



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

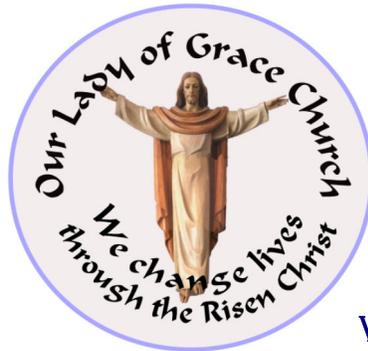
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

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 17, 2019 • Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Weekday
 Feb. 18 *Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13*
 8:00 Brendan Coolbaugh
 9:00 Juan Manuel Orozco

Tue. Weekday
 Feb. 19 *Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21*
 8:00 Walter Johnson
 9:00 Michael Mathies

Wed. Weekday
 Feb. 20 *Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26*
 8:00 Special intention
 9:00 Joan Nelson

Thu. Weekday
 Feb. 21 *Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33*
 8:00 Victims of clergy sexual abuse
 9:00 Louis Leonardi (10 Anniv.) and deceased members of the Gordan Family.

Fri. The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
 Feb. 22 *1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19*
 8:00 Special intention
 9:00 Margaret Weiss

Sat. St. Polycarp
 Feb. 23 *Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13*
 8:00 Virginia Fiorello (B'day), Iolanda and Donato Carcone

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Vin	People of the Parish
8:00am	Fr. Vin	Vito Manciapane
10:00am	Fr. Gabriel	William Heaton
12:00pm	Fr. Gius	Maria Gucciardo

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 18: Presidents' Day; parish offices closed. No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday, February 19: Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Mass of the Bereaved 7pm.

Next week:

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

Monday, February 25: No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday, February 26: Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Youth Ministry 7pm.

Upcoming:

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

Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent. Schedule below.

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

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

Ash Wednesday Schedule: (March 6)

8:00am: Mass with distribution of ashes

9:00am: Mass with distribution of ashes

Noon: Service with distribution of ashes

2:00pm: Service with distribution of ashes

4:00pm: Service with distribution of ashes

6:00pm: Service with distribution of ashes

8:00pm: Service with distribution of ashes

Ashes may only be distributed (except to the homebound) at a Mass or Service.

Lenten Regulations:

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Illness or other serious reason excuses from the obligations of fast and abstinence.

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 III: Discipleship and Silence

A few years ago I was faced with a pull from two sides: I regularly heard from one group of parishioners that they found the noise of chatter before Mass distracting and even damaging to their spiritual growth. Then if I talked about silence, I heard from (or was gossiped about by) other parishioners as making the church “unfriendly.” I know there’s no pleasing everybody, and there’s some truth in both perspectives (except the gossip, which is toxic and sinful). And a few years ago we came up with a plan to give both groups at least something of what they wanted.

Here’s what I asked: Can we agree together that quiet catching up with one another in conversation is acceptable as people gather? (After all, especially for seniors, church may be their only chance to meet face-to-face during the week.) But can we also agree together that, at a certain time before Mass begins – say, five minutes – the church goes quiet so people can prepare in silence to meet Christ in the Gospel and Eucharist? That’s what we’ve been trying, but it’s time for a reminder.

Five minutes before the scheduled time for beginning the Mass, the reader makes an announcement asking for silence to prepare for Mass. At that time, I’d ask that all conversation stop. That means, *all*. (Ministers who have necessary preparations to make should respect this by moving conversation into the lobby or sacristy and keeping it as unobtrusive as possible.)

I know that many people find silence “empty” and uncomfortable. Let me say a word about that. First, there’s no denying some part of the discomfort. We meet our deeper selves – our consciences, our fears, our hopes, the Word of God within us – only when we’re silent, and most normal human beings flee from that encounter rather than encourage it. But there’s an unnecessary degree of discomfort because we don’t know anything that can make silence useful for our spiritual growth. So here are a few things to do with that five minutes before Mass:

- ≡ Read – or reread – the Scriptures for the Mass that’s about to begin. Listen for the voice of God in what you read; mull over any word or phrase that strikes you.
- ≡ Think back over the week just passed: Ask God to uncover for you where you succeeded in being His voice, His hands, toward others over the past week.
- ≡ Consider the needs of the church communion – locally and worldwide – and choose some special intention to pray for at the Mass about to begin.
- ≡ Think about the suffering of people in the news – in the neighborhood and around the world – and choose to offer your prayer at Mass for some particular way and place in which God’s will needs to be done.
- ≡ Ask God to uncover for you some place where you’re blind to His will or stuck in your own desires, so that you can pray and work on changing that.
- ≡ Pay attention to your breathing as a way of gently putting aside the tensions and worries of the past and future, so that you can be fully attentive to what is about to happen when God comes in His Word and Sacrament.
- ≡ Pray that someone unknown to you in the congregation will be helped through a great struggle or moment of crisis by your prayer.

These are too many things to do; choose one and experiment with how it changes your experience at Mass. In every case, recognize that your seriousness about your spiritual life is bound to have a good effect on the other people you worship with. Just as conversation can distract and keep people from praying, silent attention opens the gates to God’s grace. Make the observing of the five minutes of silence before Mass part of your spiritual discipline – and perhaps add some silence each day during Lent when it starts in just a few weeks. 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- 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, 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: February 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

The US Bishops' Pastoral Letter against Racism

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has approved the statement, "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, A Pastoral Letter against Racism." "The entire body of bishops felt the need to address the topic of racism, once again, after witnessing the deterioration of the public discourse, and episodes of violence and animosity with racial and xenophobic overtones, that have re-emerged in American society in the last few years. Pastoral letters from the full body of bishops are rare, few and far between. But at key moments in history the bishops have come together for important pronouncements, paying attention to a particular issue and with the intention of offering a Christian response, full of hope, to the problems of our time. This is such a time."

