll also use some of the specialized skills that I've trained in over the years – teaching, consulting with pastors and parish leadership teams, and writing. The Holy Work that secular priests such as I am are called to is the formation and sanctification of lay people – making “believers” into “disciples.” I have given my life to that and intend to continue to do it in whatever ways are open to me until I drop. The particular work I'll be doing will be in response to whatever opportunities God provides. Bishop Barres and I have had several conversations about that over the past few years.

For our parish, my departure will mean two things: First, I anticipate that diocesan officials will visit later this winter or spring to get a sense of Our Lady of Grace and its needs; and what they report will figure in the recommendations the Priests' Personnel Board will make to the bishop for the assignment of a new pastor here. You'll hear more about that as the details of the process are announced. Second, our ministries (and my service) will continue through June just as they do now. I believe that what's been put in place here over the years has laid an excellent foundation for our parish to continue to flourish.

When I came to Our Lady of Grace in 2005, I announced that I hoped to serve two full terms (twelve years) before leaving so that I could offer the parish some stable service and consistent guidance. It turns out that Bishop Murphy and then Bishop Barres have appointed me to serve two years beyond that time, and now, I believe, that my hope is substantially accomplished. The leadership of the parish – Pastoral Council, Trustees, Finance Council, ministry leaders – have proven themselves dedicated and knowledgeable and skillful in taking us through some hard times; and parishioners are likewise stepping up to do what each can. The current team of employees is competent, friendly, and dedicated. Our finances, while always precarious, are stable; we have money in the bank; and our buildings have, thanks to your generosity, seen considerable refurbishment during my term of service. I am confident that I leave Our Lady of Grace in good hands and in good condition.

Between now and June, we have the Lord's work to do; and we need to continue to do it. As Saint Paul says to the church at Corinth:

I did the planting, Apollos did the watering, but God gave the growth. In this, neither the planter nor the waterer counts for anything, only God.

- 1 Cor 3:6-7

Forty-seven years ago the invitation to my ordination as a priest also quoted Paul writing to that same church in Corinth:

This is how one should regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mystery of God.

- 1 Cor 4:1

I hope I've done that for you. Over the next few months I will, by God's grace, continue to. Until next week, peace.

Fr. Vin

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!

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!

Catechetical Awards



On Tuesday October 23, 2018, awards for years of service were given out at a beautiful evening prayer service at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Center. From Our Lady of Grace, awards were given to Anthony and JoAnn Colletti each for 30 years, Joan Gilroy for 20 years and James Pisano, Marjaneh English, MaryAnn Cotroneo, Jayne Grasso and Eleanor O'Brien each for teaching for 10 years. They teach in our teen, special needs and regular Faith Formation programs. I am inspired every day by catechists such as these who give so much of their time! Thank you so much! Pictured here are James Pisano, Peggy Harnisch, Sr. Mary Alice Piil, Diocesan Director of Faith Formation and

Bishop Robert Brennan.

New for Advent!

In the busyness of the time from Thanksgiving to Christmas, how can we keep the spirit of Advent? Advent is a beautiful season where we can deepen our faith and really prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We're having a four week study from FORMED for Advent! This will be held on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm beginning the Wednesday before Advent starts on November 28, 2018. Other nights will be December 5, 12 and 19, 2018. Please plan to join us!

Small group leaders needed. Please let me know if you would be willing to lead a small group during this study. All material provided! Please email Peggy at mharnisch@ourladyofgrace.net or call 631-661-9353.

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

20th State Eliminates Capital Punishment

Washington's Supreme Court struck down the state death penalty statute, making it the 20th state in the U.S. to eliminate the death penalty. Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, welcomed the decision and repeated the Catholic Church's teaching about the death penalty:

"In his 2015 address to Congress, Pope Francis called for the 'global abolition of the death penalty.' I am convinced that this way is the best, since every life is sacred, every human person is endowed with the inalienable dignity, and society can only benefit from the rehabilitation of those convicted of crimes... (A) just and necessary punishment must never exclude the dimension of hope and goal of rehabilitation."

In the Court's opinion, the death penalty was deemed 'invalid because it is imposed in an arbitrary and racially biased manner.' This echoes one of the reasons to oppose the death penalty that the bishops gave in their 2005 statement *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*; (the death penalty's) application is deeply flawed and can be irreversibly wrong, is prone to errors, and is biased by factors such as race, the quality of legal representation, and where the crime was committed.

Today is Veteran's Day

Veterans Day is a day not only to remember those who died in service to our country but also to recognize those who served and continue to service today. Please thank any veteran you know and remember to pray for all who have given their lives for us.



