



# Our Lady of Grace

## Roman Catholic Church

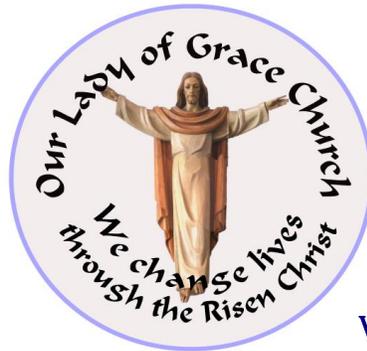
**Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ**

### 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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**February 3, 2019 • Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Worship This Coming Week

<p><b>Mon. Weekday</b>  Feb. 4 <i>Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20</i>  8:00 Elizabeth Black  9:00 Hunter Bradley (4 Anniv.)</p> <p><b>Tue. St. Agatha</b>  Feb. 5 <i>Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43</i>  8:00 Victims of clergy sexual abuse  9:00 Francis Gilroy &amp; O'Malley family</p> <p><b>Wed. St. Paul Miki and Companions</b>  Feb. 6 <i>Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6</i>  8:00 Fr. Robert Blyman  9:00 Sue Lomot</p>	<p><b>Thu. Weekday</b>  Feb. 7 <i>Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13</i>  8:00 Richard Torres  9:00 Holly Cappiello and Sue Caruso</p> <p><b>Fri. Weekday</b>  Feb. 8 <i>Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29</i>  8:00 Annabelle Black  9:00 Joseph Bianco</p> <p><b>Sat. Weekday</b>  Feb. 9 <i>Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34</i>  8:00 Gerald Lynch (3 Anniv.), Mary Mirabella</p>
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### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

## Worship for Sunday, February 10, 2019

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11*

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
<b>5:00pm (Sat.)</b> <b>8:00am</b> <b>10:00am</b> <b>12:00pm</b> <b>1:30pm</b>	Fr. Gabriel Fr. Gabriel Fr. Gius Fr. Vin Fr. Gius	Carlos Garcia (6 Anniv.) Giovanni Iemma People of the Parish Frank Aquanno For Persons with Disabilities

### The Sacrament of Baptism

**February 9, 11am: Presider: Deacon Irwin**

*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

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## **This 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. Day Care open house 10:30am – Noon. Mass for Persons with Disabilities 1:30pm.

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## **Next week:**

**Monday, February 11:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

**Tuesday, February 12:** Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Youth Ministry 7pm.

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## **Upcoming:**

**Sunday February 24:** Family Ministry Hospitality breakfast 11:00 am.

**Tuesday March 5:** Family Ministry *Mardi Gras*, 7:00 to 8:30pm.

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

**Sunday May 19:** Family Ministry Spring Tea, 1:00pm to 4:00 pm.

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## **New Pastor Selection - Your Opinion Counts!**

As you know, Fr. Vin will be retiring as pastor in June 2019.

Bishop Barres and the Priest Personnel Assignment Board are requesting your input regarding the skills and qualities you feel are necessary to lead our parish and any specific needs our parish might have.

Please complete a questionnaire which is posted on the diocesan website, [drvc.org](http://drvc.org). Or, the questionnaire can be picked up in the rear of the church and mailed to the address listed on it.



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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

## “Practicing” Catholic: Beginning A Series

What are the basics of being a “practicing Catholic” today? It seems that a lot of well-meaning and faithful people are confused on this, so a refresher might be in order. I’ll spend a few weeks writing about some of the major topics; of course, I can’t cover everything here. (The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* runs to just over 900 pages; and that doesn’t include the Scriptures, encyclicals, and much more.)

Being Catholic means, first of all, *belonging* to the Body of Christ – the communion of disciples we call the church. That belonging is expressed in two ways: *believing* in certain things and *acting* in certain ways. But let’s not bog down in the believing or the acting just yet: keep the focus on *belonging*.

How does one become a member of the communion of disciples? God calls people, and our response is expressed in the *Sacraments of Initiation*: Baptism, Confirmation, and (weekly) Eucharist. {Note how often we slip into imagining that what we receive at Mass – “Holy Communion” is an object, when it’s more properly an activity: “The Sacrament of (our) Holy Communion (in Christ’s Body, the Church)” if you wanted to spell it out completely.} We respond to Christ’s call and are joined to Christ by membership in His Body – the communion of disciples called as we were to share in Christ’s life and work. Belonging is the foundation. Two practical notes about this:

First, the tragic separation of Christians into different denominations makes for occasional confusion (not to mention scandal among nonbelievers). But the practical question often arises, “Can I receive Communion at the worship of another denomination?” or, “Can someone who belongs to another denomination receive Communion here?” The answer (with exceedingly rare exceptions) has to be, No. The question is, where do you belong? What “communion” of faith are you a part of in order to receive the Sacrament in (and of) that communion? It’s proper that we receive the Sacrament of Communion in the communion we’re members of; otherwise, it’s as if we’re pretending to be members of a club we don’t in fact belong to. It’s tragic, and wrong – but until the churches rejoin into one communion of faith, we have to live with the pain.

Second: Sometimes well-meaning and concerned grandparents whose children no longer practice as Catholics are concerned to have a grandchild baptized in the Catholic Church. It’s understandable, but consider: If the parents don’t practice, into what communion will the child be welcomed? Where will s/he belong? By itself, Baptism without belonging doesn’t make one a disciple and doesn’t really make much sense. That’s why the church requires that a promise be made that any child will be raised in the practice of the faith before Baptism can be celebrated. No practice = no belonging = no sense.