The pastoral letter asks us to recall that we are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God. Because we all bear the image of God, racism is above all a moral and theological problem that manifests institutionally and systematically. Only a deep individual conversion of heart, which then multiplies, will compel change and reform in our institutions and society. It is imperative to confront racism's root causes and the injustice it produces. The love of God binds us together. This same love should overflow into our relationships with all people.

Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving – Sunday – February 17

The Office of Multicultural Diversity, Diocese of Rockville Centre and the Brooklyn Vicariate for Black Catholic Concerns will celebrate a Black History Month Mass of Thanksgiving at the Immaculate Conception Center, Douglaston, on Sunday, February 17, at 4pm. All are invited to attend.

Free CPR Training for Suffolk County Residents – American Heart Month

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services will be offering free cardiopulmonary-resuscitation training for residents during the month of February, which is dedicated as American Heart Month.

Sunday, February 17, at 10am
Central Islip-Hauppauge Ambulance Company
4 Pineville Road, Central Islip

Wednesday, February 20, at 7pm
North Babylon Fire Company
20 Hale Road, North Babylon

Thursday, February 28, at 7pm
East Islip Public Library (hosted by Exchange Ambulance of Islip)
381 E. Main Street, East Islip

Pre-registration is required – class size is limited to 50 participants. Contact the Suffolk County Dept. of Health Services Office of Emergency Medical Services at 631-852-5080 between 9am and 5pm Monday through Friday.

Suffolk County Police Department – Exam Registration Forms

The next SCPD police exam is scheduled for June 15, 2019 – Registration deadline for this exam is **April 3, 2019**. This exam is given only once every **4** years. You can register for the exam at www.JoinSCPD.com Flyers with information regarding requirements, salary and benefits in both English and Spanish recruitments are at the Parish Outreach Office – or call the Suffolk County Police Department in Yaphank at 631-852-6000.

Suffolk County Corrections Officer Tests – deadline March 13 – Test Saturday April 27

Parish News

Let Us Welcome the Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Sophia Ann Fain

Carmine Kenneth Stallone
Nora Faye McDevitt

Grayson Michael Fazio

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died this Week

James Warren Donlin, Sr.

Anthony Francis Sora

Nicholas C. Commisso



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!

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!

2/11/19	2/12/19	2/13/19	2/14/19	2/15/19	2/16/19	2/17/19
358	6	64	65	17	553	117

*The Gift you have
received
Give as a
Gift*
Matthew 10:8

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

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 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 March 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!

Upcoming Events

Spring Tea – Sunday, May 19, 2019, from 1 to 4pm; we will host a Spring Tea! We will begin selling tickets next week at our Hospitality breakfast. They will also be available in the Faith Formation Office during business hours.

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 parishes 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 has begun 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 and for further information.

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.

A Capella Medieval and Renaissance Songs

March 2 at 6pm at Our Lady of Grace, let the voices of the acapella singing group House of the Red Hart lead you into the past to the courts of European royalty. This concert will feature music by great Medieval and Renaissance composers Thomas Tallis, Saint Thomas Aquinas, and King Henry the 8th. Throughout the concert they will share fun royal facts about the pieces they sing. The members of this ensemble have been singing together for years and have performed in concerts throughout Long Island, New York City, and Washington DC. House of the Red Hart is passionate about sharing this unique musical style with new audiences. \$10 Adults / \$5 Seniors / Children Under 12 Free.

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 in 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.

Congratulations

The parish of Our Lady of Grace extends our sincere congratulations to the following students of St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School who have achieved honor roll status:

Summa Cum Laude

Emily Duci

Abigail Engrassia

Magna Cum Laude

Jillian Duci

Bailey Wrede

Julianna Mazur

Kathryn McHugh

Cum Laude

Connor Lieberz

Kyle Marengo

Carissa Salvadori

Position Available

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Lindenhurst is looking for an extremely organized, detail-oriented and multi-tasking person to fill the position of Parish Secretary. This energetic individual must be a team player and enjoy being in a fast-paced environment with a great deal of interaction with others. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm. Full-time position, with benefits. Computer proficiency required. Must know Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, etc.); familiarity with Parish Data Systems (PDS) is preferable. Excellent verbal communication skills and impeccable grammar and writing skills essential. Familiarity with Catholic parish life and Church jargon preferred, although not essential. Main duties include preparing and handling large parish mailings; maintaining parish census registration and other parish filing systems; scheduling and maintaining the parish facilities calendar (use of meeting facilities); maintaining and overseeing office record-keeping systems and sacramental registers; acting as a liaison between receptionists, the Business Manager and the Pastor as an "Office Manager," including familiarity with and coordination of all front desk systems and procedures and general parish clerical duties; overseeing the inventory of office supplies; maintaining the parish envelope system. Resumes and inquiries may be sent to: Frank Pokorney, Business Manager, at fpokorney@oloph.org or at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY, 11757.