



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

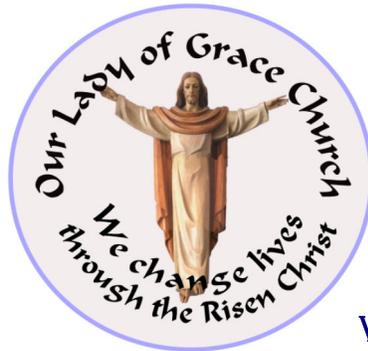
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

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 18, 2018 • Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Weekday	Thu. St. Cecilia
Nov. 19 <i>Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43</i>	Nov. 22 <i>Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44</i>
8:00 Anthony Quartuccio	9:00 People of the Parish
9:00 John Patrick Deluca	Fri. Weekday
Tue. Weekday	Nov. 23 <i>Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48</i>
Nov. 20 <i>Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10</i>	8:00 Theresa Calcanes and Rita Costello
8:00 Joseph A. Pergola	9:00 Anthony R. Luciani
9:00 Robert D'Ambrosio	Sat. St. Andrew Dung-Lac
Wed. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Nov. 24 <i>Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40</i>
Nov. 21 <i>Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28</i>	8:00 Alice Deluca
8:00 Marie D'Amadeo	
9:00 Antonino Bonventre	

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, November 25, 2018

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Vin	Thomas Kolman, Jr.
8:00am	Fr. Vin	People of the Parish
10:00am	Fr. Gabriel	Walter McCabe
12:00pm	Fr. Gius	Barbara Trovato

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: Meghan Chambers – Ian Cullen
(St. Isidore, Riverhead, NY)

Michelle Duffy – Andrew Bruszewski
(Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park, NY)

Kristina Garafola – Michael Marino

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 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.

Next week:

Monday, November 26: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, November 27: Scripture Sharing 9:30am.
Youth Ministry 7:30pm.

Saturday, December 1: Monthly Concert 6pm.

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

By Fr. Vin

Our Pagan Culture and Its Gods I: Moloch

As our political, church, and cultural life continues to become more toxic by the day, it may be useful to think about our situation in a very traditional religious context: Our root problem is idolatry.¹ (There's a reason that the warning against idolatry is in the first of the Ten Commandments, rather than somewhere down the list – God seems to think this is especially important.) So who is the idol our culture worships? I suggest one candidate here: *Moloch*. (I'll have others in future columns.) Who is Moloch?

Moloch in the Hebrew Bible is a god of the Canaanites who requires child sacrifice and in return bestows prosperity. In today's culture one might argue that Moloch isn't doing his giving-prosperity part, but evidence for the sacrifice of children and young people is beyond dispute. A few examples (all refer to the U.S.):

- At least 55 million abortions performed since 1973;²
- Infant mortality worse than in countries such as Latvia, Slovakia, and Cuba;³
- One child in 10 spends at least half of his/her childhood living in poverty;⁴
- The suicide rate for young people (age 15-24) has risen to 13.2 per 100,000 in 2016, up from 9.9 in 2006;⁵
- Military service: over 1.4 million dead since 1776, another 1.5 million wounded.⁶
- And, of course, the sexual abuse of children by people in power, including in the church.

I could go on, but the point is inescapable: There is too much destruction of young people that could have been avoided, but that we collectively choose not to avoid. In effect, these children are sacrifices to – something. Calling this history an ongoing sacrifice to Moloch has two advantages:

First, it reveals the pattern behind what might seem disconnected trends: We are not, as a culture (and despite what some politicians say) worshipping the God of Jesus Christ: the culture has other priorities.

Second, it makes clear to us who want to be disciples of Christ what we are up against. Tweaking slightly some details – through laws, programs, or the like – will not fix the problem at the root. We have a different vision of what life is to be, and a different God Who gives that vision; the culture's values are not ours (though, tragically, they may have infected some in our church).

On the one hand, that presents a challenge different from the one that Christians have imagined: so currently proposed remedies are unlikely to work.

But on the other, this simplifies matters; for our church has much and valuable experience in how to conduct a mission to a pagan culture, starting with the Roman Empire in which the church was born.

