



# 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 17, 2019 • Second Sunday of Lent**

## Worship This Coming Week

**Mon. Lenten Weekday**  
 Mar. 18 *Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38*  
 8:00 Josephine Valdemira  
 9:00 Suzanne Mattera (3 Anniv.)  
**St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed**

**Tue. Virgin Mary**  
 Mar. 19 *2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a*  
 8:00 Rev. Joseph Minturn  
 9:00 Josie Joseph

**Wed. Lenten Weekday**  
 Mar. 20 *Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28*  
 8:00 Msgr. Daniel Hamilton  
 9:00 Gerry Keller (B'Day)

**Thu. Lenten Weekday**  
 Mar. 21 *Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31*  
 8:00 Stephen Kish (3 Anniv.)  
 9:00 Renato Meneses (B'Day)

**Fri. Lenten Weekday**  
 Mar. 22 *Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*  
 8:00 Adrianna Celenza  
 9:00 Joseph DiBartolo

**Sat. Lenten Weekday**  
 Mar. 23 *Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*  
 8:00 Theresa Grasso (B'Day)

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

### Worship for Sunday, March 24, 2019

#### Third Sunday of Lent

*Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9*

	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>We pray at this Mass especially for</b>
<b>5:00pm (Sat.)</b>	Fr. Vin	People of the Parish
<b>8:00am</b>	Fr. Vin	Anthony Contarino
<b>10:00am</b>	Fr. Gabriel	Vincent Noce
<b>12:00pm</b>	Fr. Gius	Josephina Puleo

#### 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

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## **This week:**

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

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

**Friday, March 22:** Stations of the Cross 9:30am.

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## **Next week:**

**Monday, March 25:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

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

**Friday, March 29:** Stations of the Cross 9:30am.

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## **Upcoming:**

**Monday, April 15:** Holy Week Confessions, 3pm – 9pm.

**Wednesday, April 17:** Holy Week Confessions, after 9am Mass.

**Thursday, April 18, Holy Thursday:** Morning Prayer, 9am; Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8pm; adoration after until 10pm.

**Friday, April 19, Good Friday:** Morning Prayer, 9am; Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death, 3pm; Outdoor Stations of the Cross, 5:30pm.

**Saturday, April 20, Holy Saturday:** No 5pm Mass. Vigil of Easter, with Sacraments of Initiation and Mass, 8pm.

**Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday:** Masses at 8am, 10am, Noon, and 1:30pm.

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

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## **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

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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

## The Proof of the Pudding...

...is in the eating, as the proverb goes. With regard to the recent Vatican meeting dealing with the failures of church leadership to address clerical abuse of minors properly, I've had time over the past two weeks (since the meeting ended) to look for actions that might back up the fine words at the meeting. Here's what I've seen:

- New laws and procedures will soon be published for dealing with crimes against minors taking place in areas under Vatican jurisdiction (the city-state itself, and diplomatic postings) that will bring these into conformity with standard secular law;
- A handbook for bishops is in preparation by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith that will instruct bishops on how they are to deal with allegations, and of the penalties for noncompliance;
- As I mentioned last week, the U.S. Bishops' Conference seems poised to take concrete action on the accountability of bishops at its meeting this coming June;
- An influential group largely made up of lay leaders in the U.S., the Leadership Roundtable, has come up with a report and recommendations that may well have significant influence;<sup>1</sup>
- On a wider scale, commentators on the church worldwide seem largely in agreement that the leaders of the bishops' conferences in parts of the world that, before the conference, were not convinced that they had a problem with clergy sexual abuse now seem convinced that they do; and they sound, from comments, determined to raise awareness and to institute protective measures;
- Finally, religious sisters are getting a hearing about the abuse some of their members have suffered from clergy. (The address to the Vatican gathering by Nigerian S. Veronica Openibo seems to have opened that door wide.<sup>2</sup>)

Is this a fully-satisfactory outcome from the Vatican meeting? In my opinion, no. But it's not nothing, and the middle-term and long-term results will demonstrate whether or not the Vatican meeting can be considered, on balance, a success. It may be that it will have more of an impact on churches in places where, until that meeting, there seemed little awareness of or interest in clergy abuse. The leaders of those churches have clearly had their eyes opened, and so may now start to act.

In the U.S., where the bishops seem finally to be getting a grip on the situation, it may have less impact because the U.S. church leadership is already ahead of the curve on awareness and already has some good policies in place. (I don't doubt that there's much more to be done, but the trend is positive, if slow.)

What does this mean for U.S. Catholics? First, it seems to me that it's time to stop the fighting about whether the issue is "clericalism" or a "homosexual cabal." Practical measures that work should be the focus, as well as restorative justice to victims (and to any clergy wrongly accused).

Second, this can serve as a reminder that a focus on the U.S. Church, however sensible it seems to us, is shortsighted from the perspective of the Holy Father; he has to guide and lead the church worldwide, and he should be offered the presumption that he understands things that we don't. (That we understand local things that he doesn't is also a useful presumption, of course.)

Finally, we need to remember that church leadership, while important, is not central to the business of our discipleship. Especially during Lent, we need not to be distracted from the main Holy Work. I'll return to writing about that next week. Until then, peace.

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<sup>1</sup> You can read it here: [https://leadershiproundtable.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/CatholicPartnershipSummit\\_SummitReport\\_Final.pdf](https://leadershiproundtable.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/CatholicPartnershipSummit_SummitReport_Final.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> You can read her address to the gathering here: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/accountability/abuse-summit-sister-openibo-calls-complete-transparency>

# 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>.

Would you like to learn more about the Mass? In the short video clips, the new FORMED series, *Elements of the Catholic Mass*, will help you gain a better understanding of and appreciation for the Mass. Each video is about three minutes long and is accompanied by a guide with references and information.

