



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 10, 2019 • Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Weekday

Feb. 11 *Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56*

8:00 Rev. Robert Blyman

9:00 Rose and Frank Puleo

Tue. Weekday

Feb. 12 *Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13*

8:00 Eugenia Miranda (B'day)

9:00 Michael Matheis

Wed. Weekday

Feb. 13 *Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23*

8:00 Annabelle Black

9:00 Vincent Hagen

Thu. Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Feb. 14 *Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30*

8:00 Victims of clergy sexual abuse

9:00 Eileen Cunningham

Fri. Weekday

Feb. 15 *Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37*

8:00 Annabelle Black

9:00 Anthonino Muscarella

Sat. Weekday

Feb. 16 *Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10*

8:00 Victims of clergy sexual abuse

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Presiding

5:00pm (Sat.)

Fr. Gius

8:00am

Fr. Gius

10:00am

Fr. Vin

12:00pm

Fr. Gabriel

We pray at this Mass especially for

Donald Pettit

People of the Parish

Veronica Preiss

Maria Zimini and Franca Romeo

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:

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

Tuesday, February 12: Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Rosary Makers 10am. Youth Ministry 7pm.

Friday, February 15: Widows and Widowers 12pm.

Next week:

Monday, February 18: No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday, February 19: Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Youth Ministry 7pm.

Upcoming:

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

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

Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent. Schedules to follow.

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

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

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. Or the questionnaire can be picked up in the rear of the church and mailed to the address listed on it.



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

Practicing Catholic II: The Gospel and Discipleship

How does one learn to belong to the Catholic Church? One common mistake is to focus on the creed at the expense of the Gospel. Creeds are vital – they tell us what we believe. But we need to remember that they were shaped by controversies in the Church and show it. The Gospels, on the other hand, were written with one purpose: To introduce the generations who lived after the apostles to Jesus Christ with the hope and expectation that they would fall in love with Him and follow Him.

Our Church began as a movement of people who were drawn to Jesus and His way of life. “Disciple,” after all, means a person who follows someone else. Disciples listen to and (especially) imitate their Master – they do what the Master does so as to experience the world as the Master does in the hope they will eventually be able to judge and act as the Master does. This is what it means for a disciple of Christ to “become like Christ”: to learn to see, judge, and act as Christ, the Master, sees, judges, and acts. And where do we meet the Risen Christ so that we can love Him, learn from Him, imitate Him, and eventually judge and act like Him? In the community of those who are already disciples, who read and study and hear the Gospel. To become a disciple, there is simply no substitute for hearing the Gospel in the community of disciples and no substitute for imitating those who are more experienced and wiser in their discipleship.

This takes practical shape in the core practice of serious Catholics: Sunday Mass, every week. “Practice” means imitation in the hope and expectation of getting better over time. To “practice” as a Catholic demands that we learn from Jesus in the most powerful place we find Him – in the Gospel heard and lived in the community of disciples. How do we do that?

Simply showing up doesn’t do it. That’s a vital first step, but there’s more. To meet Christ, we need personal preparation, and the key part of that is a powerful desire to “get out of the Mass” absolutely everything we can. We also need to give the Mass our full attention, to participate in the way that the experts of the past – the saints – have demonstrated, and to be ready to be changed in whatever way Christ seems to want to change us.

Think of it this way: If you wanted to become an excellent tennis player, you’d go to a professional for lessons. You’d expect to be corrected in your “instinctive” approach to the game; to be given lessons to practice; to have to invest time, money, and humility (in receiving criticism of your current level of play); and to reshape your customary life in certain ways in order to make the investment and the time to practice. It’s no different in becoming a “practicing” Catholic.

Being able to say, “I believe everything that’s in the creed” doesn’t require much of an investment. And one won’t get any better at discipleship by stopping there. (One may, in fact, get worse.) Excellence in discipleship – becoming a saint – is the only worthwhile standard to set for ourselves. And becoming excellent requires that we submit to “doing it God’s way” (as we discover that in the communion of the Church and in the lives of the saints), not in the way we might prefer. “God’s way” will often cut against our natural preferences and against the trends in the culture around us.

I’ll have more to say about this in the future, but I want you to think especially about one thing as I close: The role of silence in learning how to become a disciple. We live in a distracted culture, and that way of life leads into superficiality and away from discipleship. In the Bible, the great prayer of the Jewish people begins with “Listen!” In the *Rule* of St. Benedict, guiding monks toward holiness, the first word is, “Listen!” In the story of Elijah the prophet, God is present not in the storm or fire but in the whispering wind... When we flee silence, we miss the opportunity to hear the Word of God. We distract ourselves from the hard work of learning to follow Christ. There’s a (sorely-neglected) role for silence before and at Mass, and that will be next week’s topic. But we need silence to listen for God, each day. Few of us have been taught how to use silence profitably; but we can, if we choose, learn. 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.

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>.

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!

Journey – 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?

Any questions, email Colleen and Joe at MSYM@ourladyofgrace.net

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Young People: The “Now of God”

(America, Jan 27) Pope Francis issued a powerful “wake up” call to hundreds of thousands of young people from 155 countries, in his homily at the closing mass of World Youth Day on Jan. 27. He told them, “Dear young people, you are not the future but the now of God.” The vigil of prayer and mass were enriched by the presence near the altar of the blood-stained shirt that Archbishop Oscar Romero was wearing when he was shot while celebrating mass, and his episcopal mitre on which was emblazoned the words “to think with the church.”

