



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

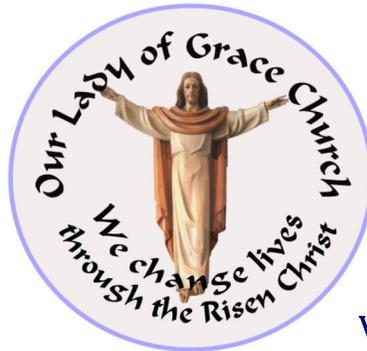
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

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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December 30, 2018 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Worship This Coming Week

<p>Mon. Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Dec. 31 <i>1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18</i> 8:00 George Dunn 9:00 Luciano and Patricia Coticchio 5:30 People of the Parish</p> <p>The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God Tue. Mother of God Jan. 1 <i>Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21</i> 9:00 Edward M. Reinbold 11:00 Louis L. Fishman, III</p> <p>Wed. Ss. Basil and Gregory Jan. 2 <i>1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28</i> 8:00 Linda Wang and Angela Cheng (Living) 9:00 Kathleen Petersen</p>	<p>Thu. Christmas Weekday Jan. 3 <i>1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34</i> 8:00 Amanda and Ashley Fitzgerald 9:00 Pasquale and Maria Chiodi</p> <p>Fri. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Jan. 4 <i>1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42</i> 8:00 Mary Quartuccio 9:00 Devotees of the Holy Face of Jesus – Living and Deceased</p> <p>Sat. St. John Neumann Jan. 5 <i>1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51</i> 8:00 Vincenzo Geremia, Benjamin Geremia</p>
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Gabriel	Theresa DeMeri
8:00am	Fr. Gabriel	People of the Parish
10:00am	Fr. Gius	Veronica Preiss
12:00pm	Fr. Vin	Marie Fontana

The Sacrament of Baptism

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

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.

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.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements for marriage should be made as soon as possible, but not less than six months prior to the intended wedding date.

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).

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.

Our Parish Communion

This week:

Monday, December 31: No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday, January 5: Monthly concert series 6pm.

Sunday, January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany. Celebration of admission to the Catholic Church, and of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults (Noon Mass).

Next week:

Monday, January 7: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, January 8: Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Rosary Makers 10am, Youth Ministry 7pm.

Wednesday, January 9: Middle-School Youth Ministry kickoff meeting,

Upcoming:

Sunday, January 27: Family ministry breakfast (after 10am Mass).

Mass Intentions for 2018-2019

The Parish Mass Book 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

Some New Year's Resolutions

Would you like it if your children, grandchildren – even you – found our parish a place you *wanted* to be? Do you think you can contribute to making that possible? This is a time for making New Year's resolutions, so let me suggest a few that would make Our Lady of Grace more attractive. How about a resolution to -

- Hold doors for other people, say hello, maybe even introduce yourself to someone you see all the time, but whose name you don't know?
- Encourage volunteer ministers and be grateful for their service, rather than criticizing them?
- Keep the place looking good by picking up around yourself in your pew or in the classroom as you leave?
- Be courteous in the parking lot?
- Dress well when coming to church to show it's important in your life?
- Smiling more than you frown while you're here?
- Avoid driving people away through a consistently sour attitude while you're at church?
- Not thinking you're more "entitled" than others – parking only where it's allowed, for example, rather than presuming it's ok to park wherever you want?
- Join in the singing at Mass, so it sounds full-bodied instead of half-hearted? (Who wants to be part of a listless group?)
- Show appreciation for anyone who makes your time here easier in any way – employee, volunteer, or fellow-parishioner?
- Show the specialness of the church interior space by talking quietly, bowing or genuflecting when you pass the tabernacle, and in general remembering you're in the amazing presence of God?
- Slide into the center of the pew if someone else wants to sit, rather than making the person climb over you?
- Move reverently and carefully as you approach the Holy Communion with just a simple head-bow and no genuflection and/or sign of the cross? (That is what the Church requires, and makes for easier movement for those around you.)
- Be really quiet – completely quiet – when the time comes for that five minutes' silence before the start of Mass?
- Be on the lookout for all the good things happening here and talking about them with family and friends?

If every parishioner chose to do just one of these things as a New Year's resolution and kept at it for the coming year, people would find our parish more attractive. They're simple things – why not?

Have a blessed new year and, until next week, peace.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Office Hours – Christmas Week

The Faith Formation Office will be open December 26, 27, 28 and December 31 from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Regular hours return January 2, 2019.

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 walked 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!

Catechists

We are always looking for people who may be able to help our students as catechists (teachers) in our Faith Formation Program. No experience needed! We will train and prepare you with everything you need. Please consider and pray about this important ministry. Our catechists are wonderful people, and we always need more. We are already thinking ahead for next year. Call the Faith Formation Office and ask for Peggy or email mharnisch@ourladyofgrace.net.

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>

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Father in heaven, creator of all,
you ordered the earth to bring forth life
and crowned its goodness by creating the human family.
In history's moment when all was ready
You sent your Son to dwell in time,
obedient to the laws of life in our world.
Teach us the sanctity of human love,
show us the value of family life,
and help us to live in peace with all people
that we may share in your life forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Alternate Opening Prayer

Christmas is a Season We Celebrate until the Baptism of the Lord (January 13)

During this beautiful season, we celebrate the arrival of Jesus, the gift of God among us as a genuine human – like us except for sin. By His life, Jesus attracted many to the Good News of the Reign of God, especially the poor, the marginalized, those of no account in the eyes of the world. The Social Ministries of this parish continue to attract disciples willing to share the Good News (through their gifts of time, talent and treasure) with those in need. Their compassion and care welcomes all and through the generosity of the community attempts to alleviate the needs of struggling families. The many facets of the Social Ministries are putting faith into action through the exercise of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Bereavement Support Groups

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death. There is no charge for these services.

