



# Our Lady of Grace

## Roman Catholic Church

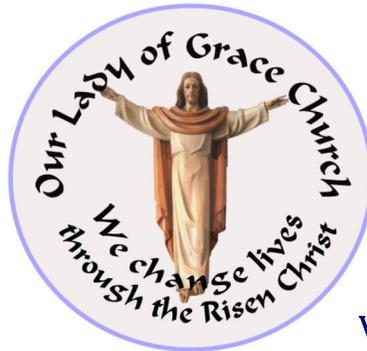
**Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ**

### 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 20, 2019 • Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Worship This Coming Week

<p><b>Mon. St. Agnes</b>                  Jan. 21 <i>Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22</i>                  8:00 Susan Lomot                  9:00 Richard Molnar</p> <p><b>Tue. Weekday</b>                  Jan. 22 <i>Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28</i>                  8:00 Annabelle Black                  9:00 Michael Matheis</p> <p><b>Wed. Weekday</b>                  Jan. 23 <i>Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6</i>                  8:00 Stephen Riordan                  9:00 Rev. Robert Blyman</p>	<p><b>Thu. St. Frances de Sales</b>                  Jan. 24 <i>Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12</i>                  8:00 Victims of clergy sexual abuse                  9:00 Joseph Noto</p> <p><b>Fri. The Conversion of St. Paul</b>                  Jan. 25 <i>Acts 22:3-16 /Mk 16:15-18</i>                  8:00 Stephanie Scheuermann                  9:00 Mary Theresa Bladykas</p> <p><b>Sat. Ss. Timothy and Titus</b>                  Jan. 26 <i>2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 3:20-21</i>                  8:00 Irene Palmeri and Family (Living)</p>
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### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### Worship for Sunday, January 27, 2019

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 /Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
<p><b>5:00pm (Sat.)</b>  <b>8:00am</b>  <b>10:00am</b>  <b>12:00pm</b></p>	<p>Fr. Gabriel                  Fr. Gabriel                  Fr. Gius                  Fr. Vin</p>	<p>Theresa Demeri                  People of the Parish                  Brian Vincent Henry                  Ernest Donato</p>

#### The Sacrament of Baptism

*Baptisms are celebrated throughout the year. Call the Parish Office for more information or to schedule an appointment for a Baptism interview. This should be done as soon as practicable.*

#### The Sacrament of Matrimony

*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

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## **This 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).

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## **Next week:**

**Monday, January 28:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

**Tuesday, January 29:** Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Youth Ministry 7pm.

**Saturday, February 2:** Monthly Concert Series 6pm.

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## **Upcoming:**

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

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## **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

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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

## Ending a Chapter, Beginning Another

Over the holidays I found myself back in a parish I used to serve for a Funeral Mass of a long-time parishioner there. After the Mass, I re-met dozens of people from my time there, and one particular thing struck me: how many of them mentioned how important my *Bulletin* columns were to them. They saved them, they reread them, they copied them and passed them on to others, and some have continued to follow them through Our Lady of Grace's website. That got me thinking.

I started writing a weekly column back in fall of 1980 – thirty-eight years ago. I had just begun as campus minister at SUNY Stony Brook, and I figured it was a good way to communicate with students (and occasional faculty and staff). I sent it out through campus mail, and it developed quite a following; some of the students from that era still get in touch at Christmas.

When I began to serve as pastor in St. Hugh's, I resumed the weekly column there. I was becoming more and more convinced that not a few intelligent Catholics were hungry for commentary on how to live as a disciple today, perspectives on what's happening in Church and culture, and brief background and history on aspects of church life. I tried hard to stay as far as possible from conventional and (especially) from "pious" ideas, since I was and am convinced that there's hardly a quicker way to shut down thinking than those two approaches.

Now about five months from retirement as pastor here (but not retirement from ministering), I'm even more convinced that writing these weekly bits has been one of the best things I've done. (Not that they're the most important; I consider preaching at Mass, and the celebration of the other sacraments – especially serving as a confessor – as number one.) But people talk to me so often about these columns that I'm thinking that I need to consider continuing them in some form.

When I was on sabbatical in 2004-05, just before my appointment here, I used a website (what we'd now call a blog, although the term wasn't widely used then) to keep interested parishioners up to date on what I was reading, thinking, and doing while I was away from the parish. The amount of web content has, of course, exploded since then, not only with blogs but with popular platforms for people's writing such as Facebook and Twitter, and also more thoughtful and professional ones like Medium and LinkedIn's Pulse. (An acquaintance who's very immersed in that world suggested that I also consider video content like a TED talk. But I don't think that's my intended audience, and I'll leave video to Bishop Barron.)

I have to admit that I have a strong dislike for Facebook, Twitter, and the rest of the commercial platforms. Their real business is mining people's personal data and selling it to advertisers – the service they provide is the "hook" they use to get people to give them what they want. I have no desire to cooperate in that. (Call me a Luddite – and if you don't know what that means, you can look it up on Google, although Google has the same business model.) So I doubt that I'll go that route for hosting.

So I'm going to spend some time over the next few months thinking about this. If you've valued this column and would like to see something like it continue, I'm open to ideas: Tell me what you'd be likely to read, and where you'd like to be able to find it. If you're a non-parishioner of Our Lady of Grace who occasionally or regularly reads this column on the web, I'd be especially interested to hear from you. You can write me at [frvin@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:frvin@ourladyofgrace.net).

Until next week, peace.

# Faith Formation

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## Faith Formation Office Hours

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

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## 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!

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## 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](mailto:mharnisch@ourladyofgrace.net).

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## 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>.

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## 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!