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### Lent is here

Are you looking for a way to pray and reflect? Sign up for the FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections given by Dr. Tim Gray, President of the Augustine Institute. Visit <https://formed.org/promo/lent-registration> to sign up!

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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>

# Parish Social Ministry

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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative

The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative, a project of Pax Christi International, the Catholic peace movement, affirms that active nonviolence is at the heart of the vision and message of Jesus, the life of the Catholic Church, and the long-term vocation of healing and reconciling both people and the planet. The conference's final statement calls on the Church to:

- Continue to develop Catholic social teaching on nonviolence. In particular, we call on Pope Francis to share with the world an encyclical on nonviolence and Just Peace;
- Integrate Gospel nonviolence explicitly into the life, including the sacramental life, and works of the Church through dioceses, parishes, agencies, schools, universities, seminaries, religious orders, voluntary associations, and others;
- Promote nonviolent practices and strategies (e.g. ,nonviolent resistance, restorative justice, trauma healing, unarmed civilian protection, conflict transformation and peace-building);
- Initiate a global conversation on nonviolence within the Church with people of other faiths and with the larger world to respond to the monumental crises of our time;
- No longer use or teach just war theory; advocate for the abolition of war and nuclear weapons;
- Lift up the prophetic voice of the Church to challenge unjust world powers and to support and defend those nonviolent activists whose work for peace and justice put their lives at risk.

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### Alzheimer's Community Education Programs

#### 2 Part Program: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia - Dementia Conversations

March 21, 2019                      10:00am – 12:00pm                      Peconic Bay Medical Center  
1300 Roanoke Ave., Riverhead

\*\* Care for loved ones will be provided by Day Haven at their Riverhead Center. Space is limited\*\*  
To register call 800-272-3900

#### Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior

March 21, 2019                      6:30pm – 8:00pm                      Islip Public Library  
71 Monell Avenue, Islip

\*\*Care Consultations with a social worker will be available after the program\*\*

#### Living with Alzheimer's for Caregivers: Early Stage – Part 2

March 28, 2019                      6:30pm – 8:00pm                      The Arbors at Islandia East  
1515 Veterans Memorial Highway, Islandia

To register call 800-272-3900      \*\*Light refreshments to be served\*\*

#### \*Special Event\*:

#### Free Legal and Financial Planning Conference: For people in the Early Stage of Alzheimer's disease, their care partners and family members

March 31, 2019                      8:30am – 1:30pm                      Plainview Holiday Inn  
215 Sunnyside Blvd., Plainview

Topics: Advanced Directives and Guardianships, Paying for Long-Term Care, Insurance, Medicaid, Home Care, Asset Protection, Trusts, Tax Benefits and more. Registration is required. Space is limited. To register, call 800-272-3900. Brunch will be served mid-morning.

\*\*Free onsite respite care provided by Home Companion Services. Space is limited and registration is required\*\*

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### Food Pantry Needs!!

JELLY!! -- snacks, coffee, mixed vegetables, carrots and peas. (We do not need string beans and corn we have a large supply of these vegetables.) Thank you for your continued support!

# Parish News

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

Emma Rae Balaban

William Charles Raven, IV

Paul Anthony Bravo

Emily Ann Coreas

Julianna Rose Chardon

Denen Charles Olson

Ella Frances Maloney

Kylie Rae Axelson

Brandon Michael Sarvis

## Please Pray for Those Who Have Died this Week

Christoforo Maiello

Henry Verricelli

Josephine R. Valdemira

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## 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).

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## Calendar Raffle Winners

3/11/19	3/12/19	3/13/19	3/14/19	3/15/19	3/16/19	3/17/19
299	373	525	438	240	13	195

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*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](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 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!

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## Spring Tea

Spring Tea – Sunday May 19, 2019, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm 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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## Mardi Gras

Thanks to everyone who attended or helped out at our annual Mardi Gras celebration. We started with crafts and games, had ice cream and finished the night with a prayer service including burning of the palms for Ash Wednesday. This is a great night of celebrating to usher in the season of Lent.

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## Formed for Children

Did you know that FORMED has programs for children? There are two you may want to view in March. For Lent, the Brother Francis series has an episode about Reconciliation called Forgiven - The Blessings of Confession. In this episode, Brother Francis shares with all the great gift of Confession.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, FORMED includes a show called Patrick, a program about the life of St. Patrick. You can find this and other programs for children at <https://ourladyofgrace.formed.org>.

# Parish News

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## 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!

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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.

On March 9, 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 at the bottom of this article. You're not going to find out unless you try.

John Laszewski 631-874-0210 and Fran Kish 631-587-1578.

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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.



# More Parish News

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Annual Easter Concert, April 27

Don't miss The Our Lady of Grace Choirs perform their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Concert on April 27, 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.

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## Reminder to All Staff and Ministers – I.D. Tags Required

As part of our safe environment policy, all staff and ministers wear I.D. tags when acting in any official capacity on parish property (with the exception of presiders, deacons, lectors, musicians, and EMHCs during Mass). This is especially important with the start of the new year of Faith Formation. Please get into the habit of wearing your I.D. If you don't do so now, please do so now and (gently) challenge other ministers you see who may have neglected to wear theirs.

