



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

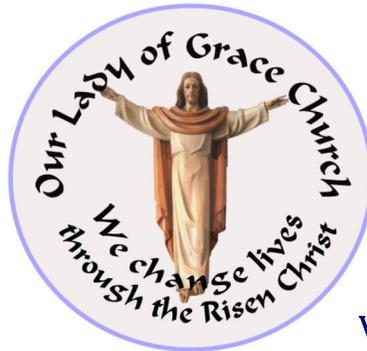
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

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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January 13, 2019 • The Baptism of the Lord

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Weekday
 Jan. 14 *Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20*
 8:00 Edward M. McKenna
 9:00 Rev. Robert Blyman

Tue. Weekday
 Jan. 15 *Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28*
 8:00 Giuseppe Pellegrino
 9:00 Carol DiMuro

Wed. Weekday
 Jan. 16 *Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39*
 8:00 Eileen Calvanico
 9:00 Joseph Bianco

Thu. St. Anthony
 Jan. 17 *Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45*
 8:00 Joanne Innamorato
 9:00 Raymond Wadsworth

Fri. Weekday
 Jan. 18 *Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12*
 8:00 Stephen Riordan
 9:00 Beverly Kane (Living)

Sat. Weekday
 Jan. 19 *Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17*
 8:00

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, January 20, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Vin	Anthony Zito
8:00am	Fr. Vin	People of the Parish
10:00am	Fr. Gabriel	Jane Cruikshank
12:00pm	Fr. Gius	Patricia Boehringer

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

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:

Sunday, January 13: Mass for Persons with Disabilities at 1:30pm.

Monday, January 14: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, January 15: Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Youth Ministry 7pm.

Friday, January 18: Widows and Widowers 12pm.

Next week:

Monday, January 21: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, January 22: Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Youth Ministry 7pm.

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

Upcoming:

Sunday, March 10: Faith Formation Pasta Dinner, 1-4pm.

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

End of Christmas, Start of What?

Today marks the end of the Christmas season. (It seemed to end on Dec. 26 in the stores, but then again our Christmas began on December 25, not on Thanksgiving.) When we finish celebrating, we get down to work; and that's what comes next in the Church year.

We call it "Ordinary Time," but not because there's nothing special about it. "Ordinary" here has as its root the same word as "orderly." Ordinary time is the season when the Church focuses on our working together (in an "orderly" way) to accomplish the mission Christ has given us. So we listen at Mass to the story of Christ's own missionary work, the teaching and miracles and travels of His public ministry years. What should we be listening for during this season?

We should be listening for instructions from God on how we are to carry out the assignment He has given to us.

That may sound dramatic, but it's true. Some years ago when I regularly worked with a retreat program one of the first talks raised the question for the retreatants, "Why are you here?" And the answer was simple: "God wants you here." It was true for them, and it's true for us. We are members of Our Lady of Grace because God wants us here. We have the particular friends, family, and work/schoolmates we do because God wants us among them, to do His work. (There may be particular exceptions in abusive families: In those cases God may want you to get out; but as a general rule, "God wants you here – at least at this moment" is a good one.)

How do we listen for instructions? There's a story about a Zen teacher who was walking with an apprentice. The apprentice asked, "How shall I seek enlightenment?" Since they were by a stream, the teacher grabbed his student and held him underwater for a long time. When he lifted him out dripping and sputtering, the teacher told him, "You must want enlightenment as much as you just wanted air."

When we come to Mass or sit down to pray, do we urgently want to hear what God might have to say to us? ("As much as we just wanted air?") Rather than consult our feelings which aren't a good guide to very much, we can tell how much we want to hear what God might say by looking at our actions.

- First, do we work to free our lives from serious sin? (If the answer is no, I can tell you what God is saying to you even though you probably aren't ready to hear it: God is saying, "Get your act together, go to confession, and then come back and listen for more instructions!")
- Second, do we ask God to speak to us, even insist on it?
- Third, do we consistently – daily – make time to listen for what God might want to say? Do we weekly come to Sunday Mass to listen for God's message to us?
- Fourth, when we make time, do we clear our minds and hearts to listen? (If you fill your prayer-time with "saying prayers" or with asking for things, God will have trouble getting a word in edgewise.)
- Fifth, when we think we hear God, do we test what we hear to be sure we're not just listening to ourselves?
- Finally, when we're reasonably convinced we have heard God, do we make a point not to forget it by writing it down and beginning to act on it? (Remember the booklets we gave out at Mass some years ago for just this purpose? Do you do it? Why not start again or start?)

There is little doubt in my mind of two things: First, our Church is weak. We aren't attracting many young people to discipleship (look around at Mass) or to vocations (Christian marriage, religious life, diaconate, priesthood). Many "Christians" don't do too well at loving enemies if you listen to the amount of gossip in churches (our Holy Father called gossip "terrorism" a few years ago). Second, God does not want us to be weak and will help us to become strong and effective. He even has a plan. We need to listen for what He has to say. Until next week, peace.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Office Hours – Christmas Week

The Faith Formation Office is open daily from 9:00am to 5:00pm. We are available by appointment evenings and weekends.

Mass Coupons and Reflections

Please remember to keep putting Mass Coupons in the basket once each month. We expect to see you at Mass each week but want to have coupons monthly. Try not to get behind.