Francis told them that Jesus was inviting each one present to join him in his “mission” today, not tomorrow. He did so by drawing on the Gospel of the day which tells how, as a young man Jesus began his public ministry when he went into the synagogue in Nazareth and stood up “and put into action God’s dream” by proclaiming good news to the poor...bringing liberty to captives and recovering of sight to the blind, setting at liberty those who are oppressed, announcing the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4.20-21).

Francis remarked that like Jesus’ neighbors in Nazareth “we too prefer a distant God: nice, good, generous but far-off, a God who does not inconvenience us. Because a close and everyday God demands that we be concerned with our surroundings, everyday affairs and above all fraternity.”

Senior Advocates – Seniors who need help with applications for SNAP, SCAT, Medicare can come to:

Wyandanch Nutrition	Friday, February 15	8:30am – 12:30pm
Tanner Park, Copiague	Wednesday, February 20	8:30am - 1pm
Lindenhurst Library	Monday, February 25	10am – 11:30am

Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center – Community Outreach Program **FREE Exams and Medical Screening**

In conjunction with Catholic Charities, Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center is offering FREE physical examination and medical screening for men and women – including history and physical, chest x-ray, EKG, blood and urine tests, pap smear and breast exam. To be eligible, you must be 18 years or older without funds or medical insurance, have Medicaid only and not regularly seen by a physician/clinic. For an appointment or more information, call 631-376-4121, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm.

West Babylon Library Homebound Program – check it out!

The West Babylon Library has a “Homebound Program” for residents who are unable to get to the library but would like to borrow books to read. This program will deliver books to you and pick them up when you finish reading them.

To become part of this program, call the Library at 631-669-5445 and ask to speak to someone regarding the “Homebound Program.” They will schedule an appointment to come to your home to meet with you and complete an informal application. They will discuss what your preferences are in books, authors, etc. and set up a delivery schedule.

It’s that easy. Give them a call!

Parish News

Let Us Welcome the Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Madison Jane Siebuhr

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died this Week

Patricia Maertz

Brian Francis Kuprian

Linda Marie Heybyrne



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! Don't forget our 'Bake Sale' this weekend after all the Masses.

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 Minister, 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!

2/4/19	2/5/19	2/6/19	2/7/19	2/8/19	2/9/19	2/10/19
165	551	513	343	142	385	17



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.

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, 2019, at 7:30pm

Our next Family Ministry Hospitality breakfast will be on Sunday, February 24, 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 welcome even if you attend Mass at a different time!

Upcoming Events!

Spring Tea – Sunday, May 19, 2019, from 1 to 4pm; we will host a Spring Tea!

Our Lady of Grace Family Life Ministry Invites you to our Mardi Gras Celebration!

Join us as we usher in the season of Lent with an evening of prayer, crafts and ice cream sundaes—

Fr. Gius will be scooping the ice cream and leading us in prayer!

When: Tuesday March 5, 2019 - Time: 7pm - Place—Room 109

All families of all sizes invited! We will have games and raffles!

We're asking for a donation of \$5 per family to defray the cost of the evening.

Please bring in a food item for our pantry if you can!

Please use the tear off below so we know you're coming so that we may have enough supplies!

Drop the bottom off in Faith Formation Office with \$5 by February 20, 2019.

*In the case of inclement weather, this event will not be rescheduled. Please check
www.ourladyofgrace.net*

Family Name _____ Phone # _____

Adults _____ # and age of children _____

Crafts for your family _____ Email _____

Parish News

Update of the Our Lady of Grace Sewing Group

Due to declining health of our members and lack of a project right now, the group has noted to donate the profit from our recent American Girl Doll raffle to the parish's Outreach. At this time of year, there are so many in need of help, and helping Outreach should be a goal of all. Thank you.

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.

Bereavement Group Forming

A newly formed bereavement class will begin on Saturday, March 9, at 9am in Room 106. Please call John at 631-874-0210 or Fran at 631-587-1578 if you would like to attend

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.

Academic Honors

Our sincere congratulations go out to Nicholas J. Chichester who has maintained honor roll status for the first trimester at Chaminade High School.

Widows and Widowers

The Our Lady of Grace Widows and Widowers will meet on Friday, February 15, at 12pm, in Room 109. For more information, call 631-661-3439. New members are most welcome.

More Parish News

Our Lady of Grace Child Care

666 Albin Avenue, West Babylon – 631-893-6564

Come and join us for an action packed summer!



Registration for this summer's Kids of the Kingdom Program is taking place as of February 1, 2019, between 2 and 6pm in Fr. Shanahan Hall. This action-packed experience is open to children five through twelve years of age. Each day includes entertainment or a field trip and lots of fun. Kids of the Kingdom runs for eight weeks during the summer from July 1 through August 23, 2019. The day begins at 8:30am and concludes at 4:30pm. (We also offer an early drop off from 7:30-8:30am and an aftercare from 4:30-5:30pm at an additional \$5 per session used.) For more details, contact Doreen Scalise at 631-893-6564 between the hours of 2 and 6pm Monday through Friday or via email at pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net.

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. New schedules will be sent to you as soon as they can be prepared. Thank you for your service to our people!

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.

Employment Opportunity

The Cenacle in Ronkonkoma has an opening for a part-time kitchen utility worker (25 hours per week). This is an excellent opportunity for a retired person or a student with a flexible schedule. Please send your resume to jsgambati@cenaclesisters.org or phone 631-588-8366 extension 139.