



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 28, 2019 • Second Sunday of Easter

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. St. Catherine of Siena

Apr. 29 Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
 8:00 Special Intention
 9:00 Giuseppe Mozzone

Tue. Easter Weekday

Apr. 30 Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
 8:00 Francesco Martorana
 9:00 Charles Lyons

Wed. Easter Weekday

May 1 Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
 8:00 Bert Lindell
 9:00 Charles Privitera

Thu. St. Athanasius

May 2 Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
 8:00 Marie Liberti (B'day)
 9:00 Robert Condon

Fri. Ss. Philip and James

May 3 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
 8:00 Rev. Joseph Minturn
 9:00 Edward Kavanaugh (14 Anniv.)

Sat. Easter Weekday

May 4 Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
 8:00 Frank Bono, Robert Crespo.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

	Presiding	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm	Fr. Gabriel	Catherine Pascarella
8:00am	Fr. Gabriel	Dominick Santonastaso
10:00am	Fr. Gius	People of the Parish
12:00pm	Fr. Vin	Joan H. Thompson

The Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, 1:30pm; Presider: Fr. Gius

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the year. Call the Parish Office for more information or to schedule an appointment for a Baptism interview. This should be done as soon as practicable.

Becoming a Catholic • Completing Initiation as a Catholic

Any adult, teen, or child older than age seven who is interested in becoming a Catholic or in completing the Sacraments of Initiation as a Catholic (Baptism, Confirmation, Communion), is invited to contact the Parish Office.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

First Banns: Kristina Edley – Daniel Varricchio
 (St. Pius X; Middletown, CT.)

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 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.

Next week:

Monday, May 6: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

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

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

Upcoming:

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

Revelation – A Diagnostic Manual (What Really Matters – VI)

At Mass during this year's Easter season, we hear the highlight passages of the Book of Revelation. If you've ever tried to read the whole thing, you know that a lot of the good stuff gets left out. At Mass, we miss out on "the Four Horsemen," "the Sea of Blood," "the Beast from the Land," "the Beast from the Sea," "Babylon, the Great Harlot," "the 144,000," and lots more. Even if you've never read the book, you can wonder from the cast of characters: What's going on?

Here's why Revelation is a key part of "what really matters" in my judgment: Revelation tells a story – as if from heaven's perspective – about the true direction of history. At the time of telling, it was to encourage Christians suffering persecution by the "Beast/harlot" of that age, the Roman Empire with its worship of imperial conquest, of luxury, and (ultimately) of itself. (Fantastic imagery, then as now, is one way for an oppressed people to disguise what they're talking about in the face of persecution and for the storyteller to save his/her neck.) But the church still reads and prays over it because, in one form or another, worldly powers will always seek to seduce or compel people to worship them and their priorities rather than the True God. Disciples will always be faced with the temptation to offer that worship (which may well not take religious forms), rather than to remember that God is the final director of history and judge of nations. Revelation is our diagnostic manual for living in a fallen world – that is, the 21st century U.S.A.

Revelation is, when studied as a whole, an exacting dissection of the way social structures – governments, economic arrangements, societal expectations, theories about society and markets, ideologies of every sort – will constantly overreach their legitimate role of fostering human cooperation and flourishing and will make themselves into small-g gods. Anyone who's lost his/her house or job because of "the economy" or "market forces" or is even curious about how certain banks got "too big to be allowed to fail" has gotten a glimpse of the process Revelation is talking about. (You may remember that twenty years ago the U.S. Bishops issued a Pastoral Letter on the economy, *Economic Justice for All*, that insisted that market forces had to be judged morally – by what they did *to* people, and what they did *for* people. They were carrying forward the task of Revelation – unveiling the semi-invisible forces that shape and misshape human lives, and with which disciples have to contend lest we fall into idolatry. We've had quite an education in that since the economic collapse of 2007-8.)

Of course, Revelation doesn't offer an economic or political program. It offers instead a perspective that could be summarized something like this:*

- Human life is shaped (for good and ill) by spiritual/social forces that have two "poles": one spiritual (the "theory of free markets," for instance), and one tangible (banks, stock exchanges, paychecks, eviction notices, etc.) The New Testament calls these bi-polar realities "Powers";
- The Powers are good, because they are (ultimately) God's creations to assist human flourishing;
- The Powers are also fallen, turned in on themselves and their own good rather than the wellbeing of all of creation; they serve themselves, not humankind;
- The Powers need to be redeemed by Christ along with the rest of God's creation;
- The work of disciples is to see and name the Powers as good / fallen / to be redeemed; this is a key part of our cooperation with the Risen Christ in His work of returning creation to the Father renewed and purified and transformed;
- To do this work we must not fall into the idolatry of taking the Powers at their word and giving them uncritical respect. Sometimes our critical attitude will lead to oppression and persecution.

The writer of Revelation knows that the Powers seek to dazzle, befuddle, seduce, or (if that fails) compel us to see things their way. The "Revelation" shows them as they are: good, fallen, and to be redeemed. We need this awareness, now as ever. Until next week, peace.

*I am indebted to the theologian Walter Wink for much of this material. See his work *The Powers*. (Four volumes: Augsburg-Fortress Press, 1984 – 1992.)

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.

Especially for Easter!

Brother Francis: He is Risen! In this episode, Brother Francis celebrates Christ's Resurrection while sharing important points in Christ's life, including the events of Holy Week.

Faith Formation News

As our Faith Formation year winds down, here are some recent things we've been doing! Our Level 4 students have spent this year learning about the Ten Commandments. The year was highlighted by class projects, mostly short movies made by each class to show their learning of the Commandments. Families were invited in to see the productions. They were wonderful!

