



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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April 21, 2019 • Easter Sunday

Worship This Coming Week

<p>Mon. Monday within the Octave of Easter Apr. 22 <i>Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15</i> 8:00 Joseph Amendola 9:00 Jerry Winslow</p> <p>Tue. Tuesday within the Octave of Easter Apr. 23 <i>Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18</i> 8:00 Msgr. Daniel Hamilton 9:00 Sylvia and Louis Pepe</p> <p>Wed. Wednesday within the Octave of Easter Apr. 24 <i>Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35</i> 8:00 Vincent Ognibene 9:00 Victims of clergy sexual abuse</p>	<p>Thu. Thursday within the Octave of Easter Apr. 25 <i>Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48</i> 8:00 All Souls in Purgatory 9:00 Joseph Claud Beatty</p> <p>Fri. Friday within the Octave of Easter Apr. 26 <i>Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14</i> 8:00 For the Blessed Mother's Intentions 9:00 Luigi Assalone</p> <p>Sat. Saturday within the Octave of Easter Apr. 27 <i>Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15</i> 8:00 Thomas J. Walsh, Sheila Agag, Theresa Calcanes, Rita Costello.</p>
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm	Fr. Vin	Attilio Delano
8:00am	Fr. Vin	People of the Parish
10:00am	Fr. Gabriel	Anne D'Amico
12:00pm	Fr. Gius	Robert Dinanno, Jr.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Saturday, 11am; Presider: Deacon Brian

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:

Monday, April 22: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Friday, April 26: Widows and Widowers 12pm.

Saturday, April 27: Youth Ministry Bake Sale 4pm.
Easter Concert 7pm.

Sunday, April 28: Youth Ministry Bake Sale 7am. Family Life Ministry
Hospitality 11am.

Next week:

Monday, April 29: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

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

Saturday, May 4: Monthly Concert Series 6pm.

Upcoming:

Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day Baby Shower 7:30am.

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

Thursday, May 30: Ascension Thursday (Holy Day of Obligation).
Masses at 5:30 pm Wednesday (vigil), 8am, 9am, and 7:30pm.

Sunday, June 9: Pentecost Sunday. Masses at usual weekend times.

Daily Mass Intentions:

The parish Mass book for Mass intentions from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, will be opened when we have information from the diocese regarding the priest staff in O.L. of Grace after June. We are awaiting information on the replacement of Fr. Gius, who has been appointed pastor in Ss. Cyril & Methodius, to begin June 26.

Meet Our New Pastor, Fr. Joseph Davanzo

Fr. Joe grew up in St. Clare's parish in Rosedale, Queens, across from St. Clare's School, which he attended. Upon graduation from St. John's University with a B.S. in accounting, Fr. Joe became a CPA. Bishop McGann ordained Fr. Joe in 1997 and assigned him to St. Hugh of Lincoln in Huntington Station, where he served with Fr. Vin for five years. He went on to serve St. Joseph's in Kings Park and St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. In 2007 Bishop Murphy named Fr. Joe pastor of Christ the King, and in 2019 to replace Fr. Vin when he retires as pastor at Our Lady of Grace (effective June 26). Please welcome him!

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 fewer than 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.)

Transformation (What Really Matters – V)

Happy Easter! I anticipate that many of you reading this don't come to Mass every week but are here because it's a special day. First, welcome!

Second, I'd like to follow up here on what I wrote last week (Palm Sunday).¹ My theme then was that there is no escape from sin, suffering, and death – no matter how much we distract ourselves. But regular religious practice opens a path – not to escape, or to understand, or anything like that. It is a path to a destination we, in our ordinary language and imagination, can't grasp or explain – but is no less vital for that fact. Religious traditions are pointers into that unknown, pointers that sages and saints tell us are valuable and worthwhile. But we cannot evaluate them “from the outside”; only by walking the path do we discover the rationale and the value. It may be a mistake, or a bad investment; or it may prove to be of unimaginably great value, the one thing that truly matters. We can only judge its value by experimenting with our own lives. Walking that path is what “faith” is about.

