



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 27, 2019 • Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. St. Thomas Aquinas
 Jan. 28 *Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30*
 8:00 Marie Pecan
 9:00 James J. Farrell

Tue. Weekday
 Jan. 29 *Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35*
 8:00 Philip McManus (B'day)
 9:00 Michael Matheis

Wed. Weekday
 Jan. 30 *Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20*
 8:00 Elizabeth Black
 9:00 Victims of clergy sexual abuse

Thu. St. John Bosco
 Jan. 31 *Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25*
 8:00 Fr. Robert Bylman
 9:00 Joseph Bianco

Fri. Weekday
 Feb. 1 *Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34*
 8:00 Victims of clergy sexual abuse
 9:00 Devotees of the Holy Face of Jesus -
 Living and Deceased

Sat. The Presentation of the Lord
 Feb. 2 *Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40*
 8:00 Rose Casey

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 4:21-30

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Vin	Sandy Schulman
8:00am	Fr. Vin	People of the Parish
10:00am	Fr. Gabriel	Maria Musacchia
12:00pm	Fr. Gius	Sue Lomot

The Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday Baptism, 1:30pm: Presider: Deacon Brian
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 27: Family ministry breakfast (after 10am Mass).

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.

Next week:

Monday, February 4: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, February 5: Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Youth Ministry 7pm.

Saturday, February 9: Youth Ministry Bake Sale 4pm.

Sunday, February 10: Youth Ministry Bake Sale 7am.

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

Ordinary Time, Together

Two weeks ago I wrote about how Ordinary Time got named. It's the season in which we are instructed on how to work effectively together in God's cause. In last week's readings, we're told just what that cause is as Jesus quoted from Isaiah about the work He has come to do. He's setting about forming an organization to do the Father's work – changing lives in vivid, distinctive ways: “liberty to captives...recovery of sight to the blind...to let the oppressed go free” – work He will complete in His Risen Body, the Church, through time – and through us.

These days not a few people treat church membership rather like membership in a social club. But nothing could be further from the New Testament, and Ordinary Time begins by reminding us of that. Church membership is rather more like membership on a sports team or a dance-troupe or even a band of freedom-fighters: It's for a purpose outside oneself, and there's no place for mere passive attendance. Just as athletes and dancers and warriors train, just as their movements are choreographed so that each individual can have maximum impact – that's the New Testament image of church membership: training and organization for maximum impact.

Saint Paul makes that case very clearly today as he writes to one of the church congregations he has founded: “As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.... Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.” The Church is the Body of the Risen Christ, continuing to do God the Father's saving work in God's creation.

This key fact sets the church apart from every other type of organization. It doesn't mean that we're better or should take over from other organizations that do good work or that we know how to organize ourselves for our work better than other groups (believe me, I know...). We're different; because at the very root, we're not a group that assembles itself voluntarily: We are called by God to be members of the Body of the Risen Christ – each of us with a vital role to play that can never be done by someone else; that's why God called *us*.

Part of the genius of our Church is that it makes a place for the contributions of everyone. Even people whom the world might think of only as “burdens” or as “receivers of care who can't do much” or “takers, not makers” are understood by our church to be “part of the team.” If they can only pray at home, it values that prayer as vital. If they can only suffer their infirmity, it sees value in that suffering as an imitation of Christ. The one thing our church can't make a place for is *chosen passivity* – refusing to be a part of the team by refusing to do one's part in moving toward the goal. It recognizes that a part of each of us does want to go off on our own or to sit back and let others do the work; that's why it offers the sacrament of confession.

Our parish has as its motto and mission, “We change lives through the Risen Christ.” That's what God put us here for. Everything we do has to be measured against that: Does it change lives, and is it rooted in the Risen Christ? If the answer to the first part is “no,” then we're wasting God's gifts of time and energy. And even if our answer to the first part is “yes,” if we're not doing it as members of the Risen Christ, we might as well be the Lions Club or the Rotary – they do good work to change lives, too.

What does it mean to “change lives *through the Risen Christ?*” More than I can say here; but at root, it means remembering each person as a child of God with an eternal destiny and bearing the Image of God no matter what his or her external situation or appearance might be. And it means never forgetting that our own connection to Christ through the church is the source of our power to affect one another for good. That's what makes us different from the Lions or the Elks or the Rotary.

