



# Our Lady of Grace

## Roman Catholic Church

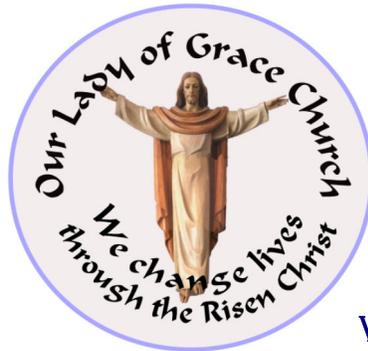
**Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ**

### 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 25, 2018 • Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

## Worship This Coming Week

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<b>Mon. Weekday</b>	<b>Thu. Weekday</b>
Nov. 26 <i>Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4</i>	Nov. 29 <i>Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28</i>
8:00 Tricia Ann McMullen (B'Day)	8:00 Luigi Assalone
9:00 Angela Kish	9:00 Giuseppe Mozzone
<b>Tue. Weekday</b>	<b>Fri. St. Andrew</b>
Nov. 27 <i>Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11</i>	Nov. 30 <i>Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22</i>
8:00 Jeanette Calbo	8:00 Antoinette and Charles Lyons
9:00 Patricia Nolde	9:00 Giuseppe Commisso
<b>Wed. Weekday</b>	<b>Sat. Weekday</b>
Nov. 28 <i>Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19</i>	Dec. 1 <i>Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36</i>
8:00 Patrick Lydon, Todd Macker and Phyllis Barrett	8:00 Mary Morris, Edward Maxwell, Jr. (Anniv.).
9:00 Angela Padormo	

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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### Worship for Sunday, December 2, 2018

#### First Sunday of Advent

*Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36*

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Vin	Dennis Colton
8:00am	Fr. Vin	People of the Parish
10:00am	Fr. Gabriel	Ana Millan
12:00pm	Fr. Gius	Teresa Mary DeFilippis

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### The Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, 1:30pm: Presider: Fr. Gius

*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.*

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### 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.*

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### 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.*

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### 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.*

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### 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).

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# Our Parish Communion

## **This 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.

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## **Next week:**

**Monday, December 3:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

**Tuesday, December 4:** Scripture Sharing 9:30am.  
Youth Ministry 7:30pm.

**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.)

**Saturday, December 8; Sunday, December 9:** Youth Ministry Bake Sale after all the Masses.

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## **Upcoming:**

**Confessions for Christmas:** Saturday, Dec. 15: 4 – 4:45 PM;  
Wednesday, Dec. 19: 8-9 PM; Friday, Dec. 21: After 9 AM  
Mass; Saturday, Dec. 22: 4 – 4:45 PM

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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

## Our Pagan Culture and Its Gods II: Mars

The pagan culture into which Christianity was born had a “god” for every aspect of life. They were worshipped, in addition to their individual shrines, in structures like the Pantheon (literally: all the gods) in Rome, which we may have seen in our travels. But the real worship of any “god” is not the temple ritual: It is the daily activity that is inspired and directed by that “god.”

In his book *Spiritual and Religious: the Gospel in an Age of Paganism*<sup>1</sup> Anglican Bishop N.T. Wright suggests that the culture of Western Civilization is today not Christian but in fact pagan. (I wrote about Moloch, the Canaanite god who in the Old Testament offered prosperity in exchange for child sacrifice, last week as an example.) Wright has several other suggested idols which are worth thinking about.

Let’s continue with *Mars*, the “god” of violence and war. Do numbers of contemporary “non-religious” people (and, sad to say, perhaps even some who think they are worshipping the Christian God) in fact worship violence? (Again: “Worship” does not mean ritual – although many contemporary idols have their rituals. By “worship” I mean orienting one’s life and actions as if that “god” should direct them.)

Start with the trivial: How much time is wasted on violent computer games? (Is this an “offering to Mars”?) How much “entertainment” is filled with violent themes? More important, how often are violent words and gestures a part of, say, driving through town? How many households live with the threat or fact of violence every day? To what degree is culture shifting from a time in which forgiveness was at least given lip-service, to an expectation that (as Wright says) “hitting back is the norm”? And on the national and international scale, how much money and how many lives are expended in threatening or causing destruction?

On the ritual front, what is the meaning of military displays at sports events? (I’m not talking about proper respect for people who serve in the military, given that sometimes force is necessary to preserve order and human life.) And (again, not entering the discussion about whether the personal possession of firearms for hunting and/or self-defense may be legitimate) why do some people collect dozens or hundreds of guns, or defend the Second Amendment as if it’s Holy Writ? Have guns become for some people amulets as well as tools? Is this worship of Mars?

The British writer G.K. Chesterton is reputed to have said, *When people stop believing in God, it is not that they then believe in nothing; the problem is that they then believe in everything.* Human beings want to, need to, worship *something*. When the Christian God effectively disappears, other “gods” will fill the gap. And those “gods” are too often the creations of uneducated human instincts, such as the instinct toward violence. We sometimes forget that we humans emerged from, and are still part of, “nature red in tooth and claw.”<sup>2</sup> The God of Jesus invites a transformation of instinct, not its celebration as Mars does.

This is a key we’ll meet again: Human instincts are good, because created by the true God, the Father of Jesus. However: Instinct is a good servant but a poor master; the process of transformation through grace is meant to nurture but also to reshape our instincts (damaged, remember, by original sin) so that they serve us, the entire human community, the natural world, and the true God.