Our Level 5 Students have been studying the Sacraments and are finishing the year making a Resurrection Garden to take home and watch grow. During this class, we also spoke in depth about the Jesus death and resurrection.

Our Confirmation students are finishing their formal formation with a special lesson on the Triduum and Easter. Once again, we've had a busy yet wonderful year!

If you would like to help in any way in our Faith Formation Program, we are in need of Catechists (teachers), hall monitors or people who can help in other ways throughout the year. Call the Faith Formation Office at 631-661-9353.

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: 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

Easter Meditation, Fr. Richard Rohr, 2018

The risen Christ is the standing icon of humanity in its full and final destiny. He is the pledge and guarantee of what God will do with all our crucifixions. At last, we can meaningfully live with hope. It is no longer an absurd or tragic universe. Our hurts now become the home for our greatest hopes.

It is no accident that Luke's Resurrection account in the Gospel has Jesus saying, "I am not a ghost! I have flesh and bones, as you can see" (see Luke 24:39-43). To Thomas he says, "Put your finger in the wounds!" (John 20:27). In other words, "I am human! – which means to be wounded and resurrected at the same time."

That Jesus' physical wounds do not disappear is telling. The mystical, counterintuitive message of death and resurrection is powerfully communicated through symbol. The major point is that Jesus has not left the human sphere; he is revealing the goal, the fullness, and the purpose of humanity itself, "that we are able to share in the diving nature" (2 Peter 1:4), even in this wounded and wounding world. Yes, resurrection is saying something about Jesus, but it is also saying a lot about us, which is even harder to believe – we also are larger than life, Being Itself, and therefore made for something good, united, and beautiful. Our code word for that is *heaven*.

Job Fair – April 30, 2019

The Long Island Job Finder is hosting a Job Fair
Tuesday, April 30, 2019 – 9:30am – 2:30pm
At the Radisson Hotel Hauppauge, 110 Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy, Hauppauge, NY.

Many top companies looking for great new hires.
Wear proper attire and bring plenty of copies of your resume!

Smoking Cessation Program

Suffolk County will be sponsoring a six-week Smoking Cessation Program
at the Lindenhurst Library, 1 Lee Avenue
The course will run on Thursdays from 6pm to 7:15pm beginning May 9 through June 13.
Call 631-853-2928 to register and for further information.

Senior Advocate Schedule – Seniors who need help with applications to SNAP, SCAT, Medicare

Rainbow Center	Wednesday, May 1	8:30am – 11am
Wyandanch Nutrition Center	Friday, May 3	9:30am - 1pm
Spangle Drive	Monday, May 6	8:30am – 11am
Tanner Park	Wednesday, May 15	8:30am -12:30pm
West Babylon Library	Thursday, May 23	1pm – 3pm

Free PSA Prostate Cancer Screening – Thursday, May 9, 2019 – 6pm – 8pm

For men who have not had a PSA in the last 6 months; Men 40 and over at high risk due to the following:
African Americans, family history, and/or personal history; asymptomatic men 50 and over
Radiation Oncology Center, Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center – Event is Free

Registration ends May 3

By Appointment only -- to register and for more information call 631-376-4444

Parish News

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Dorothy H. Uhl

Victor Arcieri

William Evans

Concert, May 4, at 6pm, Alaria Chamber and North Greene

For the May edition of "First Saturdays at Six," the Alaria Chamber Ensemble of New York and the North Greene Trio perform music for strings, clarinet, French horn, piano, and flute. The Dohnanyi Sextet in C Major and the Kapustin Trio Opus 86 are uplifting jazz-classical crossover works with an intricate beauty. Suggested donation of \$10. Begins directly following the 5pm Mass on May 4.

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.

4/22/19	4/23/19	4/24/19	4/25/19	4/26/19	4/27/19	4/28/19
384	209	573	38	398	241	252

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

Palm Sunday

Target: \$15,000

Collections to date: \$10,585

Easter Sunday

Target: \$36,000

(Collection amount not yet available at press time.)

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 'til 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 this weekend 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.

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.

Mass Captains, Lectors and EMHCs – Schedule Change Requests Due

Mass Captains, Lectors, and EMHCs who wish to change their scheduled service for the July – September 2019 period should let leadership know by e-mail no later than May 15 at worship@ourladyofgrace.net. New schedules will be sent to you as soon as they can be prepared. Thank you for your service to our people!

News from the Knights of Columbus

21st Annual Life Center Pasta Dinner – The K of C of the 8th District will again show their support for the Long Island Life Center on June 2 from 1 to 5pm in PES Hall. Tickets will be \$15.00 PP for a delicious meal, huge CHINESE AUCTION, beer, wine soda, dessert and an informative guest speaker. Please contact Tom @ 631 445-3253 for tickets and information.

Congratulations to All

The following students from St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School have achieved honor roll status for the third quarter of the 2018-2019 school year:

Summa Cum Laude

Emily Duci

Julianna Mazur

Kathryn McHugh

Magna Cum Laude

Jillian Duci

Abigail Engrassia

Bailey Wrede

Kyle Marengo

Cum Laude

Richard Molinelli

Mia Pizzo

Connor Lieberz

Carissa Salvadori

And also to the students of St. Anthony's High School who have received honor roll certificates for the third quarter:

Lilly Feehan

Paige Murray

Marissa Romano

Alyssa Seidler

Eliza Stoehrer

Jack Weidtman

Gabriel Zeccolella