



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 10, 2019 • First Sunday of Lent

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Lenten Weekday
 Mar. 11 *Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46*
 8:00 Mari Blanca and Enrique Hidalgo (Liv.)
 9:00 Ralph Mulvey

Tue. Lenten Weekday
 Mar. 12 *Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15*
 8:00 Maria Silva
 9:00 George and Robert Soennecken

Wed. Lenten Weekday
 Mar. 13 *Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32*
 8:00 Fr. Joseph Minturn
 9:00 Anthony Sora, Loretta Sora and Marie Serigano

Thu. Lenten Weekday
 Mar. 14 *Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12*
 8:00 Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton
 9:00 Vincent Hagen

Fri. Lenten Weekday
 Mar. 15 *Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26*
 8:00 Salvatore Cuffaro
 9:00 John Patrick DeLuca

Sat. Lenten Weekday
 Mar. 16 *Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48*
 8:00 Fr. Joseph Minturn, Colette Nasserri.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 /Lk 9:28b-36

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Gabriel	Philip Ognibene
8:00am	Fr. Gabriel	Giovanni Iemma
10:00am	Fr. Gius	Martin and Margaret Browne
12:00pm	Fr. Vin	People of the Parish

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:

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.

Next week:

Monday, March 18: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

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

Upcoming:

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

Two Different Worlds

I've been reading the materials from, and reactions to, the recently-concluded meeting at the Vatican on sexual abuse and its management (or lack of it) by the world's bishops.

My overall sense is that church leadership and church members are living in two different worlds.

On the one hand, church officials are largely positive about the meeting's outcome, while admitting that there is much more work to be done. To take just two examples, here's the president of the U.S. Bishops' Conference, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo:

I'm more happy right now over what I see and what has happened in these days, and when I get back home, I think I can go before the bishops' administrative committee and all the bishops and say, that I think there is some affirmation from this meeting of what we wanted to do.¹

And from Jesuit Father Hans Zollner, a member of the Organizing Committee and Head of the Centre for Child Protection at the Pontifical Gregorian University:

"[A] qualitative and quantitative leap along a decade-long journey that will continue."²

On the other hand, from Anne Barrett Doyle, a leader of BishopAccountability.org, which tracks incidents of abuse in the church:

Pope Francis' talk today was a stunning letdown, a catastrophic misreading of the grief and outrage of the faithful. As the world's Catholics cry out for concrete change, the pope instead provides tepid promises, all of which we've heard before.³

And a (prescient?) comment from Fr. Thomas Doyle, the canon lawyer who back in 1985 co-wrote a scathing report⁴ (distributed to all the U.S. bishops of the time) about clergy abuse of minors (which was largely ignored):

They're going to pray and they're going to meditate. But it's totally useless. You shouldn't have to have something like this in 2019.⁵

My own sympathies are with Fr. Doyle. But here we are, with promises from the Holy Father and from bishops that concrete actions will be taken, and soon. We shall see. I encourage all Catholics (some of whom, I know are hanging onto trust in the bishops by their fingernails, and some of whom have lost it entirely) to remember that Christ will not desert His Church. The Word and the Sacraments are still available to you for the sake of your own holiness and salvation. Other struggling Catholics need to see you at Mass as silent support for their own discipleship. For their sake and yours, don't give up.

Lent is meant to be a time of spiritual struggle. The ordinary disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving direct us in normal times, but these times are anything but normal in our Church. Perhaps this year's Lent should focus on disciplines like these: careful investigation to get good information; avoiding jumping to conclusions; relying on analysis, not emotion; and most important, hope.

Until next week, peace.

¹ <https://cruxnow.com/church-in-the-usa/2019/02/23/u-s-cardinal-expects-new-abuse-accountability-measures-in-june/>

² <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2019-02/protection-minors-press-briefing-concrete-initiatives-vatiab.html>

³ <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/24/world/europe/pope-vatican-sexual-abuse.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>

⁴ <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/1216510-doyle-mouton-peterson-report-1985.html>

⁵ <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-pope-abuse-summit-usa/in-us-popes-summit-on-sex-abuse-seen-as-too-little-too-late-idUSKCN1Q92TC>

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!

Today! 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 at the door!

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 14, and 21 from 7:30 to 8:30pm in Room 109. All materials will be supplied.

Call the Faith Formation Office at 631-661-9353 or email mharnisch@ourladyofgrace.net for more information.