I'll have more to say about this in coming weeks. In the meantime, think about Moloch.

Until next week, peace.

¹ I got this idea from the Anglican Bishop N.T. Wright, about whom I'll write more in future columns. See his *Spiritual and Religious: Christianity in an Age of Paganism* (SPCK, 2017). My ideas here differ from Wright's, but are in essentials similar.

² <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/socialissues/life-issues/dignity-of-human-life/abortion-statistics>

³ <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/rankorder/2091rank.html>

⁴ <https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/65766/2000369-Child-Poverty-and-Adult-Success.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.suicidology.org/Portals/14/docs/Resources/FactSheets/2016/2016datapgsv1b.pdf?ver=2018-01-15-211057-387>

⁶ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_military_casualties_of_war

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

Happy Thanksgiving

On this feast of giving thanks, Lord God,
we thank you for showing us how to return thanks
by lives of service, by deeds of hospitality,
by kindness to a stranger and by concern for each other

We are most grateful, this feast day,
for the way You, our hidden God,
have become become visible to us in one another,
in countless daily gifts and in the marvels of creation.
Come, Lord of Gifts, and bless our table and all the food of this feast.

Let us thank the Lord, today and all days.
Amen

Thank You – Thank You

Thank you to the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) of Babylon and the Babylon Rotary for their recent food drives. Thank you to our K of C members who assisted at the food drives.

Thanks to all of you – the many who faithfully place food items in our Pantry Bin throughout the year, and to those who answer our plea when we ask for help. With your help we are able to assist over 100 families each month.

This weekend we will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets and food to those families. Thank you for your concern for your neighbors in need by answering our call. God bless you and your families.

Give Thanks and Give a Gift to the Needy for Christmas

Baskets containing Cards with suggestions for gifts for Christmas will be available at the doors on Thanksgiving. This will give our parishioners three weeks to return gifts or gift cards to help the needy families in our community. Christmas distribution will be on Sunday, December 16. Please pick a card and return the unwrapped gift by Monday, December 10, to allow us time to sort the gifts. We are most grateful for your support!

H.E.A.P. – Home Energy Assistance Program Season

HEAP is a federally funded energy program intended to provide financial assistance to low income households to meet their immediate home energy needs. HEAP is comprised of several different benefits including the HEAP heating equipment clean and tune program which provides assistance to a HEAP eligible homeowner to have their primary heating system cleaned and tuned.

The 2018-2019 HEAP season will open on November 13, 2018. Applications are available on line at www.otda.state.ny.us/main/heap/application.asp

Those who received a HEAP benefit last year, will automatically receive an application through the mail and should be returned to the address printed on their application. Eligibility for H.E.A.P. is based on income and household size. If you are receiving SNAP (food stamps) you are automatically eligible.

For information regarding the program and eligibility criteria, please call 631-853-8825.

Parish News

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Dolores Schwizer

Teresa Mary DeFilippis

Anthony Luciani

Donation of the Bread and the Wine

There has been a donation made of the bread and the wine in loving memory of Nancy Bonsignore for the week of November 18 through November 24, 2018.

Christmas Raffle Sale

The Our Lady of Grace Sewing Group will be selling raffle tickets for the Christmas Afghan. Come and take a chance to win this beautiful afghan while you are supporting this great group.



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!

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.

11/12/18	11/13/18	11/14/18	11/15/18	11/16/18	11/17/18	11/18/18
320	261	585	375	270	571	103



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

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>

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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.

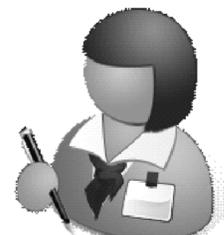


Lectors and EMHCs – Schedule Change Requests Due

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!

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.



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: 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 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 (wfwhelan@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!

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 & 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.

Babylon Chorale Presents

The Babylon Chorale presents *By the Fireside*, featuring *Snow Angel* by Sarah Quartel along with holiday favorites. Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 8pm here at Our Lady of Grace Church. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students. You can purchase tickets online at www.babylonchorale.org. For more information, please call 516-799-4974.
