



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 31, 2019 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Lenten Weekday
 Apr. 1 *Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54*
 8:00 Special Intention
 9:00 Joseph DiBartolo

Tue. Lenten Weekday
 Apr. 2 *Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16*
 8:00 Dalma Aybar
 9:00 Jo-Ann Gosline (8 Anniv.)

Wed. Lenten Weekday
 Apr. 3 *Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30*
 8:00 Vincent DiMola
 9:00 Ann and Anthony Pergola

Thu. Lenten Weekday
 Apr. 4 *Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47*
 8:00 Joseph M. Campbell
 9:00 Alice Miller

Fri. Lenten Weekday
 Apr. 5 *Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30*
 8:00 Joanne Innamorato
 9:00 Devotees of the Holy Face of Jesus
 Living and Deceased

Sat. Lenten Weekday
 Apr. 6 *Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53*
 8:00 Dominick Santonastaso, Vincenzo Bonomo.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm (Sat.)	Fr. Gabriel	Patricia Krupp
8:00am	Fr. Gabriel	Antonio and Dominica Iemma
10:00am	Fr. Gius	Henry Varas
12:00pm	Fr. Vin	People of the Parish

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.

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.

Our Parish Communion

This week:

Monday, April 1: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, April 2: Scripture Sharing 9:30am. Youth Ministry 7pm.

Friday, April 5: Stations of the Cross 9:30am.

Saturday, April 6: Monthly Concert 6pm.

Next week:

Monday, April 8: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

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

Friday, April 12: Stations of the Cross 9:30am.

Sunday, April 14: Special Needs Mass 1:30pm.

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: Morning Prayer, 9am. 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.

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

(It came to me recently that I have only about a dozen more columns before I retire; so I'm going to aim – unless circumstances interfere – to focus on “what really matters” between now and June.)

Seeking the Lost (What Really Matters – II)

Today's Gospel of the Prodigal Son is familiar; not so, Saint Luke's comment that gives the setting for Jesus' story:

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus.

Isn't that amazing? Jesus and his teaching are – attractive? Attractive to “tax-collectors” (in those days, local extortionists) and “sinners” (probably people subject to public shaming, such as the “woman caught in adultery” we'll hear about next week)? Isn't this rather unlike what we experience today when most Christian congregations are largely composed of “respectable” people and churches struggle to keep even them filling the pews?

And yet:

[In a research study] Case and Deaton¹ document an accumulation of pain, distress and social dysfunction in the lives of working class whites that took hold as the blue-collar economic heyday of the early 1970s ended, and continued through the 2008 financial crisis and the subsequent slow recovery. [...] Each successive cohort reports more pain, more mental distress, heavier drinking, as well as lack of social connection. Each is observed to have higher mortality rates from drugs, alcohol and suicide than the preceding cohort.²

These may very well be, as I probably don't have to tell you, your own children or grandchildren or your neighbors'. There is a tremendous, tragic, and growing disconnection between the churches and the suffering of many of our contemporaries. If Jesus comes to “seek out and save the lost” [Lk 19:10, from the story of Zaccheus], something is going very wrong: We're “saving the saved.”

I have to admit that I have no idea how to change this. But I will point out one thing that we in the churches need to pay more attention to: AA and the wider recovery movement. If you want to talk about changing lives that are in trouble, I know of no better example of that than Alcoholics Anonymous. That movement is clearly doing something right.

This fact brings to mind a parable I learned from an Episcopal Priest (who was also a Jungian Analyst), John Sanford. As he tells the story, a spring of pure, fresh water once appeared in the desert. People came and were nourished. But human nature being what it is, some people found ways to fence in the spring and to charge admission for those who wanted to drink. In response, the fenced-in spring dried itself up and reappeared in a new, un-fenced-in place.

That story leaves me with a question: Are we – unwittingly, to be sure – “charging admission” and “fencing in the spring” from those who want to come? And – as a result – has the spring of God's grace chosen to emerge in a new place?

I don't doubt that God will never abandon the Church or that the sacraments remain a “fount of grace”; but I wonder about the way we've set things up: is it that thirsty people too often can't seem to find what they're seeking in church?

Until next week, peace.

¹ Case and Deaton, “Rising midlife morbidity and mortality in white non-Hispanic Americans in the 21st Century.” <https://www.pnas.org/content/112/49/15078>

² <http://www.princeton.edu/news-and-events/news/item/case-and-deaton-release-mortality-and-morbidity-21st-century>

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>.

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.

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!

Diocesan Upcoming Workshops for April – May, 2019

Seventh Annual Women's Conference: April 13, 2019, from 9:30am – 2pm at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.

RCIA Level II: St. Joseph's in Babylon, April 11, 25, May 2 and 9, 2019, from 7-9pm.

Bereavement Facilitator Training, Level I: Our Lady of Grace in West Babylon, Tuesdays, April 30, May 7, 14, and 21, 2019, from 6:30 to 9pm.

Catholic Teachers in Public Schools Communion Breakfast: on Sunday, May 5, 2019, at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.

Catechist Training for New and Nearly New Catechist: Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Queen of the most Holy Rosary in Roosevelt.

Ministry of Consolation Annual Afternoon of Prayer and Enrichment: on May 9, 2019, from 1-3pm at St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays or on May 13, 2019 from 1-3pm at St. Raphael, East Meadow.

RCIA Enrichment Day: Sunday, May 19, 2019, from 2-7pm, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington.

Catechist Training Level 2: Religious Education on May 22, 29, June 5, 12, and 19, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:30pm at St. James in Setauket.