Veterans' Assistance

- We encourage any veteran of any era struggling since their return and attempt at transition to contact www.BootsOnTheGroundNY.com for information 631-615-2200
 - A broad range of services are available including treatment of war trauma at the Babylon Vet Center, 110 W. Main Street, Babylon, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. For info, call 631-661-3930
 - American Legion Post 1634 – Open House every Saturday @ 10 Bruce Street, West Babylon Free assistance and valuable information on all areas of vets' benefits. Call Office Joseph 631-422-5211 or Post Commander Charles 631-456-0836
 - Military Appreciation Tuesdays – LI Cares 163-1 N. Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst 631-991-8106 1st visit, veterans receive a 5-day supply of food. On subsequent visits, veterans receive a 3-day supply of food
 - United Veterans Beacon House, Inc., 1715 Union Blvd., Bay Shore 631-665-1571 Provide safe, clean structured housing – emergency, transitional or permanent Intensive Case Management, Job Readiness/Job Search Assistance, Thrift Shop, Food Pantry, Medical Locker
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Thanksgiving Donations

We are again seeking your generosity to provide Thanksgiving food for the 100+ families whom we assist throughout the year. We are asking for: turkeys, stuffing mix, canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, applesauce, canned/jar gravy, canned vegetables, pudding or Jell-o, shelf milk, and gift certificates from food stores for holiday dinners.

Know that all donors and volunteers are remembered in our daily prayer – with gratitude for the way you reflect God's compassionate care to those in need. May God bless you!

Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Emmanuel Adrian Aquino-Reyes Aubrey Marie Demieri Vienna Rose Maggio
Ann Clare Monaghan Ricardo Melvin James Sophia Rose Turitto
Mackenzie Estelle McGaughey Audrey Rita White Mia Marie Winchester-Ott
Charlie Stephen Winberry

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Dolores Schwizer Teresa Mary DeFilippis Anthony Luciani

Youth Ministry Update



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!

Last weekend the Youth Ministry hosted a Bake Sale and the results were astonishing. They raised over \$600 to help support the ministry and to pay for Teen-2-Teen Christmas shopping, which our members shop for underprivileged teens. Thank you to all who supported us! James

Calendar Raffle Winners

The Calendar Raffle tickets for January through June of 2019 are in the mail. If you do not receive these tickets, please come into the Parish Office and pick them up. Remember, you got to be in it to win it.

11/5/18	11/6/18	11/7/18	11/8/18	11/9/18	11/10/18	11/11/18
280	57	261	304	247	129	52



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.

Many thanks to our generous sacrificial givers!

Ministries with Children and Families

What is Family Life Ministry?

Family Life Ministry came out of the need and desire we all have for community. Would you like to get to know the people you worship with each week? We host a monthly breakfast after the 10:00 Mass where we gather for a light breakfast and can sit and meet some new people or bring the family for a nice break before we get busy for the day! If you attend another Mass, we would still love you to join us. Everyone is welcome, whether you are a family of many or a family of one!

We also offer several events during the year that are both spiritual and social. In addition, we meet monthly to plan these events. We meet on Monday evenings; but if you'd like to help and can't be at our meetings, contact us – we still want you involved!

Our next hospitality breakfast will be Sunday, November 25, 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!

Coming Soon!

Journey

The Our Lady of Grace Middle School Youth Ministry

Where: Our Lady of Grace R. C. Church

When: Second and fourth Wednesday of every month.

Who: All Middle Schoolers in Grades 6, 7, and 8

Please join us for our Kickoff Meeting and Pizza on January 9, 2019. For more information, please contact Colleen or Joe Pidel at JourneyOLOG@gmail.com

Last Chance to Order! Advent Wreath Making

Sunday December 2, 2018

All families Invited!! **Remember, you must register in advance!!!**

11:00 am—after the 10:00 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 to celebrate the birth 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

Amt. 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*!

Lectors and EMHCs – Schedule Change Requests Due

Lectors and EMHCs who wish to change their scheduled service for the January - March 2019 period should notify worship@ourladyofgrace.net by e-mail no later than November 15. New schedules will be sent to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your service to our people!

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.

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

Parish Financial Report and State of the Parish Report Available

Fr. Vin's annual *State of the Parish Report* and the full financial report for FY2018 are available on the parish website, www.ourladyofgrace.net. Click on "from the Pastor" at the top of the home page, then scroll down on the page of materials from Fr. Vin.

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.

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.

Advent "Lessons and 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.

Widows and Widowers

Our Lady of Grace Widows and Widowers will meet on Friday, November 16, at 12pm in Room 109. For information, please call 631-661-3439. New members are most welcome.
