



# 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 24, 2019 • Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Worship This Coming Week

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**Mon. Weekday**  
 Feb. 25 *Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29*  
 8:00 Theresa Calcanes and Rita Costello  
 9:00 Tina Marie Cicciari

**Tue. Weekday**  
 Feb. 26 *Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37*  
 8:00 Thomas L. Eckrich  
 9:00 Annette Stanizone

**Wed. Weekday**  
 Feb. 27 *Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40*  
 8:00 John and Domenica Olanick  
 9:00 Pasqua Assalone

**Thu. Weekday**  
 Feb. 28 *Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50*  
 8:00 Giuseppe Mozzone  
 9:00 John Belford

**Fri. Weekday**  
 Mar. 1 *Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12*  
 8:00 Elizabeth Black  
 9:00 Devotees of the Holy Face of Jesus –  
 Living and Deceased

**Sat. Weekday**  
 Mar. 2 *Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16*  
 8:00 Jennie Paolo Calogere Pellegrino Trapani

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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### Worship for Sunday, March 3, 2019

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45*

	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>We pray at this Mass especially for</b>
<b>5:00pm (Sat.)</b>	Fr. Vin	Maria Gloria Goncalves
<b>8:00am</b>	Fr. Vin	People of the Parish
<b>10:00am</b>	Fr. Gabriel	Joan Nelson
<b>12:00pm</b>	Fr. Gius	Sue Lomot

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#### The Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, 1:30pm: 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.*

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#### 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.*

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# Our Parish Communion

## This 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.

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## Next week:

**Saturday, March 2:** Monthly Concert 6pm.

**Monday, March 4:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2pm.

**Tuesday, March 5:** Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Youth Ministry 7pm.  
Family Ministry *Mardi Gras*, 7:00 to 8:30pm.

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

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## Upcoming:

**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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## 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.

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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 IV: Discipleship and Life Together

If the communion of disciples instructed by the Gospels and invigorated by the presence of the Risen Christ, is the seedbed of faith and sanctity, how we live together matters greatly. Every day by our words and actions we encourage others toward Christ (and grow ourselves in closeness), or we set up roadblocks to others and do damage to ourselves and to the holiness of the Church. And what is the primary corrosive of life together in the church communion? Gossip. (A few years ago the Holy Father called gossip “terrorism.” It’s that destructive.) So some rules for speaking constructively (and avoiding sin).

First, we owe it to one another to put the best construction on others’ speech and actions. Presume good will and virtue unless the contrary is proven.

Second, when correction seems necessary, ask a series of questions:

- Am I convinced what I am about to challenge or criticize is in fact what is going on?
- Have I given every possible latitude to the other person, presuming good will?
- Do I have the courage to speak directly to the person one-on-one? (Cases of potential violence are exceptions to this as are situations where others are clearly in immediate danger.)
- Is what I am about to say meant for the growth toward holiness of the other person, rather than any satisfaction I might feel?
- Am I reasonably sure that no one else has brought this to the offender’s attention?

If the answer to any of these questions is “no” or “I don’t know,” it’s probably better to stay silent.

There’s a story from the tradition of the “Desert Fathers” (monks who lived in the wilderness in loose circles of a master with disciples) that applies here.

*Once the monks became concerned about a brother who was inappropriately involved with one of the women of the nearby town. They went to the abbot, asking him to offer a word of correction to the offender. He replied, “I will not. For the same God who said, ‘Do not fornicate’ also said, ‘Do not judge.’”*

A harder question is, What to do when someone attempts to share some juicy gossip with me? Again, as series of questions – this time to be asked directly to the speaker:

- “Have you told (the person about whom the gossip is being spread) about your concern?”
- (If yes): “Then there is no need to tell it to me as well.”
- (If no): “Would you like me to go with you so that you can tell (the person) about your concern?”
- (If yes, go with the speaker to address the person, keeping in mind the above questions about whether this is legitimate.)
- (If no) “Will you give me permission to tell (the person) about your concern, using your name?”

Third: relationships, families, communities, and neighborhoods are built up by affirming what is good in people’s actions rather than by criticism. Make it a habit to speak well of others and to compliment them regularly to themselves and to praise them to others.

Some early commentary on the Gospels claimed that the mysterious “sin against the Holy Spirit” that cannot be forgiven is nothing other than – gossip. That’s no doubt an exaggeration; but in over forty years of ministry, I can’t think of anything shy of the transfers of sexually-abusing priests that has done more damage to Christ’s church than the ill-chosen words and judgments in the everyday speech of too many churchgoers. How about a Lenten resolution to change that? Until next week, peace.