Christian discipleship is just that sort of experiment. Christian faith – coming to its pinnacle in the Easter message – holds out the promise that sin, suffering, and death can be transformed, by God's mercy and love, into a now-unimaginable sort of new and abundant life. The story of Christ's resurrection which we celebrate today is not only a story about someone else somewhere else in the past; it is meant to be an invitation to embark on a journey of discovery - discovery whether Christ's resurrection might be a key to what God has in mind for the entire universe, most notably including me.

This sort of journey of discovery is, of course, a regular fixture of most of the world's traditional cultures: the scholar Joseph Campbell described it as “The Hero's Journey”² – a theme taken up in our own day by the Canadian psychologist / YouTube sensation Jordan Peterson.³ In short, we discover the purpose of our lives by leaving the circle of comfortable familiarity and challenging ourselves to accomplish something worthwhile both for ourselves and for the world around us. The journey doesn't just bring us information; it changes us in a way we couldn't imagine at the start, but which we find immensely valuable – despite the suffering involved – as we discover how the journey has changed us.

I join a huge number of people far wiser than I who believe that much of our ongoing cultural collapse comes from the abandonment of this heritage. A life of distraction (whether it's given over to video games or to the accumulation of money, or success, or anything else) is ultimately unsatisfying. The sense of one's life having no meaning beyond the distractions around us leads to depression and despair, or to self-medication to avoid the restless sense that “there should be more to life.”

The Easter story of Christ's resurrection says that there certainly is more – more than we can imagine. But the Easter story will remain an abstract story – or even a fairy-tale – unless we do the hard work of the journey. This is the message I'd like you to take home today, whether you come to Mass every week or you can't remember the last time you came: Being transformed is the one thing that matters, and weekly Mass is both reminder and spur to that. This is an invitation to the hero's journey – coming not from me, but from the exemplar: The Risen Christ Himself. Have a blessed Easter. Until next week, peace.

¹ (If you didn't read it, you can find it on the parish website, www.ourladyofgrace.net; what follows expands on, but doesn't depend too much on, what I wrote there.)

² Campbell, Joseph, *The Hero's Journey*. 3rd Ed., 2003.

³ Peterson's videos are easily available on YouTube. For an appreciation of his work by Bishop Robert Barron, see here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bm3nVTF90mw>

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.

Holy Week 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!

Registration is open

Registration is open now for the 2019-2020 Faith Formation year! Our early incentive period is from now until August 1, 2019. The schedule will be changing slightly this year so early registration ensures the choice of class days and times you want. Remember, all tuition from this year must be paid in order for next year's Registration to be processed. Also, all classes and work must be completed.

Journey – Middle School Youth Ministry

Where: Our Lady of Grace R. C. Church

Who: All Middle Schoolers in Grades 6, 7, and 8

Time: 7:00 to 9:00pm Room 212

When: April 17, May 5 and 22

What is Middle School Youth Ministry?

It's games, music, food and talking about our faith in a fun way and talking about the issues important to you. You come when you can!

Why not give it a try?

Any questions email Colleen and Joe at MSYM@ourladyofgrace.net

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Pope Francis's Easter Message, 2019

In every age, the Risen Shepherd tirelessly seeks us, his brothers and sisters, wandering in the deserts of this world. With the marks of the passion – the wounds of his merciful love – he draws us to follow him on his way, the way of life. Today too, he places upon his shoulders so many of our brothers and sisters crushed by evil in all its varied forms.

The Risen Shepherd goes in search of all those lost in the labyrinths of loneliness and marginalization. He comes to meet them through our brothers and sisters who treat them with respect and kindness, and help them to hear his voice, an unforgettable voice, a voice calling them back to friendship with God.

The Risen Shepherd walks beside all those forced to leave their homelands as a result of armed conflicts, terrorist attacks, famine and oppressive regimes. Everywhere he helps these forced migrants to encounter brothers and sisters, with whom they can share bread and hope.