Note that throughout this I’m talking about the membership of a church as a *communion*, not a “family” or a “community.” That’s important: We need to describe who we are in Christ accurately. Our Church uses *communion* because it’s stronger and more intimate than “community” (which can mean just about anything these days from a neighborhood to an interest-group: (“the community of left-handed, six-two, blue-eyed golfers”). And “family” has emotional overtones (sometimes wonderful, sometimes not-so-wonderful) that don’t belong in the context of disciples together. The *communion* of the parish is not a social club; it’s an organization with a mission: to continue the work of Christ by being and acting as His Risen Body.

So lesson one: Everything starts with God’s initiative inviting us into the Risen Body of His Son, the communion of the Church. Members of the communion trust God’s revelation (through Scripture and through the communion’s own memories, what we call “tradition”), so we believe certain things. And we act certain ways to express what we believe God is doing in us and in the world. More next week. Until then, 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! It can be handed in during Faith Formation office hours. 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- 4 pm 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 Mon - Fri from 9:00 to 4:00***

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

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# Parish Social Ministry

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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### Pope Francis World Day of Peace Message 2019

Peace, in effect, is the fruit of a great political project grounded in the mutual responsibility and interdependence of human beings. But it is also a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew. It has three inseparable aspects:

- peace with oneself, rejecting inflexibility, anger and impatience; showing “a bit of sweetness towards oneself” in order to offer “a bit of sweetness to others”.

-peace with others: family members, friends, strangers, the poor and the suffering, being unafraid to encounter them and listen to what they have to say;

-peace with all creation, rediscovering the grandeur of God’s gift and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future.

The politics of peace, conscious of and deeply concerned for human vulnerability, can always draw inspiration from the *Magnificent*: “He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.”

### NYS Catholic Conference reacts to passage of Reproductive Health Act

Following is a statement of the New York State Catholic Conference on the passage and signing of this Act:

“Today, New York State has added a sad chapter to this already solemn date of January 22, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. With the legislature’s passage, and Governor Cuomo’s signing of the Reproductive Health Act, our beloved state has become a more dangerous one for women and their unborn babies.

“Many of the state senators and Assembly Members who voted for this abortion expansion are mothers themselves, who felt their child toss, turn and kick in their womb, and delighted in the progress of their pregnancy. Many others, as well as our governor, are fathers, who held their partner’s hand as they viewed the ultrasound videos, watched their child squirm and rejoiced at the first sound of a heartbeat. Many of these same officials were themselves born into less-than-perfect conditions- poverty, health problems, disabilities, broken families. All overcame these issues to rise to leadership in our state, because their parents chose life for them.

“We thank all our partners in the 12-year-long fight to stop this horrendous policy, and all pro-life New Yorkers who made their voices heard in an effort to stop it. Let us all pray for the conversion of heart for those who celebrate this tragic moment in the history of our state. And we pray in a special way for the lives that will be lost, and for the women of our state who are made less safe under this law.”

### Today is SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – Join us with \$1 and/or a can of soup!

Confirmation students will be at the doors of the church collecting a dollar or a can of soup for the benefit of our local Soup Kitchens. Last year through your generosity we were able to donate over \$900 to the soup kitchens at Mercy INN, St. John’s Lutheran, First Presbyterian and United Methodist, plus more than 100 cans of soup. Please do not pass them by!

# Parish News

## Please Pray for Those Who Have Died this Week

Patricia A. Smeriglio

Marion T. Damian  
Sarah Leo

Joseph John Kellar



### 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!

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.

### Nursing Home 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!

1/28/19	1/29/19	1/30/19	1/31/19	2/1/19	2/2/19	2/3/19
559	551	38	389	210	34	165



### Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2018, through January 31, 2019

**Sunday offering target: \$13,195 per week**

Target: \$290,290

Collections: \$293,233

**Over target by \$2,943**

**Christmas, 2018**

Target: \$52,000

Collections to date: \$49,188

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 10:00 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, 2019 at 7:30 pm

**Our next Family Ministry Hospitality breakfast will be on Sunday February 24 after the 10:00 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 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. Join us for crafts, games, prayer and of course ice cream as we prepare for the season of Lent.
- February Hospitality breakfast will be on Sunday February 24, 2019 at 11:00 am.
- Spring Tea – Sunday May 19, 2019 from 1:00pm to 4:00 pm we will host a Spring Tea!

# Parish News

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## 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.

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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.



## Angel Care



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.

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## Bereavement Group Forming

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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## 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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## 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.

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# 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*



666 Albin Avenue  
West Babylon, NY 11704  
Phone: (631) 422-4681

Email: [DayCare@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:DayCare@ourladyofgrace.net)

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

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### Mass Captains, Lectors and EMHCs – Schedule Change Requests Due

Lectors and EMHCs who wish to change their scheduled service for the April – June 2019 period should let leadership know by e-mail no later than February 15 at [worship@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:worship@ourladyofgrace.net). New schedules will be sent to you as soon as they can be prepared. Thank you for your service to our people!

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### Miraculous Medals Available

Through the generous gift of a parishioner the parish has Miraculous Medals available. You are welcome to take one from the baskets at the main doors of the church as long as supplies last.