Spousal/Partner Loss Support Group (Afternoons)

January 8, 2019 – February 26, 2019 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Spousal/Partner Loss Support Group (Evenings)

January 9, 2019 – February 26, 2019 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Loss Support Group

January 9, 2019 – February 27, 2019 6:45pm – 8:15pm

Groups are held at Good Shepherd Hospice Administrative Offices

110 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 114

Farmingdale, New York

Registration is required. Call 631-828-7629 to register

Project Warmth

Project Warmth opened on December 3 to assist families with energy emergencies. Eligibility requirements include a prior application for H.E.A.P. through Social Services unless you are over income limits. The Parish Social Ministry Office will assist with applications if appropriate and complete documentation is provided. Call the Parish Social Ministry Office at 631-661-9354 for an appointment on Monday or Wednesday.

Parish News

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Ernesto Donato

Donation of Bread and Wine

The bread and the wine have been donated for Linda Wang and Angela Cheng (Living) and their entire family for the week of December 30, 2018 through January 5, 2019.

Correction

Our apologies goes to the family of Tom Petersen on the misspelling of his name in the *Bulletin* for December 16 and for not mentioning his birthday.



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!

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.



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!

12/24/18	12/25/18	12/26/18	12/27/18	12/28/18	12/29/18	12/30/18
597	116	166	383	390	420	245

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

Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2018, through November 26 2018

Sunday offering target: \$13,195 per week

Target: \$171,535

Collections: \$173,715

Over target by \$2,180

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

Family Life Ministry wishes all families a very blessed fourth Week of Advent and a very Merry Christmas! We feel blessed to know so many of our families and parishioners through this ministry, we hope you will join us in the new year!

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 meeting will be January 7 at 7:30pm!

Our next hospitality breakfast will be Sunday, January 27, 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!

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.

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?

Parish News

Day Care News

Please come in to visit us. New for this year 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



Our Angel Care Program is up and running for the school year. If you would like information about our program or would like to register your child, come down and pick up a registration packet

Beginning the New Year

A bereavement group will form after the New Year. We now will have both a woman and a man facilitator. We encourage men who have lost their spouse to join us. If you are interested or want to know more about the group, call John at 631-874-0210 or Fran at 631-587-1578.

New Choir Members Start in January

In the month of January, brief introductory sessions will be held after all Masses for prospective new choir members. For those interested in joining the Children Choir or Adult Choir, sessions begin January 6. For teenagers ("Youth Choir"), sessions begin January 19. After any Mass on these weekends, feel free to just come up to the grand piano. For more information, please see our organist Terence.

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.

A Word about Memorial Donations



Our Lady of Grace is frequently given donations of vestments or altar vessels that people have received as memorials when a person dies. While we appreciate the thought behind such memorials, we have so many of the items most frequently given that the donations end up stored away in sacristy closets. To provide an alternative, Our Lady of Grace has established an *Altar Fund* to receive money donations as memorials on the occasion of a death. Donors will receive a formal acknowledgement card that can be presented to the family at the wake; memorials will be noted in the parish *Bulletin*; and donations will be used to purchase items for our public worship when needed, such as liturgical books, altar cloths, and the like. Memorial cards for donations to the *Altar Fund* are available at the Parish Office. Please encourage people to use this method of giving memorials rather than purchasing items that may never be used.

Parish News

Let's Talk

Lessons and Carols

Dear Friends:

On Saturday evening, December 1, I attended the 5pm Mass followed by the Lessons in Carols. It was a most enjoyable evening, especially as I got to see so many OLOG friends that I so miss.

I enjoyed Father Vin's celebration of the service and Michelle Sharf's beautiful cantering.

When the concert began, I was awestruck as I watched my choir friends' process in singing accompanied by the choir from Our Lady of Lourdes.

I particularly enjoyed the soloists: Fr. Gius, Robin Reynolds/Brennan, Pat Stango, Nikki Longo, and Jeanette McCarthy, as well as the cantors who tied it all together with their scripture readings. Let me not forget Rosemarie Guarini and Nikki Longo who planned this evening and added greatly to its success. I also would be remiss not to mention the delicious refreshments served by Nick and Barbara Longo.

Kudos to our director, Terence Purtell who always leads these performances with such professionalism.

I could tell by the applause and the many words of appreciation from the audience that the evening was a success. I am so thankful to have been in the audience Saturday night and I look forward to many more choir events.

A blessed Christmas to you all,

Flo Aubin

Academic Honors

The following students from St. Anthony's High School have received honor roll certificates for the first quarter of the school year.

Anthony Cascio
Alyssa Seidler

Lilly Feehan
Eliza Stoehrer

Paige Murray
Jack Weidman

Marissa Romano
Gabriel Zeccolella

Opportunity for Eucharistic Ministers

If you have already received the A and B training by the diocese for distribution of Holy Communion in a hospital and would like to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Pastoral Care Office at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center at 631-376-4103.

Looking for Volunteers

Maria Regina Residence, at 1725 Brentwood Road, Brentwood, is an 188-bed skilled nursing facility under the care of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

We are currently seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in varied service areas, (usually one morning or afternoon per week) in assisting the Pastoral Team as a Eucharistic Minister, helping to transport residents in their wheelchairs, assisting with recreational service or other needs in the building.

For more information, please contact Sr. Mary Sheppard, CSJ at 631-229-3288. Prayerfully and thankfully, we look forward to hearing from you.