So as you listen to the Scriptures of this Ordinary Time, think of them as the “marching orders” for this organization. At the end of Mass, we're sent out to do different jobs; but we're not sent out to do “our own thing.” It always has to be “Christ's thing, with one another.” Until next week, peace.

Faith Formation

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.

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!

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!

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!

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

US Bishops on Refugee Resettlement Ceiling

The Presidential Determination for refugee admissions for fiscal year 2019 sets the level at 30,000 refugees. This will be the lowest refugee ceiling in the 38-year history of the resettlement program, with the average annual limit being 95,000 refugees. Bishop Joe S. Vasquez of Austin, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Migration has offered the following statement.

“As Christians, we believe it is our duty to welcome and help those who are persecuted, including the vulnerable such as children and religious minorities. Resettlement in our country is a way through which we live out our Gospel call to welcome the persecuted into our communities—individuals and families with no viable options to stay where they are or return home. I am saddened by today’s major reduction in resettlement to 30,000 refugees. I worry and pray for those refugees left in harm’s way by this decision. We urge the Administration to diligently work to reach this year’s Presidential Determination as we know that many in the world fleeing war, persecution and religious discrimination continue to desperately need our support. We pledge to work with the Administration to ensure that we reach that goal. We will continue to call for a higher refugee admissions level for next year. We can and must do more to assist those in need.”

New York State Tax Relief (STAR) Program – Senior Assistance

The New York State Tax Relief (STAR) program provides an exemption from school taxes for owner-occupied primary residences. Senior citizens with combined 2018 incomes that do not exceed an adjusted gross income of \$86,000 may qualify for a larger “enhanced” exemption. All Exemptions must be filed before March 1. You can pick up an application and inquire about additional exemptions to be filed in the assessor’s office or go to the website at www.townofbabylon.com and download the application.



Free 2018 Tax Preparation Assistance

The West Babylon Library offers free tax preparation assistance. You must make an appointment before going and bring all required documents. To make an appointment, call 631-669-5445 and ask for the Reference Desk.

Souper Bowl – February 3 – We’re Tackling Hunger in 2019 – Are You With Us? Join us with \$1 and/or a can of soup!

Most of us have never had to wonder where our next meal is coming from; but for more than 49 millions Americans (1 in 4 children), it is a very real problem.

In 2018, Souper Bowl of Caring enabled 6,846 participating groups to collect over \$10.4 million in cash and food items which assisted over 5,000 charities all across the United States.



Some of our Confirmation students will be at the church doors next Sunday joining in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Drop \$1 (or more) into their container or bring a can of soup for the pantry. All the money collected will go to our local soup kitchens who serve our neighbors.

Don’t Pass our Confirmation Students by they will be collecting your dollar(s) next week.

Parish News

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!

The weekend of February 9 and 10, the Youth Ministry will be hosting their 'Bake Sale.' Come one and all to enjoy a tasty treat.

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.

We Need Your Help

Are you available on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11:30am? We who volunteer at East Neck Nursing Home as a friendly visitor, Eucharistic Ministers, song leader or transporter are in need of help to bring comfort to the residents. If you would be able to join us, please call Jim Nevins at 631-793-5912 or leave your name and phone number at the Parish Office. Thank you for any help you may be able to give.

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!

1/21/19	1/22/19	1/23/19	1/24/19	1/25/19	1/26/19	1/27/19
545	185	245	18	66	27	62



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 meeting will be February 4 at 7:30pm!

We are having a hospitality breakfast will be today 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!

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

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



The Epiphany of the Lord

The Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated here at Our Lady of Grace on The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Pictured here are Fr. Vin Rush, flanked by the recipients of Confirmation, Tammy Lee Sessa and Elise Davidson and their sponsors.

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.



Angel Care Is Here



Our Angel Care Program is up and running for the new 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 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.

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.

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.

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

This special group meets every second Tuesday of the month here at Our Lady of Grace Church at 7:30pm to recite the Rosary and special prayers to St. Padre Pio. Come and join us and see what they are all about.

Our Lady of Grace Day Care

Changing lives through Faith, Caring & Learning

Open House

Come join us for some fun and meet our loving teachers and experience some of the learning that happens at OLOG.

Sunday, February 10

10:30am to 12pm



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**Open registration for Infants,
Toddlers and Pre-schoolers.**