



# 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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**March 3, 2019 • Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Worship This Coming Week

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| <p><b>Mon. Weekday</b><br/>         Mar. 4 <i>Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27</i><br/>         8:00 Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton<br/>         9:00 Maria Cipollone</p> <p><b>Tue. Weekday</b><br/>         Mar. 5 <i>Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31</i><br/>         8:00 Glenn Roth<br/>         9:00 Frank Commisso (1 Anniv.)</p> <p><b>Wed. Ash Wednesday</b><br/>         Mar. 6 <i>Jl2:12-18/2Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt6:1-6,16-18</i><br/>         8:00 Vincent Ognibene<br/>         9:00 Rosa Marciante (100 Anniv.)</p> | <p><b>Thu. Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b><br/>         Mar. 7 <i>Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25</i><br/>         8:00 Special Intention<br/>         9:00 Ann and Howard Wagner (B'Day)</p> <p><b>Fri. Friday after Ash Wednesday</b><br/>         Mar. 8 <i>Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15</i><br/>         8:00 Fr. Joseph Minturn<br/>         9:00 Peter Pirone</p> <p><b>Sat. Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b><br/>         Mar. 9 <i>Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32</i><br/>         8:00 Margaret (Peggy) Browne</p> |
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### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

## Worship for Sunday, March 10, 2019

### First Sunday of Lent

*Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13*

|   | <b>Presiding</b>   | <b>We pray at this Mass especially for</b>   |
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| <p><b>5:00pm (Sat.)</b><br/> <b>8:00am</b><br/> <b>10:00am</b><br/> <b>12:00pm</b><br/> <b>1:30pm</b></p> | <p>Fr. Gabriel<br/>         Fr. Gabriel<br/>         Fr. Gius<br/>         Fr. Vin<br/>         Fr. Gius</p> | <p>Antonina Salvo (4 Anniv.)<br/>         Monica and Pasquale Chiodi<br/>         Veronica Preiss and Dorothy and William Preiss<br/>         People of the Parish<br/>         For Persons with Special Needs</p> |

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Saturday, 11am: Presider: Fr. Gius

*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.*

### 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.*

### 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:

**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.*

**Saturday, March 9:** Bereavement Support Group 9am.

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## Next week:

**Sunday, March 10:** Mass for Persons with Disabilities 1:30pm. Faith Formation Pasta Dinner, 1-4pm.

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

**Tuesday, March 12:** Scripture Sharing 9:30am, Rosary Makers 10am.  
Youth Ministry 7pm. Padre Pio 7:30pm.

**Friday, March 15:** Widows and Widowers 12pm.

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## Upcoming:

**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 V: Listening to the Gospel

To be a disciple of Christ is to learn from Christ. We meet the Risen Christ in His Word, especially as that Word is heard in the communion of the church. But we only hear if we listen. Listening is hard and rare.

Quickly: What was last Sunday's Gospel? If you have trouble remembering, you weren't listening. If your memory is only "something about loving people," that's not much better. Does your memory of the Word of Christ last week have any impact on how you live today? Were you addressed by the Risen Christ at Mass last week? If not, why not?

I suspect that the primary reason is not distraction or anything like that; such reasons are superficial. The two primary, interlocking reasons we don't really hear the Word are that we aren't hungry for it, and we don't expect the Word to meet any hunger in us. We may believe that Scripture is inspired, but we suspect that it's a dead letter.

There's a story in the Buddhist tradition about a young man who wanted to become enlightened. He was strolling with a master, talking about it when they came to a stream. Without warning, the master pushed him into it and held his head underwater for a long time. When he finally pulled the fellow up, the master said, "You must want enlightenment as much as you just wanted air."

Am I hungry to learn to be a better disciple? Do I trust that the Risen Christ's Word heard at Mass can do that in me? Unless the answers to those questions are as powerful as "wanting air," we probably won't change; our self-centeredness is just too powerful to be cracked open by half-hearted efforts.

If you want to hear Christ's Word at Mass, here are some practical things you can do.