So look around this week for instances of the unwitting worship of Mars; you’ll probably find more than you thought. And next week we’ll look at another idol hiding in plain sight, *Mammon*. Until then, peace.

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<sup>1</sup> SPCK, 2017

<sup>2</sup> *In Memoriam A.H.H.*, Canto 56, Alfred Lord Tennyson, 1750.

# 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

Thank you to everyone who supported our Confirmation Bake Sale! Our students raised over \$600.00 toward their fundraising goal! They made the baked goods and worked at the Bake Sale.

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.

Our Walk-A-Thon was held in PES Hall due to weather conditions but they waked and raised over \$1200.00! 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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## 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](mailto:mharnisch@ourladyofgrace.net) or call 631-661-9353.

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## Academic Honors

Congratulation to the following students from Kellenberg Memorial High School who have made the final honor roll for the school year 2017-2018:

Danielle DePetris	Erin Doherty	William Doherty	Catherine Dotzler
Kathryn MacGown	Eleina Pisani	John Pisani	

And for those who have made the national honor society:

Danielle DePetris	Erin Doherty	William Doherty
Catherine Dotzier	John Pisani	

# Parish Social Ministry

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## **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

### **Creating Peace in the World**

Humility, kindness and generosity are needed to create peace in the world, starting in one's own family, Pope Francis said October 26 during Mass in the Domus Sanctae Marthae.

"To create peace, unity among us (it takes) humility, gentleness- we who are used to insulting each other, yelling at each other – gentleness, and magnanimity. But can you really make peace in the world with these three little things? Yes, it is the journey. Can you reach unity? Yes, that (is) the journey: humility, gentleness and magnanimity."

People today are also too used to being around conflict, especially with the news always talking about conflicts, "one after the other," wars, the lack of peace and lack of unity, he said. Even though peace deals get made, they also are violated so that careers built around weapons, war and destruction just keep making progress, he said.

Even world bodies set up to create peace have their efforts stymied by "a veto here, a special interest there, and they struggle finding a peace accord," he said. "And in the meantime, children have nothing to eat, they don't go to school, they're not educated, there are no hospitals because war destroys everything." (Catholic News Service)

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### **The Giving Tree**

Next weekend, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – The First Sunday of Advent, our Giving Tree will be set up in the lobby. Before then, baskets containing Cards with suggestions for gifts for Christmas will be available at the doors. Please pick a card and return the unwrapped gift by Monday, December 10, and this will give us the necessary time it takes to sort the gifts for our families and will give you added time to respond to our request. Thank you for your help. Your generosity in the past has be wonderful and we truly appreciate all you do.

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### **Town of Babylon – Senior Citizens Residential Repair Program**

The Town of Babylon Residential Repair Program is offering residents (age 60+) minor home repairs. Residents must be incapable of maintaining their homes because of illness, incapacity, handicap or absence of a caretaker. Repairs are meant to remediate substandard, unsuitable, or unsafe residences.

The Program provides the worker & the recipients are expected to pay for the necessary supplies and materials. The repairs include but are not limited to: Handicapped modifications, Crime prevention modification, clean gutters, install hand rails, installation & repair of grab bars, rake leaves, paint and minor plumbing. The Program covers minor projects & does not include projects which require licensed contractors. The program does not provide for snow removal. Funding is limited and preference will be given to older individuals with the greatest economic needs. Call Department of Human Services (631) 464-4340, ext. 203.

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### **Thank You – Thank You - God Bless all of You!!**

Sincere thanks to the many people who helped make Thanksgiving a true holiday for almost 90 families in our community. The food drives by the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Babylon, Babylon Rotary and our Knights who helped; Aqua Blue Distributors who once again donated over 50 complete turkey dinners, parishioners who donated turkeys and food baskets, Boy Scouts of Troop 104 who helped distribute the food and of course the many wonderful volunteers of Outreach who gave their time to help. We are truly blessed.

# Parish News

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

Nevaeh Jean Salinas  
Olive Elizabeth Mirabal  
Brooklyn Rose Raduazzo

Nico Giovanni Oliva  
Fred William Hagemeyer V  
Colton Lawrence Strauch

Carmela Ann Koufos  
Ella Jade Bonfiglio  
Seamus Thomas Daniels

## Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

James F. Corrao

Peter A. Roberto



### Youth Ministry Update

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! Don't forget our Bake Sale the weekend of December 8 and 9. We will have many holiday treats especially for you!

Our Youth Ministry recently volunteered at the Mercy Inn soup Kitchen at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wyandanch. The kids helped prepare and serve lunch to over 100 guests.



### 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.

11/19/18	11/20/18	11/21/18	11/22/18	11/23/18	11/24/18	11/25/18
200	261	68	320	348	369	247

*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!*

# Ministries with Children and Families

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## 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 10am 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 10am 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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## Save the date - Christmas Pageant

Our students have been practicing for our annual Christmas Pageant which will be held on Saturday night December 15, 2018 at 7pm in the church. This is a beautiful version of the Nativity. Please come down and see this Pageant – you'll be happy you did!

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## 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](mailto:JourneyOLOG@gmail.com).

For our first meeting (and to plan pizza) we would like to get an idea of how many are attending. If you can please email Colleen and Joe to let them know. If you forget, no problem come anyway!

What is Middle School Youth Ministry?

It's games, music, food and talking about our faith in a fun way and talking about the issues important to you. You come when you can!

Why not give it a try?

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# 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.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

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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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### **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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### **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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