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## Pasta Dinner

Confirmation Prep 8 Students

Invite you to a Pasta Dinner

Come enjoy an afternoon out! Good food!! Great service!! Raffles plus  
50/50 Raffle!!

**March 10, 2019 from 1- 4pm in Shanahan Hall**

Suggested Donation: \$ 5.00 per person or

\$20.00 per family!! Includes Pasta with choice of sauce, meatballs, salad, beverages and dessert!

***Tickets available in the Faith Formation Office Monday - Friday from 9am to 4pm***

***and after Masses on February 23 and 24! - Call 631- 661-9353 for more info!***

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# Parish Social Ministry

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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### Seeing Jesus in the Faces of Children at Christmas

The first people to see the humble glory of the Saviour, after Mary and Joseph, were the shepherds of Bethlehem. They recognized the sign proclaimed to them by the angels and adored the Child. Those humble and watchful men are an example for believers of age who, before the mystery of Jesus, are not scandalized by his poverty. Rather, like Mary, they trust in God's word and contemplate his glory with simple eyes. Today, as the winds of war are blowing in our world and an outdated model of development continues to produce human, societal and environmental decline, Christmas invites us to focus on the sign of the Child and to recognize him in the faces of little children, especially those for whom, like Jesus, "there is no place in the inn" (Lk2:7)

We see Jesus in the children worldwide wherever peace and security are threatened by the danger of tensions and new conflicts. We see Jesus in the children of unemployed parents who struggle to offer their children a secure and peaceful future. We see Jesus in the many children forced to leave their countries to travel alone in inhuman conditions. Through their eyes we see the drama of all those forced to emigrate and risk their lives to face exhausting journeys that end at times in tragedy. Jesus knows well the pain of not being welcomed and how hard it is not to have a place to lay one's head. May our hearts not be closed as they were in the homes of Bethlehem? (Pope Francis, Christmas 2017)

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**Senior Advocate** –Seniors who need help with applications for SNAP, SCAT, or Medicare can come to the West Babylon Public Library on Thursday, January 24 – 10am – 1pm.

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### Regina Maternity Services and Pregnancy Support

The Community Case Management Program of Catholic Charities can help you access educational training, medical and mental health services, and supplies for your baby while you are navigating the maze of social services.

They offer Group Counseling on topics such as parenting, child development, independent living skills, nutrition, financial literacy, personal fulfillment, self-esteem and anger management. The Program connects you with community role models who provide guidance with encouragement and positivity. Call 516-223-7888 for more information.

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### Valentine's Day Workshops – Nurture Your Grieving Heart

Valentine's Day can be a particularly difficult time for someone who has lost a loved one. Intended to celebrate love, this day can bruise an already grieving heart. Join the Bereavement Specialists of Good Shepherd Hospice for a free workshop offering encouragement, education, coping strategies and support.

Thursday, February 7, 2019 – 7pm – 8:30pm  
Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center, 200 Belle Terre Rd. Port Jefferson  
RSVP required: call Diane McNamara, LCSW-R – 631-828-7636

Monday, February 11, 2019 – 7pm – 8:30pm  
Good Shepherd Hospice Administrative Office, 110 Bi-County Blvd., Farmingdale  
RSVP required: call Carolyn Lisi-Haas, LCSW-R – 631-828-7629

Monday, February 11, 2019 – 7pm – 8:30pm  
Mercy Medical Center, 1000 N. Village Ave., Rockville Centre  
RSVP required: Call Alexis Van Wart, LMSW – 631-828-7631

# Parish News

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

Natalia Briana Fayver    August Marie Lombardo    Syve Abigail Meehan    Angelina Marie Newell

## Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Nora McNelis

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### 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!

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### Chamber Music Concert, February 2, 6pm

You know instrumentalists Samantha and Robert Stainkamp from Christmas and Easter Masses at Our Lady of Grace. Come and see their wide range of musical talents as they perform alongside colleagues on the flute, oboe, and trumpet.

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### Calendar Raffle Winners

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

1/14/19	1/15/19	1/16/19	1/17/19	1/18/19	1/19/19	1/20/19
195	196	440	331	551	574	89

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### 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](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 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! Everyone is welcome even if you attend Mass at a different time!

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## The Our Lady of Grace Middle School Youth Ministry

### Journey

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?

Any questions, email Colleen and Joe at [MSYM@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:MSYM@ourladyofgrace.net)

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## Upcoming Events!

Here are some upcoming events we hope you will join us for!

- Mardi Gras – Tuesday March 5, 2019 – 7:00 to 8:30pm.

# Parish News

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## **OLOG Daycare**

The new year has begun in daycare. We are making new friends and enjoying the old. We have availability and would love to care for your little one. Please call us to set up a tour and meet my warm, loving staff.



If you would like to join OLOG teaching staff, please call to set up an interview. We have open positions from 12:30 – 6pm. Jeanmarie Florio, director, 631-422-4681.

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## **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.

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## **Beginning the New Year**

A bereavement group has been formed for 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.

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## **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 began 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.

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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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## **Donations for Faith Formation**

Our Faith Formation Office is always accepting pennies. This week we collected a total of \$51. The total for the 2017-2018 school year was \$256. Thank you so much to all who donate throughout the year. If you would like to donate, just drop it off in the Faith Formation Office, the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection marked for Faith Formation.

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## **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

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## Academic Honors

The following students from Kellenberg Memorial High School have achieved honor roll status for the first trimester:

Danielle DePetris

Erin Doherty

William Doherty

Catherine Dotzler

Eleina Pisani

John Pisani

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## 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](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](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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## 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](http://www.ReligionandRock.com) or at "*Religion & Rock*" on ITUNES.

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