- Every week read the texts you're about to hear before you come to Mass – several times during the preceding week if possible. Pay attention to words or phrases that catch your attention or surprise you or threaten you;
- Come to Mass in time to quiet down and put aside distracting thoughts. (The five minutes of silence before each Mass are our attempt to help you to do that.) Reread the texts you're about to hear or call them to mind and just sit quietly with them as you remember them.
- Expect to hear something new and surprising. The "I've heard this story before and know what the point is" reaction will block you from hearing the Word anew. You've changed since you last heard this passage at Mass – expect that Christ has something to say to you as you now are.
- Come to Mass with an issue or question – the particular deep "hunger" you feel at this time in your life; and expect that Christ will address it. He won't necessarily answer your question or seem to address your issue. Trust that what you hear in the Word is important; Christ may want you to think differently, and a surprising Word can be the clue to that.
- Consider keeping a little notebook (or computer file). Before you come to Mass each week, write down a sentence or a phrase – no more – that focuses your hunger. After Mass, write down what you heard in the Word. They may not seem to be connected. But over the weeks and months, see what the Word of Christ is doing in you.

Saint Paul says that the Word is "sharper than any two-edged sword" – it can find the places in our lives where we need to let Christ's power in so that we can be changed into more wholehearted, wiser, more skillful disciples. Half-hearted listening keeps us from experiencing that power. Don't let that happen to you. Have a good Lent. Until next week, peace.

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The *Bulletin* went to press before I could research and think about the outcomes of the recent Vatican meeting on sex-abuse and its coverup. I hope to have some initial thoughts for my column next week.

# 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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## Formed for Lent

### Into the Desert – A Lenten Study on Prayer

Our Lord teaches that prayer is a relationship and a vital necessity. And yet, many of us have difficulty committing to daily prayer. Follow Jesus into the desert this Lent and discover intimacy with God in this video-based study with daily meditations in the participants' guide. This series captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love. *–taken from FORMED*  
Join us on three evenings as we study and talk about how we might enter into prayer more deeply. This will held on Thursdays – March 7, 14, and 21 from 7:30 to 8:30pm in Room 109. All materials will be supplied.

For more ideas on using FORMED for Lent, visit <https://formed.org/promo/lent>

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# Parish Social Ministry

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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### Excerpts from Pope Francis' Lenten Message for 2018

In his description of hell, Dante...pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice, in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else. What destroys charity is greed for money, "the root of all evil" (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments. All this leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own "certainties": the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbor who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. But the Church, Our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

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### Do You Want to Fast This Lent? *In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words
  - Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
  - Fast from anger and be filled with patience
  - Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
  - Fast from worries and have trust in God
  - Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
  - Fast from pressures and be prayerful
  - Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
  - Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
  - Fast from grudges and be reconciled
  - Fast from words and be silent so you can listen
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### Health Insurance Help

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Navigators will be at the Parish Social Ministry Office on Wednesday, March 6 from 12 to 3pm. Assistance is available to apply for affordable health care plans, Child Health Plus and Medicaid. First come, first served.

Call 631-656-9783 for information or apply at [www.coverage4healthcare.com](http://www.coverage4healthcare.com)

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

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|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Spangle Drive        | Monday, March 4     | 8:30 – 11am      |
| Rainbow Center       | Wednesday, March 6  | 8:30 – 11am      |
| Wyandanch Nutrition  | Friday, March 15    | 8:30am – 12:30pm |
| Tanner Park          | Wednesday, March 20 | 8:30am - 1pm     |
| West Babylon Library | Thursday, March 28  | 10am – 1pm       |

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# Parish News

## Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Mason Cole Murkerson

### Please Pray for Those Who Have Died this Week

Dawn Verdi  
Salvatore Cuffaro

James Joseph King  
Joseph G. William, Jr.

Peter Vander Drift  
Dominick Santonastaso

### 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!

### Adult Confirmation by Joseph Salzone

In the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Adult Confirmations usually take place on Pentecost Sunday, which varies each year between May and June. This year it is June 9. Father Vin makes a special request to celebrate Confirmations on the Feast of the Epiphany, which is in early January, as well. I teach a 7-week class prior to each date which prepares the candidate for the sacrament. The fall class starts at the end of October, and the spring class starts the Wednesday after Easter.

Other than what I mentioned above, there is nothing I can do. Last fall, I received three emails from young adults seeking to be immediately confirmed in order to be a Godparent. Unfortunately, either my class schedule or the confirmation date was not suitable. All three had to tell their love ones they couldn't be a Godparent.

I'm sorry if I sound like a broken record, but I'm only trying to help. If you know of any adult or teenager turning 18 by June 9 and has not been confirmed, please urge them to enroll in my spring class which starts on Wednesday, April 24.

For more information, they may contact me by calling the office and leaving a message or by sending an email to [jsalzone@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:jsalzone@ourladyofgrace.net).