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

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Pope Francis's Lenten Message for 2019

Pope Francis is calling on the faithful not to let the Lenten season of grace pass in vain, and to live as children of God acknowledging and obeying His law, in particular in regard to our brothers and sisters and to creation. "Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus" Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them."

Christians today are invited to "embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving."

Fasting, the Pope says, means turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity; Prayer teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego; Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us.

If we follow this journey, he said "it is possible to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness."

Vatican News 2/27/19

Are You a Grandparent Caring for a Grandchild?

If you're a grandparent caring for a grandchild, SNAP may be able to help you afford the nutritious food you both need to stay healthy. Your Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP) Coordinator can help you to complete and submit the SNAP application. For a free, confidential prescreening to find out if you may be eligible, please contact Catholic Charities Diocese of Rockville Centre – 631-789-9546.

Adult and Child Bereavement Support Groups – Spring 2019

Good Shepherd Hospice Administrative Office
110 Bi-County Blvd. Suite 114, Farmingdale
Registration required – call Carolyn Lisi-Haas, LICSW-R @ 631-828-7629

Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group

Wednesday Afternoons – March 20 thru May 8/ 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Support Group

Monday Evenings – March 18 thru May 6/ 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Connections: Child and Family Bereavement Support Program

Tuesday Evenings – March 12 thru April 30/ 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

Bottle Returns – Thank You!

Do you know when you donate empty bottles in the bin by the OLOG lobby, the bottles are taken to the store for deposit and Outreach is the recipient of the deposit money. Sometimes this amounts to as much as fifty dollars a month. So thank you for your help and please continue to leave your empty bottles for us.

Food Pantry Needs

We are in need of Jelly, paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper), laundry detergent, personal items such as toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, coffee and tea and snacks for the children. Thank you for your continued support!

Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Lucas Joseph Horne

Juliette Madison Moore

Olivia Michelle Rubilotta

Charles Thomas Regan

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died this Week

Joseph A. Ditta

Bread and Wine Donation

The bread and the wine have been donated for Mari Blanca and Enrique Hedalgo and all living and deceased members of their families for the week of March 10 through March 16, 2019.

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 seven-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.

Calendar Raffle Winners

3/4/19	3/5/19	3/6/19	3/7/19	3/8/19	3/9/19	3/10/19
342	146	122	65	244	551	41

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

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.

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 April 1, 2019, at 7:30pm

Our next Family Ministry Hospitality breakfast will be Sunday, 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!

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.

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 the Faith Formation Office at 631-661-9353.

OLOG FAMILY MINISTRY STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2019

NAME _____

AGE _____ GRADE _____

PHONE NUMBER(S) _____ / _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____ / _____

Parish News

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!

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 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.

Yesterday, Saturday, March 9, at 9am we began 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.

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.

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.



More Parish News

Golden Wedding Anniversary

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa. Mass will begin at 2:30pm. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. Registration must be received by the Office of Faith Formation by April 15, 2019. If you have any questions, you may call 516-678-5800, extension 506.

Rosary Makers Needed

If you have time on your hands or need to relax in the evening, please consider joining Our Lady of Grace Rosary Makers. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month to ship and send out rosaries to our local hospitals, nursing homes and missions all over the States. Some of our members have been making rosaries for over 20 years, and we continue to do so each month. However, our group is in need of additional rosary makers to keep up with the demand for rosaries.

To join the rosary makers all you need are two capable hands, good eyes and two hours of your time once a month. We will teach you how to make the knots to make the rosaries; and then once you have mastered them, you are given a supply kit to 50 rosaries that you will make at home and bring back the finished product at the next month's meeting. If you feel that you can help us out, please leave your name and phone number in the Parish Office and someone will get back to you.

Academic Honors

Our Lady of Grace parish wishes to express our sincere congratulation to all who have received honor roll certificates for the second quarter at St. Anthony's High School.

Anthony Cascio	Lilly Feehan	Paige Murray	Marissa Romano
Alyssa Seidler	Sarah Skala	Eliza Stoeher	Jack Weidtman
Gabriel Zeccolella	Ferdinand Carillo	Christian Micheli	Karina Mogavero
Emily Mogavero			

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.

Widows and Widowers

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

Annual Easter Concert, April 27

Don't miss The Our Lady of Grace Choirs perform their 13th Annual Easter Concert on April 27th at 7pm in the church. All are welcome. This festive free-admission program includes singers of all ages and is great for audience members of all ages. A wide array of styles to keep you uplifted and entertained accompanied by professional instrumentalists. Just walk in and enjoy. As always, we're also blessed to provide hospitality in the lobby immediately after the performance.