For more information or to register online, please visit www.drvc-faith.org.

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Pope Francis: The creative audaciousness of love

Christians, by their very vocation, are brothers and sisters to every persons especially the poor, even though a person may be their enemy,” the Pope told a March 11, 2018, gathering of the Community of St. Egidio.

“Never say ‘I have nothing to do with this.’ Merciful eyes commit us to living the creative audaciousness of love, and there is so much need of it!” he continued. “We are everyone’s brothers and sisters, and for this reason we are prophets of a new world; and the Church is a sign of the unity of the human race, among nations, families and cultures.”

“Our time experiences great fear as it faces the vast dimensions of globalization. And fear often turns against people who are foreign, different, poor, as if they were enemies,” he said. “When we are alone we are easily the victims of fear. But your path directs you to look at the future together: not alone, not by yourselves. Together with the Church.”

Catholic News Agency (3/11/18)

St. Gianna Mass For Women and Families

The Diocese of Rockville Centre celebrates St. Gianna Feast Day at St. Agnes Cathedral Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 5:00pm. Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville presiding.

Part of the liturgy will include a blessing in thanksgiving for those celebrating, hoping for and expecting the gift of a child. After Mass, there will be an opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Gianna. Reception will follow at 6:00pm at the Pastoral Center with representatives and resources from many areas of Women’s Health and Fertility of Long Island.

You must register – RSVP by April 19 – Call the Respect Life Office at 516-678-5800 ext. 381, and 626 or www.respectlife.drvc.org.

Health Insurance Help

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council Navigators will be at the Parish Social Ministry Office on Wednesday, April 3, 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.

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

Spangle Drive	Monday, April 1	8:30 – 11:00am
Rainbow Center	Wednesday, April 3	8:30 – 11:00am
Wyandanch Nutrition	Friday, April 5	9:30 – 10:30am
Tanner Park	Wednesday, April 17	8:30 - 10:30am
Lindenhurst Library	Monday, April 22	10:00 – 11:30am

Food Pantry Needs

JELLY!! – Snacks, coffee, tea, mixed vegetables, paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper). Thank you for your continued support.

Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Everly Lucia Jonasson Kinsley Rae Pollera Alana Rose Faulhaber Cassidy Claire Campisi

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died this Week

Margaret C. Widman Rosette M. Ruggeri Debra Danna-Lopez
John J. McCaffrey Johanna Boiko Anthony Galan

April 6 Concert, "Free Samples"

With brief selections by Billy Joel, Pink Floyd, Ben Folds, Deadmau5, and much more, our music director Terence performs a free concert densely packed with wide-ranging ideas for future concerts. Join us April 6 at 6pm and see what the monthly concert series, "First Saturdays at Six," is all about. Hospitality to follow in the lobby. Concert begins directly after 5pm Mass on April 6. All are welcome.

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

3/25/19	3/26/19	3/27/19	3/28/19	3/29/19	3/30/19	3/31/19
51	305	345	348	41	562	317

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

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 today, 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!

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.

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 was a great night of celebrating to usher in the season of Lent.

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.

Sight and Sound trip to see JESUS! - Hosted by Our Lady of Grace Family Life Ministry

Come and see **JESUS** at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pennsylvania! We will travel by coach bus on Saturday, June 8, 2019, to see the acclaimed production of Jesus at Sight and Sound. The bus will leave at 7am from Our Lady of Grace back parking lot. Upon arrival we will have lunch at Good 'n' Plenty Restaurant. We will then attend the 3pm show. Afterward we will return to Our Lady of Grace on the bus. Price for everything is \$150 per person - Call 631-661-9353 with questions or email mrchetti4olog@gmail.com for more information. Make checks payable to Maria Russello-Chetti.

Parish News

Adult Community Garden Help Needed

Your help is really needed with spring arriving on 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.



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.

Kids of the Kingdom

Registration for this summer's Kids of the Kingdom Program has begun between the hours of 2-6pm in Fr. Shanahan Hall. This action packed experience is open to children 5 through 12 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.



Golden Wedding Anniversary

This spring, couples who 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.

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.

More Parish News

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.

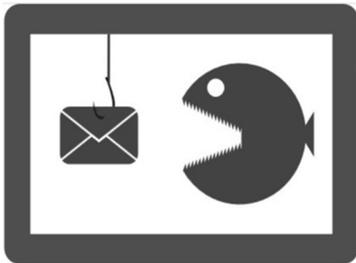
On March 9, we began offering a bereavement support group which is an eight-week program that meets one day a week for 90 minutes each time. My name and phone number and the co-facilitator are at the bottom of this article. You're not going to find out unless you try.

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

Annual Easter Concert, April 27

Don't miss The Our Lady of Grace Choirs perform their 13th 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.

Scam Alert



Some parishioners recently received an e-mail, seeming to be sent by one of the priests here asking for donations to what seemed like a good cause. It was a scam as are so many e-mails and phone calls these days. Someone had hijacked the priest's personal e-mail account and was using it for a fraudulent purpose.

Be smart: Don't trust e-mail or telephone requests for money or personal information even if they seem to come from (or involve) someone you know. Don't ever give out personal information when you receive a phone call or e-mail – if you're unsure, look up the

e-mail address (don't use "reply") or phone number, and ask the person or institution for the facts.

West Babylon Lions Club Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, April 14, 2019, from 7am to 12pm at the West Babylon Senior High School located at 500 Great East Neck Road, West Babylon, NY. Donation: \$5. Door Prize 50" Smart TV.

All proceeds go to the West Babylon Lions and the West Babylon High School Scholarship Fund.
