



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 26, 2019 • Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship This Coming Week

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| <p>Mon. Easter Weekday May 27 <i>Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a</i> 8:00 Dawn Verdi 9:00 Pelligrino Trapani (12 Anniv.)</p> <p>Tue. Easter Weekday May 28 <i>Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11</i> 8:00 Joan Horan 9:00 Giuseppe and Frank Commisso</p> <p>Wed. Easter Weekday May 29 <i>Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15</i> 8:00 Rev. Harold Buckley 9:00 Giuseppe Mozzone 5:30 William Broglie</p> | <p>Thu. The Ascension of the Lord May 30 <i>Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 /Lk 24:46-53</i> 8:00 Eric Brielmeier (6 Anniv.) 9:00 Anthony Kirsch 7:30 Rev. Harold Buckley</p> <p>Fri. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary May 31 <i>Zep 3:14-18a /Lk 1:39-56</i> 8:00 Rev. Harold Buckley 9:00 Patricia Berge</p> <p>Sat. St. Justin June 1 <i>Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28</i> 8:00 Eugene Liberti, Ray and Kay Wadsworth (Anniv.), Joseph Marcelle, Jose, Mireille, Jean Robert, Lionel Sainvil, Marie Sainvil (Living).</p> |
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, June 2, 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

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| | Presiding | We pray at this Mass especially for |
| 5:00pm | Fr. Gabriel | Rev. Harold Buckley |
| 8:00am | Fr. Gabriel | People of the Parish |
| 10:00am | Fr. Gius | Jonathan and William Jalbert |
| 12:00pm | Fr. Vin | Henry Fiorillo |

The Sacrament of Baptism

Sunday, 1:30pm: Presider Deacon Irwin

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

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Second Banns: Kimberly Rivera – Matthew Kahn

Third 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:

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.

Saturday, June 1: Monthly Concert Series 6pm.

Next week:

Monday, June 3: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

Tuesday, June 4: Scripture Sharing 9:30am. Youth Ministry 7pm.

Saturday, June 8: Chamber Music Concert 6pm.

Sunday, June 9: Pentecost Sunday. Masses at usual weekend times.
Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, noon Mass.
Farewell Mass for Fr. Gius, 10am, with reception after.

Upcoming:

Sunday, June 23: Farewell Mass for Fr. Vin, 10am, with reception after.

Sunday, June 30: Fr. Joseph Davanzo's first weekend as Pastor; scheduled to preside at 5pm Vigil (Sat.) and 8am Masses.

Daily Mass Intentions and new Associate Priest:

The parish Mass book for Mass intentions from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, will open on Tuesday May 28. The diocese has assigned Fr. Martin Adu Gyamfi as a replacement for 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

Twelve Gates to the City (What Really Matters, IX)

*[The Angel] showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming
down out of heaven from God...
Its wall was of a great height and had twelve gates...*

-- Rev. 21:10ff, today's second reading

The description goes on: city walls of diamond, streets of gold, foundations of precious stones... A city that's a wonder, a stunning vision of the home we long for beyond any earthly home, and one which offers us the unending intimacy and joy of the marriage of the Lamb.

Today's reading is shortened from the original text; we don't hear about the gems associated with each of the twelve layers of the city's foundation (jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, carnelian, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprase, hyacinth, and amethyst, if you're interested); and – unfortunately to my way of thinking – we hear about the twelve gates (one for each of the tribes of Israel), but we don't hear what the gates are made of. Here's the text:

*And the twelve gates are twelve pearls,
each of the gates a single pearl...*

--Rev. 21:21

Why do I think the compilers of the lectionary missed something in choosing to leave this detail out of the text we hear at Mass? Because I'm convinced that the author wanted us to notice something in the contrast he set up: We hear about all sorts of gemstones and precious metals as he describes the City: gold, diamond, emerald, and all the rest. But the gates to the City – the way we get in – they're different. And I don't believe that's an accident.

You know what makes a pearl different from other gemstones: It's organic. It's not formed by geological processes but is the product of a living creature. Pearls result from an irritant, usually a grain of sand, which an oyster can't get rid of. So the oyster works over what's annoying, making that annoyance finally into a thing of beauty. And pearls keep their luster best when worn on the skin, not when put away in a drawer. John wants the City's gates to be like this, not like dead stones. Why?

Here's another familiar text that uses the same image: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he finds a single one of great price he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." [Mt 13:45] Why does the kingdom search for a pearl, not a diamond?

Here's why: The pearl-making process of working over an irritant is a parallel to the process of spiritual growth. Each of us is like the oyster – bothered, somewhere, by an irritant (a sinful habit, a devastating sorrow, an emotional or physical disability, an unfulfilled dream, or the like) which we can't get rid of – but just might be able to make something beautiful out of if we "work it over" enough.

We often think of the "good Christian" as someone who's approaching perfection. But John knows that true discipleship is very often the result of a person's response to Grace in struggling with a fault, sin, or disappointment. Once the work has been done, the now-transformed burden can be "worn on the skin" – displayed appropriately to others as a help to them. (Think of recovering alcoholics helping others with drinking problems.)

John says the gate into the City is a pearl. What needs working over in you, to become the doorway (for you and others) into the Heavenly City? Answering that question is no small part of "what really matters." 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

We are looking for people who can help as catechists in our Faith Formation Program! Catechists, or teachers, share their faith with our young students. All supplies and trainings are included, and there are many times and grade levels to choose from.

