



# 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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**July 14, 2019 • Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Worship This Coming Week

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**Mon. St. Bonaventure**  
July 15 *Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1*

8:00 Patricia Ward  
9:00 Vincent Hagan

**Tue. Weekday**  
July 16 *Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24*

8:00 Kathleen Peterson  
9:00 Robert Ward

**Wed. Weekday**  
July 17 *Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27*  
8:00 Susan Lafferty (Living)  
9:00 Derek Ward

**Thu. Weekday**  
July 18 *Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30*

8:00 Holly Cappiello  
9:00 Dotty Graff

**Fri. Weekday**  
July 19 *Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8*

8:00 Maurice Azzopardi  
9:00 Deacon Charlie Graff (Living)

**Sat. Weekday**  
July 20 *Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21*  
8:00 Joe Milazzo

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

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### Worship for Sunday, July 21, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42*

#### Presiding\*

**5:00pm** Fr. Martin  
**8:00am** Fr. Martin  
**10:00am** Fr. Gabriel  
**12:00pm** Fr. Jerome

#### We pray at this Mass especially for

Herta Browning  
Eugenia Miranda (13 Anniv)  
People of the Parish  
Leo Mullen

*\*(Presiders subject to change due to priest transfers)*

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#### The Sacrament of Baptism

Saturday, 1:30pm: Presider: Fr. Jerome

*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.*

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#### The Sacrament of Matrimony

*Arrangements for marriage should be made as soon as possible, but not less than six months prior to the intended wedding date.*

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#### 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.*

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#### 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.*

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#### 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).

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## Our Parish Communion

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### **This week:**

**Monday, July 15:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-9pm.

**Tuesday, July 16:** Youth Ministry 7pm.

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### **Next week:**

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

**Tuesday, July 23:** Youth Ministry 7pm.

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### **Upcoming:**

**Thursday, August 15:** Solemnity of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation). Masses on Wednesday at 5:30pm (Vigil), and Thursday at 8am, 9am, and 7:30pm.

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### **Daily Mass Intentions:**

The parish Mass book for Mass intentions from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, opened on Friday, June 7.

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### **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 retired as pastor at Our Lady of Grace. 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  
Mrs. Kathleen Scheid  
Mrs. Concetta Whelan

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### **Our Finance Council**

Mr. Richard Korcz (Trustee)  
Mr. Leonardo LoCricchio  
Ms. Debra Nicosia  
Mr. Joseph Salzone  
Mr. Robert Scharf (Trustee)  
Mr. Thomas Villella

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### **Our Ministries**

#### ***Ministries of Worship***

Rev. Joseph Davanzo, Pastor  
Rev. Gabriel Miah, Associate  
Rev. Martin Adu Gyamfi, 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

# Faith Formation

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## Faith Formation Summer Hours

The Faith Formation Office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am until 2pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 9am until 4pm. We are available by appointment evenings and weekends.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Catechists

Children's Faith Formation at Our Lady of Grace includes grade Levels 1 through 8, Teen Faith Formation and Special Needs Faith Formation.

Thank you so much to the wonderful catechists, assistants and hall monitors who share their faith with our students and keep them safe. They are hardworking and dedicated, and we could not run this program without them!

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## Catholic High School Entrance Exam

Saint John the Baptist DHS is offering a prep course to prepare students for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam. We will run five 2 ½ hour sessions beginning in September. We are also offering a Test Taking Strategies Class the Friday evening before the exam. For additional information, please visit [www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net](http://www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net) or call 631-587-8000 ext. 117.

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# Parish Social Ministry

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## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

### Pope Francis Urges Immediate Action on Climate Change

(National Catholic Reporter) Faced with a climate emergency, the world must act immediately to mitigate global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and avoid committing “a brutal act of injustice” on the poor and future generations, Pope Francis told a group of energy and oil executives and global investors, who in their own statement offered support for a price on carbon emissions.

“Time is running out! Deliberations must go beyond mere exploration of what can be done and concentrate on what needs to be done from today onward. We do not have the luxury of waiting for others to step forward or of prioritizing short-term economic benefits. The climate crisis requires our decisive action, here and now,” he said June 14 at the Vatican.

In a statement, a group of 31 energy and investment executives, sustainability leaders and energy and climate experts who participated in the conference agreed that governments should set “reliable and economically meaningful carbon pricing regimes...to significantly advance the energy transition while minimizing the costs to vulnerable communities and supporting economic growth.”

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### Changing the face of cancer one Monday at a time

At the Racine Salon in Islip, NY, Mondays at Racine’s primary mission is to reduce the physical, emotional and cosmetic side effects of chemotherapy and radiation by providing free in salon beauty and wellness services. Every Monday men and women undergoing treatment for cancer are offered head shaving, wig styling, scalp treatments, nail care, massage, facials, yoga and meditation; all at no cost to the patient. Their services provide a way to navigate through the diagnosis and treatment of cancer with dignity, empowerment and a return to self. For more information, call 631-255-9923 or visit [www.mondaysatracine.org](http://www.mondaysatracine.org).

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### Displaced Homemaker Program

Displaced Homemaker Program is part of the Suffolk County One Stop Employment Center for Suffolk County residents who are widowed, divorced, separated and unemployed or underemployed and are struggling to make ends meet. The following services are available at no cost:

- Counseling and Resource Referrals – individual assessment and career counseling services
- Career Preparation – workshops in choices exploration, resume and cover letter preparation  
Interviewing techniques, salary negotiations, internet job search techniques, transferable skills, employability skills for the workplace, networking and social media
- Computer Classes and Tutorials – on site classes and tutorials in Microsoft Office applications
- Career Quests – opportunities to find your personal career direction by meeting and speaking to industry leaders
- Job Fairs/On-Site Recruitments – meet company representative who attend our events seeking to hire new staff
- Career Couture – on site boutiques offering individuals appropriate interview and new job attire without charge.

For further information and to find out if you meet the eligibility, call 631-853-6540.

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### Lindenhurst Library Community Blood Drive – Two Free Mets Tickets for Donating Blood!

The Lindenhurst Library, Lindenhurst, will be conducting a Community Blood Drive on Monday, August 5, from 1pm – 7pm. Two Free Mets tickets will be given for donating blood. To receive your gift, please log on and register at [www.nybc.org/metsvoucher](http://www.nybc.org/metsvoucher). For questions regarding medical eligibility, call 800-688-0900. For information, call: Sara Fiorenzo at 631-957-7755 ext. 124.

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# Parish News

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## Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our parish Communion

Graciella Rose Fiorante

Sienna Grace Wolfe

Lark Marian Daly

Connor Cheol Salamon

Layne Avery Cotter

## Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Peter R. Scelfo

Diana A. Vignone

John Sullivan

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**From Fr. Vin:**

### Financial Stewardship Update

A few weeks ago I met with our Finance Council to plan next year's budget. I invited Fr. Joe, who will be pastor beginning June 26, to participate. When we looked at the numbers, we faced a deficit of about \$100,000. This is due to declining contributions at Mass (about 3% per year) and increasing costs (including the new NY State minimum-wage law).

I suggested that we could largely close the gap by taking part in a diocesan-mandated program to encourage good financial stewardship from every parishioner. (Last year Bishop Barres required that every parish do this within three years – we were going to join in 2018, but events in the wider church at that time led us to decide that the timing was wrong.) This coming year this renewal seems good and necessary for our parish.

I want to be clear that the transition between pastors has nothing to do with this need. I had planned to take part last year; I recommended it for this year as right for the parish, and Fr. Joe agreed and will implement it. Since the parish reorganization back in 2014, we've been able to end each year with a modest surplus; but that margin has gotten thinner over the years (the numbers are on the parish website), but this is the year that the income and expense lines crossed. To avoid major cuts to our services we have to address financial stewardship responsibly. You'll hear more about this in the coming year from Fr. Joe and from our Finance Council. Fr. Joe isn't changing our parish's course; he's ensuring that the good things we've created together will continue.

### **Collections Report:**

September 1, 2018, through May 28, 2019: Target: \$488,215; Donations: \$489,506. Over target by \$1,291. Thanks to our generous stewards!

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### Calendar Raffle Winners

The Calendar Raffle Tickets for July through December of 2019 are in the mail. If you have not received 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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|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 7/8/19 | 7/9/19 | 7/10/19 | 7/11/19 | 7/12/19 | 7/13/19 | 7/14/19 |
| 295    | 372    | 460     | 533     | 286     | 51      | 296     |

# Ministries with Children and Families

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## 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 – you can still be a part of this ministry!

Contact Maria at [mrchetti4olog@gmail.com](mailto:mrchetti4olog@gmail.com) or call our Faith Formation Office at 661-9353 for more information!

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## Family Life Year

Our Family Life Ministry events are done for this school year. I want to thank the incredible group of volunteers who bring so much to this ministry. They have a joy that makes everything we do fun. I would like to thank Maria Russello-Chetti, Laura Wetter, Colleen and Joe Pidel, Theresa DiFazio, Carla Morales, Gwen and Jim Davis, Kerri Kraemer, Mary Ann Lyons, Cecilia and David Soto and Donna Dono. Come join us next year!

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## 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.

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## Pentecost Sunday Confirmations

During the noon Mass on Pentecost Sunday, four men and two women who attended the Spring Adult Confirmation Program were confirmed by Father Vin.

Pictured above from Left to Right:

Top Row – Father Vin, Joseph Salzone

Middle Row – Brothers Brian and Matthew Sanchez, Richard Loeffler, Thomas Gregg

Front Row – Valerie Amengual, Angela Bucci

Congratulations to the newly confirmed on becoming fully initiated Christians!



# Parish News

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## Youth Ministry Update

The Youth Ministry summer session starts July 9 through August 6 at 7:30pm in Rooms 212/214. Teens 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Nothing to do Tuesday nights? Join us for faith, fun and fellowship!

Youth Ministry car wash will be on Sunday, July 14, from 8am to 2pm, behind the priest's residence. Come one and all to support the youth of our parish.

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## 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.

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## Angel Care

Our Angel Care Program is officially closed for the school year. If you would like information about our program or would like to register your child, come down and pick up a registration packet.

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## 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](mailto:pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net).



## Religious Article Counter

The religious article counter will be closed for July and August and will reopen on the Sunday after Labor Day. Enjoy your summer. Thanks for all your support, and we look forward to seeing you in September. If you find yourself in need of something at the counter, please do not hesitate and ask the staff in the Parish Office.

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## 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.

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# Parish News

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*From Fr. Vin*

## How to Connect

Some parishioners have asked whether I'd continue to write when I retire, and the answer is yes. I'm still working out details, but you can get information at my personal website: [www.vincentrush.com](http://www.vincentrush.com). It's now only a placeholder page, but watch for developments.

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## Cancer Benefit Concert at Our Lady of Grace

Talia Maio, Our Lady of Grace songleader and Youth Choir member, performs Broadway and popular hits for a special family in need of prayers and support. Concert takes place August 3 at 6pm here in the church. Your \$10 suggested donation is a sign of support to Jamie Bufalino and her family as they fight brain cancer.

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## The Knights of Columbus Presents

**Save the Date** – the Knights of Columbus are hosting a dinner cruise to Flynn's Fire Island Restaurant on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. The trip will include an evening cruise aboard the Wind Chaser across the Great South Bay to Flynn's Restaurant for a complete buffet dinner plus special raffles and a grand prize for the benefit of the Sunrise Fund for Children with Cancer. The cost includes the boat cruise and dinner for \$70 per person. Contact Rob Lodato, GK at 631-747-0147 for tickets and information.



## 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.



## More Parish News

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### 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.

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### 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](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](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>

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### Attention Eighth Graders

Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course is being offered at Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville. There will be five 2 ½ hour Saturday morning sessions, each including review in English and Math as well as practice tests. The course begins on September 14. The fee is \$250 and covers instruction and materials. For additional information, visit [holytrinityhs.org](http://holytrinityhs.org) or call 516-433-2900.