



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 19, 2019 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship This Coming Week

Mon. Easter Weekday
May 20 Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
8:00 Helena Lacey-Gannon (B'day)
9:00 Vilada Karibian (1 Anniv.)
Tue. Easter Weekday
May 21 Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
8:00 Cary and Josephine Vega
9:00 Jane Marie Lang
Wed. Easter Weekday
May 22 Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
8:00 Norma Vetter
9:00 Kenneth Scott

Thu. Easter Weekday
May 23 Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
8:00 Elsa Goia
9:00 Maureen T. Kane
Fri. Easter Weekday
May 24 Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
8:00 John Mariane
9:00 Kathleen Brady (1 Anniv.)
Sat. Easter Weekday
May 25 Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21
8:00 Pasquale Pino, Agatha Sciara.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Presiding

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

We pray at this Mass especially for

Vincent Noce
Robert W. Olanick (B'day)
Veronica Preiss
People of the Parish

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: Kimberly Rivera – Matthew Kahn

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

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:

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.

Next week:

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day. All Parish Offices are closed.
No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday, May 28: Scripture Sharing 9:30am. Youth Ministry 7pm.

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

Upcoming:

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

Enchantment as the Path (What Really Matters, VIII)

*I saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God,
made ready like a bride adorned for her husband.*

-- Revelation 21:2, NEB

A theology professor used to ask his seminary students to tell the story of the whole Bible from Genesis through Revelation in one sentence. None of them ever could. But once he did it, they probably never forgot. Here is that sentence, the whole story of the Bible in one sweep: Boy meets girl; boy loses girl; boy searches and finds girl again; they marry and live happily ever after. Creation; sin; redemption; and today's second reading.

Despite – or perhaps because of – the suffering in the churches for which he is responsible, the writer of Revelation cares deeply about beauty and enchantment as a pathway to God. One might think that, while art and beauty might be very nice as “extras,” they don't get to the heart of discipleship – especially under persecution. The real issue, some would argue, is what God does and does not command; what sorts of acts are pleasing or displeasing to God; what leads to salvation and what to loss. And clarity about these things, one might think, can only be had through careful teaching of doctrine and rigorous enforcement of morality; young people need to know what's true, and what they must do and avoid...some would argue.

But while clarity may impress and fear motivate, no one can be made to care deeply (or at all) through abstract truth or enforced morality. (Mathematicians can verify proofs, but dislike ones that aren't what they call “elegant”; and brain researchers know of certain sorts of brain damage that leave thinking intact but destroy the emotions. People suffering such damage are able to solve puzzles but don't want to be bothered...) We move toward Truth and toward Goodness (and thus toward God) only when we find Truth or Goodness inviting – when we're enchanted, when we fall in love with them. To think that beauty and enchantment are too tenuous to rely on for handing on the heritage of faith, or even for securing ourselves in our discipleship, is to misunderstand both human nature and the power of beauty. In last week's words, a “yes” to Christ has to be the first step; we need first to desire Christ if we are to follow Christ. And for that we have to find Christ desirable.

Is God attractive? (Is that even a question your religious formation posed to you?) Is the way of life Christ lived and taught inviting? If the answer to these questions is No, then discipleship will be at best dutiful and probably perfunctory. If the church – its buildings and its life in common – isn't attractive, why should we expect that people will be attracted to it?

When people are in love, they look to surround themselves with beauty: sunsets, charming (even if inexpensive) restaurants, music... This is the impulse that Revelation calls on in today's reading: Christian discipleship is, as a retreat-preacher put it some years ago, “a love affair with the Living God.” Discipleship may be hard; love is sometimes like that. But at root, it's enchanting. 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.

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

US Bishops Urge Counting of Non-Citizens in Census

The US bishops issued the following statement in advance of the oral argument of Department of Commerce v. New York before the United States Supreme Court regarding the importance of ensuring an accurate count for the U.S. Census.

“Our country conducts a Census every ten years to count the number of men, women and children residing in the United States. Census data helps direct more than \$800 billion annually to key programs designed to advance the common good, strengthen families and reduce poverty. The Catholic Church and other service providers rely on the national Census to provide an accurate count in order to effectively serve those in need.”

“We urge for all people to be counted in the Census, regardless of their citizenship. Proposed questions regarding immigration status will obstruct accurate Census estimates and ultimately harm immigrant families and the communities they live in. Our society, rooted in the strength of the family, cannot risk missing this opportunity to give children and parents the tools they need to succeed.”

Birthright Baby Shower – Carnation Sale - Thank You

Thank you, thank you – to Our Lady of Grace parishioners for your support last week at our carnation and baby shower. All money collected was sent to Birthright to support single moms and babies in need. In addition, many items of baby clothes and supplies were donated. Thank you for your support.

Town of Babylon Counseling Services

Counseling services are offered free of charge to Town of Babylon residents ages 5-21 years. Counseling is provided by licensed mental health professionals in the following areas: Referral Services, Individual Counseling, Parent Consultations, Family Consultations, and Drug Education & Referrals.

Social Skills – Children ages 7-12 years old – Autism Program. The goal is to help children and tweens improve their social functioning. Productive social interactions and the ability to recognize and cope with typical, everyday problems are important skills that help a person lead a successful and pleasant life. Through a variety of programs, tailored to individual needs and success, the program promotes growth in these life-skills.

For more information and to enroll, contact Town of Babylon Youth Institute -281 Phelps Lane, North Babylon – 631-422-7658.

Long Island's Hungry

Long Islanders might have misconceptions about exactly who “the hungry” are in this community. The majority are families and individuals who struggle to afford a basic quality of life in one of the most expensive areas of our country. They are people who work at or have retired from minimum wage jobs. They are families, disabled veterans, and seniors, the sick and disabled and more than 70,000 children.

Many of our patrons are “rent poor.” After paying rent, there is little left for food and utilities. Our pantry helps our families to live. Thanks to the following groups that so generously give of their time and effort to make our pantry possible.

- The people of our parish
- The Babylon Rotary Club and the Members of the AOH
- Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Grace
- The West Babylon Schools
- The Scout groups in our community

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!

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Marie Anderson

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.

5/13/19	5/14/19	5/15/19	5/16/19	5/17/19	5/18/19	5/19/19
437	440	338	2	159	486	539

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

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

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 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.

Feel free to bring your favorite hat and tea cup!

Come join us for a fun afternoon!

Tickets will be on sale at the door.



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



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.



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.



Academic Honors

The following students from Kellenberg Memorial High School have successfully reached honor roll status for the second trimester, congratulations to each and every one:

Danielle DePetris
Eleina Pisani

Erin Doherty

John Pisani

Catherine Dotzler

Parish News

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 \$30 slot play. 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.

Save the Date – Long Island Ducks Game, July 20, includes BBQ, fireworks and game for \$35 PP. Please call Tim @631-852-6552 for tickets or information.

June 1, 6pm Trumpet Concert, Rodger Lee of Royal Brass

Our Lady of Grace welcomes to the concert series Rodger Lee, president of Royal Brass. Mr. Lee also holds the positions of trumpet professor at Adelphi University and adjunct professor of music at Nassau Community College. A doctoral candidate in trumpet performance, Mr. Lee has performed as a member of the New York Virtuosi Chamber Symphony, the American Chamber Orchestra, the Westchester Broadway Theater, the West Islip Symphony Orchestra, and many others. He has played countless shows on Broadway as well as appearances with the “Radio City Christmas Spectacular” and a live segment on WNYC’s “Around New York.” This spring, Mr. Lee accompanied Bishop Valero’s funeral with the Brooklyn Diocesan Choir as well as Saint Aidan’s presentation of the “Seven Last Words of Christ” with Consonance Strings. Come see why Mr. Lee is in such demand as a trumpet player all over the tristate area. Concert takes place right here in the church directly following our 5pm Mass on June 1. Ten dollars suggested donation. Hospitality provided.



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.

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

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