If you would like to help in any way 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

End of year BBQ! Wednesday June 5, 2019, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Never been to Middle School Youth Ministry? This is a great time to try it out! We'll provide hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and drinks. Just bring a snack or dessert to share.

Families are welcome to come! Come see what we're about. RSVP to Colleen or Joe at 631-806-3326 or 631-270-4032 so they know how many to plan for.

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

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!

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

MEMORIAL DAY – 2019

“They walk as if on hallowed ground.
They touch the stone
They speak with the dead.
They come to mourn and to remember,
memory mixing with grief,
making an old ritual new
creating in this time another timeless moment...”

“..it is a sad place – there is no denying that – especially sad for the volunteers and luckless conscripts who survived war, trying to make sense of the senseless, trying to find a way to remember that will not mock the meaning of the dead...”

THE WALL – February 1987

As we observe Memorial Day this weekend, we honor those who have served our country and those who have died in that service. In this modern age we recognize that there is so much more to peace than the absence of war. As people of faith grounded in the Catholic social teaching, we are aware of the need of the Gospel mandate of justice to be proclaimed with new clarity, urgency and energy. Let us pray that we can people of peace.

Who to Contact: Social Security or Medicare?

Sometimes it's confusing to know who to contact and for what. Social Security and Medicare offer related services, so people aren't always certain who does what.

Contact Social Security to:

- See if you're eligible for Medicare;
- Create a *my Social Security* account to do things like request a replacement Medicare card and report a change of address, name, or phone number;
- Sign up for Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance);
- Apply for Extra Help with Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D) costs;
- Report a death; and
- Appeal an Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) decision (for people who pay a higher Part B and/or Part D premium if their income is over a certain amount).

Find information on how to do all of this and more on Social Security's Medicare website.

Contact Medicare to:

- See what services Medicare covers;
- Get detailed information about Medicare health and prescription drug plans in your area, including costs and services;
- Choose and enroll in a Medicare health or prescription drug plan that meets your needs;
- Find a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy in your area;
- Find doctors, health care providers, and suppliers who participate in Medicare;
- Get information and forms for filing a Medicare appeal or for letting someone speak with Medicare on your behalf.

The above lists were posted by Darlynda Bogle, Acting Assistant Deputy Commissioner Social Security Administration February, 2019.

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

Nunzia Sperrazza

Barbara Boudier

Salvatrice Adamo

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.

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| 5/20/19 | 5/21/19 | 5/22/19 | 5/23/19 | 5/24/19 | 5/25/19 | 5/26/19 |
| 368 | 440 | 122 | 2 | 130 | 313 | 380 |

*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 10am Mass where we gather for a light breakfast and can sit and meet some new people or bring the family for a nice break before we get busy for the day! If you attend another Mass, we would still love you to join us. Everyone is welcome whether you are a family of many or a family of one!

We also offer several events during the year that are both spiritual and social. In addition, we meet monthly to plan these events. We meet on Monday evenings; but if you'd like to help and can't be at our meetings, contact us – we still want you involved!

Our next 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!

This month we will celebrate Fr. Gius as he prepares for his new ministry as pastor of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Deer Park.

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!

Fr. Gius will lead us in prayer and scoop the ice cream afterward!

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



Child Abuse Reporting and Standards of Conduct for Church Personnel

There is a special diocesan phone line for reporting allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel and volunteers: 1-516-594-9063. The New York State abuse hotline for all allegations of child abuse can be reached at 1-800-342-3720.

Our parish complies with a diocesan child protection policy. The text of the policy can be found on the diocesan website at http://www.drvc.org/policy_procedure_forms and is also available through the Parish Office.

A code of conduct to which all parish clergy, employees, and volunteers must comply can be found at http://www.drvc.org/pdf/protecting_children/policy/pastoralconduct.pdf and is also available from the parish.

Further information, including information on the diocesan child protection and safe environment programs to which our parish subscribes can be found on the diocesan website at <http://www.drvc.org/efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people/diocesan-efforts-to-protect-children-and-young-people.html>

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!

Our “Spring Kick-Off” will be held on Tuesday, May 28, at 7pm in Room 212. All teens, all faiths, 8-12th grades invited! Pizza will be served!

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.



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.



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.

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.

June 8, 6pm, concert, Sylph Chamber Music with Crystal Singing Bowls

Directly after the 5:00 Mass on June 8th, stay for a performance by Sylph Chamber Music. This professional trio performs classical, world, jazz, and Broadway music accompanied by Tibetan Crystal Bowls. These beautifully toned instruments of meditation provide you with peace and healing. Admission is \$20. For more information, www.sylphchambermusic.com.

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.



A Word about Memorial Donations



Our Lady of Grace is frequently given donations of vestments or altar vessels that people have received as memorials when a person dies. While we appreciate the thought behind such memorials, we have so many of the items most frequently given that the donations end up stored away in sacristy closets. To provide an alternative, Our Lady of Grace has established an *Altar Fund* to receive money donations as memorials on the occasion of a death. Donors will receive a formal acknowledgement card that can be presented to the family at the wake; memorials will be noted in the parish *Bulletin*; and donations will be used to purchase items for our public worship when needed, such as liturgical books, altar cloths, and the like. Memorial cards for donations to the *Altar Fund* are available at the Parish Office. Please encourage people to use this method of giving memorials rather than purchasing items that may never be used.