### Calendar Raffle Winners

|         |         |         |         |        |        |        |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2/25/19 | 2/26/19 | 2/27/19 | 2/28/19 | 3/1/19 | 3/2/19 | 3/3/19 |
| 244     | 558     | 81      | 307     | 143    | 160    | 147    |



### Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2018, through February 25, 2019

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

Target: \$343,070

Collections: \$344,125

**Over target by \$1,055**

### Christmas, 2018 – Final Report

Target: \$52,000

Collection: \$54,788

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, March 31, 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) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

# Parish News

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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.



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## **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 Support**

Survival is coping every day, day by day, moment by moment. Being alone and being lonely are two different feelings. When you lose a spouse, you are plunged into roles you never expected. Single parent, bread winner, bill payer, shopping, cooking, cleaning; you don't share these any more. You are the only provider for yourself. There is no distinction between men and women. They both have to learn new skills. It becomes opposite of what you're accustomed to. Cooking, cleaning, car inspection, toilet leak have to be taken care of no matter who you are.

A bereavement support group is what helped me. Maybe it can help you. It costs nothing and you can share with others the same feeling of loss, the loneliness, and the changes you are now faced with.

Beginning Saturday, March 9, at 9am we will be offering a bereavement support group which is an eight-week program that meets one day a week for 90 minutes each time. My name and phone number and the co-facilitator are listed in last week's bulletin. You're not going to find out unless you try.

John Laszewski 631-874-0210 and Fran Kish 631-587-3949.

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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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## **Adult Community Garden Help Needed**

Spring is arriving March 20 so it's not too early to think about our Community Garden where we grow fresh veggies for distribution through Parish Outreach. Sr. Alice will commute this season (5/19-10/19) and will work with anyone interested in continuing this important ministry. Anyone interested or who wishes more information is asked to leave his/her name and telephone at PSM at 631-661-9354. Sr. Alice will contact you. Besides playing in the soil, we also learn much and have fun. Join us.



Lent 2019

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Friends:

As we begin our prayer, fasting and almsgiving for the needs of the poor and the suffering of the world in this Lenten season 2019, we recommit ourselves to repentance, conversion and holiness individually and as a Church. We remember in a focused way this Lent the survivors of clergy sexual abuse and all forms of abuse and we pray for the purification, reform and sanctification of the Church.

In *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis says: “Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy (32)...The Lord wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence (1)...Holiness is the most attractive face of the Church (9)...The Church needs passionate missionaries, enthusiastic about sharing true life. The saints surprise us, they confound us, because by their lives they urge us to abandon a dull and dreary mediocrity (138).”

One of the ways we commit ourselves to this radiant, natural and humble holiness is by expanding the breadth and depth of our daily engagement with the inspired Sacred Scriptures. We are called to live the words of Psalm 119: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

The saints of every decade and century inspire us since “the most profound interpretation of Scripture comes precisely from those who let themselves be shaped by the word of God through listening, reading, and assiduous meditation”. (Pope Benedict XVI, *The Word of the Lord* ) (48) Could each one of us individually and together, united in communion as a Church, take one step with the Holy Spirit this Lent to deepen our love for the inspired Sacred Scriptures?

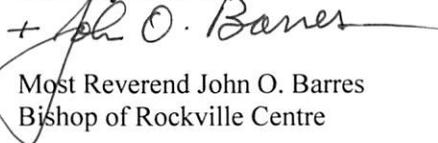
In his Apostolic Exhortation *The Word of the Lord* (2010), Pope Benedict XVI gives us an excellent process of praying individual biblical passages, a process of *lectio divina* or sacred reading of the text that includes reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the biblical text. We need to believe with confidence and a spirit of adventure that the Holy Spirit is present in the text and that the Holy Spirit’s tongues of flame are connecting the text to our souls transforming us in mysterious and profound ways.

I would like to analyze and comment on the steps that Pope Benedict XVI proposes to us. (For the complete version of Bishop Barres’ Lenten Letter 2019 which analyzes Pope Benedict’s approach to *lectio divina*, see this link [www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org](http://www.bishopbarreslentenletter2019.org).) The Word of God makes us realists who recognize that the Word of God is the foundation of all things. (10)

As your bishop and servant, I invite you during this Lenten Season 2019 and beyond, to discover or rediscover the power of the Word of God by reading, meditating, praying, contemplating and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures. In the end, as Father Gaston Courtois points out: “Contemplatives are the true missionaries and alone can be the true spiritual teachers”.

Thank you all for your passion and daily dedication to the inspired Sacred Scriptures. Thank you for being the contemplatives, the missionaries, the spiritual teachers that are the agents and instruments of *dramatic missionary growth* on Long Island and beyond.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre