



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

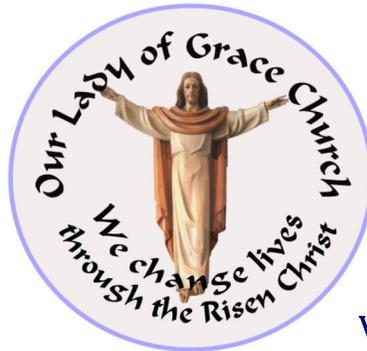
Our Mission: We change lives through the Risen Christ

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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May 12, 2019 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Easter Weekday
May 13 Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

8:00 Stephanie Scheuermann
9:00 Natalie Assalone Nizzo

Tue. St. Matthais
May 14 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

8:00 Denise Pesale
9:00 Sebastian Caliendo

Wed. Easter Weekday
May 15 Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

8:00 Thomas Kelly
9:00 Barbara Mirabelli

Thu. Easter Weekday
May 16 Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

8:00 Mariska Cirka
9:00 John Evans

Fri. Easter Weekday
May 17 Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

8:00 Bernard A. Heinisch
9:00 Rocco Rongo

Sat. Easter Weekday
May 18 Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

8:00 Dawn Verdi

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Presiding

5:00pm Fr. Gabriel
8:00am Fr. Gabriel
10:00am Fr. Gius
12:00pm Fr. Vin

We pray at this Mass especially for

People of the Parish
Giovanni Iemma
Thomas Kilfeather (5 Anniv.)
Christofaro Maiello and Vincent Maiello

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

First Banns: Kristel Kreppein – Tyler Norris
Alison Engley – Michael Calvelty

Third 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.

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, May 13: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, May 14: Scripture Sharing 9:30am. Rosary Makers 10am.
Youth Ministry 7pm. Padre Pio 7:30pm.

Next week:

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

Monday, May 20: No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday, May 21: Scripture Sharing 9:30am. Youth Ministry 7pm.

Friday, May 24: Padre Pio Mass 7pm.

Upcoming:

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 (No “s”)

[Note: This column was supposed to run last week, May 5, and the column that in fact ran was for today, May 12, so the Scripture reference in that column was incorrect. So here is “last week’s” column. My apology for the confusion.]

The second Scripture reading through the Easter Season this year is from the most puzzling book of the New Testament, Revelation. So here’s some background. Start by noting that the name of the book (remember the names of Biblical books were assigned by later compilers) comes in this case from the first word in the Greek text: “Apocalupsis”: translated, “The revelation.” It’s singular, not plural: There’s *one* revelation, not a series of “future facts,” as the book is often misinterpreted (and often misnamed -- Revelations). And that one revelation isn’t a forecast about the future – it’s the unveiling of the deeper meaning of the present. Written at a time when the Roman empire was increasing its systematic persecution of Christians (around 96 AD), John – not the St. John of the Gospels, but an otherwise unknown church leader sometimes called “John the Seer” to distinguish him from the Gospel writer “John the Evangelist” – writes to encourage the church congregations for which he’s responsible; to tell them, “This [the time of persecution] calls for the endurance and faithfulness of God’s people.” [13:9]

How does the writer encourage his people? By telling them a story that will capture their imaginations. He uses the tools at hand – Jewish history, currently popular imagery and symbolism, and a style not unlike what we’d call science fiction. (Just as, say, *Star Trek* and *Star Wars* are really stories about the present dilemmas we humans face and not predictions about the future, this is a good way to think about Revelation too.) The story John tells, for all its elaborate imagery, has a simple moral: Whatever happens in the short run, in the long run – God wins. So trust that you’re on the winning side of history, despite persecution and the apparent power of Rome.

Here’s the way the Book is structured: After brief introductory comments (in the form of “letters”) to each of the local churches for which John is responsible, he describes a vision which gives him an heaven’s-eye view of what’s happening on earth. He sees – as if from God’s perspective – the persecution of Christians by Rome, and especially by the idolatrous worship of power and prosperity that the Roman Empire embodies. John describes the Empire symbolically – it’s full of “6s” (which are symbolic of incompleteness, because “7” is symbolically perfect, and 6 falls short of “7”). Only the Kingdom of the Lamb of God – the Risen Christ – has 7s in its stock. So the structure of the story becomes, “6 tries to impersonate 7, but fails; in the long run, 7 wins.” What John is saying is that the Empire demands loyalty and even worship as if it’s the ultimate power in history; but such demands are false, and to yield to them is idolatry: only the Lamb is truly the Ultimate Lord of history.

The church still reads and prays over Revelation even 1000 years after the Empire’s fall, because it trusts this “unveiling” as always true: In every age there are powers (governmental, economic, social) that pretend to be in charge of history and to demand loyal obedience from people. (These powers don’t demand an offering of incense as Rome did, but they invite or compel other signs of loyalty.) So in every age Christians need to be reminded that only God is in charge of history; only God can satisfy our heart’s desire; only God is worthy of ultimate loyalty. And in every age people whose ultimate loyalty is to God can expect challenge, sanction, and even persecution from pretenders to God’s place.

Sometimes even faithful Christians misread Revelation as if it tells us what’s around the corner in the future. That’s a mistake. Revelation tells us what’s under our noses right now if we have the courage to look – and to bear the consequences of what we see. Until next week, peace.

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.

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!

Our First Holy Communions have begun. Please pray for our students as they experience for the first time of many, Jesus in the Eucharist. While we may not remember our own First Communion, it is a joy to see these students receive Jesus!

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 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.

Faith Formation Donations

Pennies can make a difference. We again ask you to drop them off at the Faith Formation Office mail slot, the Parish Office, or in the Sunday collection (place them in an envelope marked for Faith Formation). Last week \$26 was donated for the 2018-2019 year. The total to date: \$231. Thanks to all who donate.

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, Pope Francis uses the Beatitudes to reflect on our response to God's call to holiness in today's world:

Hunger and thirst are intense experiences. There are those who desire justice and yearn for righteousness with similar intensity. Jesus says that they will be satisfied for sooner or later justice will come. We can cooperate to make that possible even if we may not always see the fruit of our efforts.

How many people suffer injustice, standing by powerlessly while others divvy up the good things of this life?

Some give up fighting for real justice and opt to follow in the train of the winners. This has nothing to do with the hunger and thirst for justice that Jesus praises.

True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. If we give the word too general a meaning, we forget that it is shown especially in justice towards those who are most vulnerable.

May is Older Americans' Month

It seems that the older we become the more we appreciate life and the more we want to share that awareness. In a letter that he wrote to older people in 1999, Saint John Paul II told them, "The Church still needs you." He went on to call later life a "time for commitment to the service of our brothers and sisters in charity." We thank the many older adults who have accepted the responsibility to undertake some form of service to others. In addition to being a strength for their families, the parish community is indebted to them for their wisdom and experience. The Christian Vocation has no retirement age!!

Mothers' Day

Don't forget Mothers' Day Carnation sale and Baby Shower for the benefit of Birthright on May 12. Unwrapped gifts will be accepted by the members of Birthright and the Respect All Life Committee.

What is Birthright? Birthright is a confidential, non-profit, non-sectarian volunteer service offering at no charge: Pregnancy tests, layettes, maternity clothes and referrals for reduced medical fees. They continue to support new mothers with formula, food and diapers. Birthright offers a positive alternative to abortion. Please purchase a carnation and help support this ministry.

For the Help Hotline call -800-550-4900 / 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.



Hope for Youth – May 11, 2019 Heckscher State Park , East Islip – 9am - 2019 Run For Hope 5K

Run, walk or volunteer for Hope for Youth's annual Run for Hope 5K on Saturday, May 11 at Heckscher State Park in East Islip. This year's Run for Hope will be benefiting homeless youth on Long Island. The funds raised will support education, recreation and mental health services as well as outreach activities.

The Hope for Youth Shelter provides a safe, supportive and secure environment for all Suffolk County youth between the ages of 12 and 20 who find themselves in crisis and need a haven. The Runaway and Homeless Shelter is a co-ed, short term, nine-bed facility. The shelter provides a safe and therapeutic environment to assess the safety, medical and treatment needs of the youth. The goal of this program is to plan with the family for reunification when appropriate and/or other more permanent resources that can provide permanent housing to the youth.

For more information and to register, visit HFYNY.org/runforhope.

Parish News

Farewells for Fr. Gius and for Fr. Vin

Please give Fr. Gius your good wishes and farewell at the 10am Mass on Sunday, June 9.

Fr. Vin's farewell will be at the 10am Mass on Sunday, June 23.

A simple reception will follow each Mass in Fr. Shanahan Hall (downstairs) after the Mass.

Please keep them both in your prayers!

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Landon Kyle Rogers

Charles James Godfrey

Kiera Jean Kenny

Emma Grace Hahn

Everett Lincoln Siar

Juliana Raine McDermott

Robert Jameson Miller

Roman Michael Zito

Michael James Presti

Sabreena Marian Shama

Sabrina Nicolette Romano

Gianna Rose Devito

Abigail Rose Wysocki

Emma Grace Bolger

Kaylee Giselle Campoverde

Amy Brianna Campoverde

Adrian Alexander Reyes

Ellie Schauer

Karleigh Rose Schilt

Sofia Lynne LaRosa

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Dolores Gorman

Robert Gschwind

Janice Pellizzi

Donation of the Bread and the Wine

The bread and the wine have been donated in loving memory of Anthony Cuteri for the week of May 12 through May 18, 2019.



Financial Stewardship Report September 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019

Sunday offering target: \$13,195 per week

Target: \$435,435

Collections: \$442,015

Over target by \$6,580

Palm Sunday

Target: \$15,000

Collections to date: \$11,864

Easter Sunday

Target: \$36,000

Collections to date: \$30,683

(We expect more Easter donations to be received)

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 7:30pm.

Our next Family Ministry Hospitality breakfast will be June 9 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!

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 all the Masses on the weekend of May 4 and 5, 2019, and also in the Faith Formation Office whenever it is open!



May Crowning

Our Annual May Crowning will take place on Tuesday evening May 28, 2019, at 7pm. We will gather in the front of the church and process to the statue of Mary where flowers will be presented. Please join us as we sing and pray to honor Our Blessed Mother.

We encourage everyone to attend, especially our First Holy Communion students wearing their Communion clothes!

We will have refreshments, including ice cream following the crowning in room 109.

Parish News

Calendar Raffle Winners

The Calendar Raffle Tickets for July through December of 2019 are in the mail. If you have not receive these tickets, please come into the Parish Office or give us a call, and we will mail them out to you. This is a wonderful way to support Our Lady of Grace, and it only costs \$25 for one ticket that lasts six months. If you have questions, please give us a call; and we would be more than happy to help you.

5/6/19	5/7/19	5/8/19	5/9/19	5/10/19	5/11/19	5/12/19
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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!

Thank you to all who supported our Easter season 'Bake Sale.' We raised over \$400 to support our ministry and a portion will go to the Brittney Walsh Memorial Fund Scholarship.

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 Celebration and Mass – All Welcome

On Friday, May 24, 2019, you are cordially invited to the 49th Annual celebration of St. Padre Pio's birthday here at Our Lady of Grace, beginning at 7pm with the Rosary, followed by the crowning of the Blessed Mother. At 7:30pm, we will celebrate the Mass. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Vin Rush. Following the Mass, there will be veneration of 1st Class Relic of St. Padre Pio. For further information, please call 631-587-5185.



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!

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.

News from the Knights of Columbus



Sands Casino Bus Trip – Join us Thursday, June 20, at 9am as we depart from the back parking lot of OLOG. The cost will be \$45 PP with \$10 slot play and \$5 food voucher. Of course, there will be bagels and juice for the motor coach ride down. Please call Bobby at 631-742-5704 or Lou at 631-884-2210 for your reservation.

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 Fr. Shanahan Hall. Tickets will be \$15 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.

Youth Stations of the Cross – Thank You

I would like to thank all of the children who were part of this year's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. They did a really wonderful job in the short time that we had to practice. I also want to thank all of the parents for helping me get the kids looking like the person they were playing. Thank you to the staff as well, namely James Pisano and the maintenance crew, for putting up the crosses and fixing them for Gale Twohig for the booklets and to Peggy Harnisch and the Faith Formation team and Terence Purtell and Jose for helping to get the word out. Thanks to all and see you next year – Pat Stango