Important! Remember Workbook A is due at the end of this month! Be sure to complete all assignments!

Save the Date – Pasta Dinner

We are now starting preparations for our Pasta Dinner! Save the date – this year it will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2019, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm! Tickets are only \$5.00 each and we will have many raffles to choose from!

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.

FORMED

Opening the Word:

Would you like a way to prepare for Sunday Mass? Or perhaps reflect on the Sunday readings? Try Opening the Word on FORMED. Through a short video clip each week, learn more about the readings through insights given by presenters from the Augustine Institute. If you are looking for a more in-depth experience, use the Personal Prayer Journals provided for each week for further reflection.

Daily Reflections

Are you looking for a new way to learn more about your faith? Can you devote two minutes each day? Through FORMED's Daily Reflections, these short clips will teach you about our Catholic faith as well as expose you to the types of content available on FORMED. You can view them each day through FORMED or sign up for the reflections to be sent to your email at: <https://formed.org/promo/daily-reflections-signup>.

Reconciliation

Our Level 2 students are now preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation! They will receive this sacrament for the first time this month. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive God's grace in this beautiful Sacrament!

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Pope Francis Christmas Homily 2017

By decree of the Emperor, Mary and Joseph found themselves forced to set out. Then they found themselves having to face perhaps the most difficult thing of all. They arrived in Bethlehem and experienced that it was a land that was not expecting them. A land where there was no place for them. And there, amid the darkness of a bustling city which in this case seemed to want to build itself up by turning its back on others...it was precisely there that the revolutionary spark of God's love was kindled.

So many other footsteps are hidden in the footsteps of Joseph and Mary. We see tracks of millions of persons who do not choose to go away but, driven from their land, leave behind their dear ones. In many cases this departure is filled with hope, hope for the future; yet for many others this departure can only have one name: survival. Surviving the Herods of today, who, to impose their power and increase their wealth, see no problem in shedding innocent blood.

Mary and Joseph, for whom there was no room, are the first to embrace the One who comes to give all of us our document of citizenship. The One who in his poverty and humility proclaims and shows that true power and authentic freedom are shown in honoring and assisting the weak and the frail.

Job Fair – Tuesday, January 15, 2019

The Long Island Job Finder employment website and newspaper is hosting a Job Fair Tuesday, January 15, from 9:30am – 2:30pm at the Radisson Hotel Hauppauge, 110 Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy. Hauppauge Free admission for job seekers! Wear proper attire and bring plenty of copies of your resume!

March For Life - Friday, January 18, 2019

Friday, January 18, a peaceful march showing opposition to the murder of babies, the physical and psychological damage to the mothers and destruction of families. There will be a Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst at 5am and the bus will leave Lindenhurst, around 5:30am; and will depart Washington DC, about 5pm. A \$20 donation is requested to offset the cost of the bus. If interested, please call Kathy Feldman of the Respect Life Committee 631-225-9864.

Adult Bereavement Support Groups:

Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Groups:

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 9 Clinton Ave., Bay Shore – Thursday Evenings

January 10 thru February 28/ 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Registration required – call Maribeth Mckeever, LCSW-R at 631-828-7628

Good Shepherd Hospice Administrative Office – 110 Bi-County Blvd, Suite 114, Farmingdale

Tuesday Afternoons – January 8-February 26/ 2:00pm-3:30pm

Wednesday Nights – January 9 –February 27/ 5:00pm-6:30pm

Registration required – call Carolyn Lisi Haas, LCSW-R at 631-828-7629

Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Support Groups:

Good Shepherd Hospice Administrative Office, 110 Bi-County Blvd., Suite 114, Farmingdale.

Wednesday Nights - January 9 – February 27/ 6:45pm-8:15pm.

St Patrick's Catholic Church, 9 Clinton Ave., Bay Shore - - Thursday Evenings.

Registration required – call Carolyn Lisi Haas, LCSW-R at 631-828-7629.

Parish News

Let Us Welcome the Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Kacie Camryn Pampillonia

Keira Rae Pampillonia

Lily Amanda Wagner

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Marie Musacchia



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!

News from the Widows and Widowers

Our Lady of Grace Widows and Widowers will meet on Friday, January 18, at 12pm in Room 109. For more information, please call 631-661-3439. New members are always welcome.

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!

1/7/19	1/8/19	1/9/19	1/10/19	1/11/19	1/12/19	1/13/19
162	181	186	330	12	271	44



Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018

Sunday offering target: \$13,195 per week

Target: \$237,510

Collections: \$241,346

Over target by \$3,836

Christmas, 2018

Target: \$52,000

Collections to date: \$48,943

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 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, 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

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

Time: 7:00 to 9:00pm, Room 212

When: January 23, 2019; February 13 and 27; March 13 and 27; April 24; May 5 and 22;
and a Barbeque on June 12, 2019, to finish off the year!

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 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 male and female facilitator. We encourage people who have lost their spouses 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 began 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.

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.



Parish News

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.

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>.

Religion and Rock

Tune into "*Religion and Rock*" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7-8am on WBAB 102.3 FM. Listen on Saturdays at 11pm on *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel* and at 11pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. To listen online or receive more information regarding *Religion and Rock*, go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at "*Religion & Rock*" on ITUNES.

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