In the complex and often dramatic situations of today's world, may the Risen Lord guide the steps of all those who work for justice and peace. May he grant the leaders of nations the courage they need to prevent the spread of conflicts and to put a halt to the arms trade.

Celebrate Earth Day – April 22 – We are Guests of God amid Creation!

We show our respect for the Creator by our Stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan; it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored:

- How do your choices impact the environment?
- Do you take personal responsibility for the plastic pollution that each one of us generated by choosing to reject, reduce, reuse and recycle plastics?
- Where do you feel you need to make some changes?
- Can you save energy, recycle, cut water waste, plant a tree?

Benefits and Resources Fair for Veterans and Community, April 27, 2019 – 9am to 1pm

Long Island State Veterans Home – 100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, NY – Multi-Purpose Room
FREE health, dental and vision screenings including free blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose checks performed by Stony Brook Medicine Schools of Nursing, Social Welfare and Dental Medicine.

The following experts will be on-hand to answer your questions related to:

- Medicaid – VA Benefits – Insurance and Managed Care
- Affordable Housing – Home Care – Assisted Living – Nursing Homes
- Elder Law/Legal Counseling – Mental Health – Banking
- Food Stamps and Heating Assistance
- Funeral Arrangements – Burial Benefits

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 631-444-8606 or visit www.listateveteranshome.org.

Living with Alzheimer's: For Caregiver – Early Stage

Thursday, April 25, 2019 -- 6:30 – 8:00pm
The Arbors at Islandia East
1515 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Islandia, NY
To register for the program, call 800-272-3900
Light refreshments to be served.

Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Emelia Nicollette LoCricchio
Jack Roland Buggenhagen
Elena Ann Ortiz

Giuliana Victoria Manfredo
Raiden Lynn Ovalle
Joelle Carmela Cardinal

Michael Antonio Combariza
Linkin Ryder Ovalle

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Margaret C. Widman

Barbara Boudier

Salvatore DiPaola

Charles (Cirino) A. Privitera

Bread and Wine Donation

The bread and the wine have been donated in loving memory of Carmen Costantino for the week of April 21 through April 27, 2019.

Calendar Raffle Winners

The Calendar Raffle Tickets for July through December of 2019 are in the mail. If you do not receive these tickets, please come into the Parish Office or give us a call and we will mail them out to you.

4/15/19	4/16/19	4/17/19	4/18/19	4/19/19	4/20/19	4/21/19
130	343	183				240

Bishop Barres's Easter Letter

Read Bishop Barres's Easter letter on our parish website: <https://www.ourladyofgrace.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Easter-JB.pdf>.

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

Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019

Sunday offering target: \$13,195 per week

Target: \$409,045

Collections: \$409,196

Over target by \$151

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 10:00 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 May 13, 2019 at 7:30 pm

Our next Family Ministry Hospitality breakfast will be April 28 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!

VBS Save the date!

Vacation Bible School 2019 – An Out of This World Experience!
Monday July 8, 2019 to Friday July 12, 2019
Registration form is on our website and in the Faith Formation Office!

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 PA! 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.

Afternoon Tea

Sunday May 19, 2019 from 1pm till 4pm in PES Hall

We will have teas, crumpets, finger sandwiches, cookies, scones and more.

There will be many Raffle Baskets and a 50/50 Raffle. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event.

Cost is \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Feel free to bring your favorite hat and tea cup!

Come join us for a fun afternoon!

Tickets will be sold after Masses on the weekend of April 27 and 28, 2019 and the weekend of May 4 and 5, 2019 and also in the Faith Formation Office whenever it is open!



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!

Let's not forget the Youth Ministry's Bake Sale the weekend of April 27 and 28 after all the Masses.

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.



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, April 26, 2019, at 12pm, in Room 109. For information, call 631-661-3439. New members are most welcome.

Parish News

Spousal 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.

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 below. You're not going to know 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.



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.