# Faith Formation

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## Faith Formation Office Hours

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

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## 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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## 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 Monday - Friday from 9:00 to 4:00  
and after Masses on March 2 or 3! - Call 631- 661-9353 for more information!***

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## 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 in June 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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# Parish Social Ministry

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## **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

### **A Culture of Love, Peace, and Human Fraternity**

(Catholic News Agency, Feb.4) Catholic Muslims and all who believe in God must work together to build a culture of love, peace and human fraternity, Pope Francis said in a joint statement he signed with Ahmed el-Tayeb, Grand Imam of al-Azhar, during an interreligious meeting in Abu Dhabi.

The document, “A Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together,” invited “all persons who have faith in God and faith in human fraternity to unite and work together... as a guide for future generations to advance a culture of mutual respect in the awareness of the great divine grace that makes all human beings brothers and sisters.”

The document discussed the importance of religion in building a peaceful and free society and the challenges of an increasingly secular world. It condemned all practices and policies detrimental to human life and freedom. It states: “The pluralism and the diversity of religions, colour, sex, race and language are willed by God in His wisdom, through which He created human beings. This divine wisdom is the source from which the right to freedom of belief and the freedom to be different derives. Therefore, the fact that people are forced to adhere to a certain religion or culture must be rejected.”

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### **Do You Know About the Earned Income Tax Credit?**

The EITC is a refundable federal income tax credit that returns Federal and State government dollars to working families and individuals. But in 2010 nearly \$8 billion in EITC funds went unclaimed. The IRS reports that 20% to 25% of eligible Long Island workers miss out on thousands of dollars every year because they fail to claim their EITC.

For 2018, a single parent with an income of less than \$49,194 raising three or more children can get an EITC refund of up to \$6,431. Check it out so you don't miss out.

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### **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](http://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**

#### **Exam Fee Waiver Available for Suffolk County Police and Correction Officer Tests**

EOC (Economic Opportunity Council) of Suffolk, INC. is prepared to cover the cost of the \$125 exam fee for applicants with incomes that stand at or below 125 percent of poverty level. The requirement and application for financial assistance with the exam fee can be found on the Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc.'s website at: [www.eoc-suffolk.com](http://www.eoc-suffolk.com). The deadline for the correction exam is March 13 and April 3 for the police exam.

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### **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](http://www.townofbabylon.com) and download the application.

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# Parish News

## Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Vincent Noce

### 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.

### 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 'Bake Sale' was a great hit, the Youth Ministry made over \$700. Thank you to all who supported this wonderful ministry.

### 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!

2/18/19	2/19/19	2/20/19	2/21/19	2/22/19	2/23/19	2/24/19
124	569	393	425	109	305	160

*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**

**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 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 March 4, 2019, at 7:30pm

**Our next Family Ministry Hospitality breakfast will be today, 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!

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## 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.

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## Youth Stations of the Cross

Please join us!



Get involved – do something new and special to prepare for Easter

Come learn what the Stations of the Cross are and how we celebrate and remember them each year especially during Lent.

**TUESDAY, March 12** - anyone in grades 3 – 12 is welcome to come down to Our Lady of Grace at 7:30pm to get his/her part and rehearse for the Live Stations of the Cross which will be presented on Good Friday, 4/19/19 at 5:30pm (no experience)

If you have any questions, call: \_\_\_\_\_

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### OLOG FAMILY MINISTRY STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2019

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER(S) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

# Parish News

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## 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.

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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 newly formed bereavement class began 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 or for information.

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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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## A Capella Medieval and Renaissance Songs

March 2 at 6pm at Our Lady of Grace, let the voices of the a capella 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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

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## More Parish News

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

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### Healing After Abortion:

#### Day of Prayer and Healing for Women

A day of prayer and healing for women is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The day is directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer. The date is Saturday, April 6, 2019. To register and for more information, please visit [www.respectlife.drvc.org](http://www.respectlife.drvc.org), or contact Project Rachel at 1-888-456-HOPE or 1-516-766-2538.



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### Child Abuse Reporting and Standards of Conduct for Church Personnel

There is a special diocesan phone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel and volunteers: 1-516-594-9063. The New York State abuse hotline for all allegations of child abuse can be reached at 1-800-342-3720.

Our parish complies with a diocesan child protection policy. The text of the policy can be found on the diocesan website at [http://www.drvc.org/policy\\_procedure\\_forms](http://www.drvc.org/policy_procedure_forms) and is also available through the Parish Office.

A code of conduct to which all parish clergy, employees, and volunteers must comply can be found at [http://www.drvc.org/pdf/protecting\\_children/policy/pastoralconduct.pdf](http://www.drvc.org/pdf/protecting_children/policy/pastoralconduct.pdf) and is also available from the parish.

Further information, including information on the diocesan child protection and safe environment programs to which our parish subscribes can be found on the diocesan website at <http://www.drvc.org/efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people/diocesan-efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people.html>