



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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August 11, 2019 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship This Coming Week

<p>Mon. Weekday</p> <p>Aug. 12 <i>Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27</i></p> <p>8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory 9:00 Sylvia Pepe</p> <p>Tue. Weekday</p> <p>Aug. 13 <i>Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14</i></p> <p>8:00 John Scorgia 9:00 John Mirabelli</p> <p>Wed. St. Maximilian Kolbe</p> <p>Aug. 14 <i>Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20</i></p> <p>8:00 Ed Flecker 9:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory 5:30 James Patrick White</p>	<p>Thu. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Aug. 15 <i>Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56</i></p> <p>8:00 Mildred Jevic 9:00 Carrie Gorman 7:30 People of the Parish</p> <p>Fri. Weekday</p> <p>Aug. 16 <i>Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12</i></p> <p>8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory 9:00 Alexander and Suzanne Mattera (B'day)</p> <p>Sat. Weekday</p> <p>Aug. 17 <i>Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15</i></p> <p>8:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory</p>
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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Worship for Sunday, August 18, 2019 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53*

	Presiding*	We pray at this Mass especially for
5:00pm	Fr. Jerome	Peter McKenna
8:00am	Fr. Collins	People of the Parish
10:00am	Fr. Collins	Sister Loretta Wundrok
12:00pm	Fr. Jerome	Alfonso Eusanio
	<i>*(Presiders subject to change due to priest transfers)</i>	

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: Lynn Bagorazzi – John Nestoriak
Second Banns: Carolyn Insigne – Sean Sullivan
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, August 12: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2-9pm.

Tuesday, August 13: Padre Pio 7:30pm.

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.

Next week:

Monday, August 19: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2-9pm.

Upcoming:

Monday, September 2: Labor Day. All Parish Offices are
closed. No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Daily Mass Intentions:

There are many weekday Mass intentions available for the
month of August. Please remember your deceased loved ones
or other intentions in a Mass.



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

Our Finance Council

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

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

Faith Formation Special Hours This Week!

The Faith Formation Office will be 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.

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! 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.

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!

Teen Faith Formation

Do you know of a teen who may have missed some or all of their Faith Formation and would like to be Confirmed? We have a teen Faith Formation Program where there they will receive instruction and can receive their Sacraments. This program will run from September through April and classes will be every Wednesday evening. Please call the Faith Formation Office at 631-661-9353 for information or to register!

August Concert Recap

Thank you to Gale Twohig and Karen Butterick for their ongoing advertising help, to our dedicated hospitality volunteer, Bea Lecesce, and thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Benefit with parish Youth Choir singer, Talia Maio. Not only was there an audience of around 100 people, but attendees were very generous. The concert raised an amount unprecedented at Our Lady of Grace performances, \$2,704.05, which is being donated to a victim of brain cancer. The evening concluded with a reception at the Maio house complete with Dunkin' Donuts coffee and a dinner table covered in delicious pastries. For the next parish concert on September 7, Extra Chi returns to the monthly concert series with music from around the world!

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

US Bishops React to Revival of Federal Death Penalty

(Vatican News) The last time the U.S. federal government executed someone was 16 years ago. Over the past two decades, an informal moratorium on the death penalty at the national level in the US has seen the annual number of death sentences decrease by 85%. On Friday, July 28, US Attorney General William Barr announced that five death-row inmates would be executed by lethal injection within the next six months.

The Catholic Bishops of the US are “deeply concerned” by the move and urge the Administration to reconsider. “In 2015 Pope Francis, echoing the views of his predecessors, called for ‘the global abolition of the death penalty,’” reads the statement. At that time, the Pope added that a “just and necessary punishment must never exclude the dimension of hope and the goal of rehabilitation.” Last year, Pope Francis made a formal change to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, declaring the death penalty to be “inadmissible” and “an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person.”

According to Amnesty International, 170 countries have already abolished the death penalty in law or in practice, while Pope Francis continues to call for the Church to work “with determination for its abolition worldwide.”

West Babylon Library Homebound Program – books and audio-books - check it out!

Do you know of a homebound resident who is unable to get to the library?

The West Babylon Library has a “Homebound Program” for residents who are unable to get to the library but would like to borrow books to read or audio-books. This program will deliver books to you and pick them up when you finish reading them. To become part of this program, you must call the Library at 631-669-5445 and ask to speak to Phyllis regarding the “Homebound Program.” She will schedule an appointment to come to your home to meet with you and complete an information application. She will discuss what your preferences are in books, authors, etc. and set up a delivery schedule. It’s that easy. Give them a call. Pass this information to someone who is homebound - tell them about this program – it can brighten their day.



Farmers’ Markets – Babylon, Lindenhurst and Amityville – Open now through the Fall



Buying at a Farmers’ Market can save money. When fruits and vegetables are grown locally, they only travel a short distance and that helps keep the cost low. At many markets you can use your SNAP benefits EBT card to pay for fresh fruits and vegetables. You can’t get any fresher than straight from the farm! Also more of your money goes directly to the farmer and helps strengthen the local economy.

The surrounding towns have Farmer’s Markets now through the fall. They are located at:

Babylon – at the Railroad Station	Sundays	8am to 1pm
Lindenhurst – Wellwood Avenue White Gazebo	every other Saturday	10am to 3pm
Amityville – 25 Broadway – lawn adjacent to First United Methodist Church	Saturdays	10am to 3pm



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

August 11, 2019
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Our Church continues to suffer as a result of past sins of sexual abuse of minors. Victim survivors of abuse and their families also continue to carry the terrible effects of that abuse. We pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit may descend upon the Church to purify and sanctify her. It is also important that we are all aware of recent developments that will cause uncertainty and present serious challenges for us in the months and perhaps years ahead.

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Child Victims Act (CVA) into law last February. The CVA suspends for one year any statute of limitations associated with alleged sexual abuse of a minor. This law will allow currently time-barred lawsuits to be brought against individuals as well as public and private institutions, regardless of how many years or even decades ago the abuse may have taken place.

When the one-year window to file lawsuits opens on August 14, 2019, hundreds, if not thousands of lawsuits are expected to be filed across New York State against dioceses, parishes, municipalities, public schools, hospitals and a broad range of not-for-profit charitable organizations, both religious and non-religious. The financial impact of this law may be far reaching.

However, if we are people of the Paschal Mystery, we enter the unknown with what we do know – that the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ will sustain and strengthen us in the days ahead. The power of the Resurrection overcomes despair.

No doubt, we will hear about many past failures. We will again hear the heart wrenching stories of victim survivors. I have personally met with survivors of abuse, their families, friends and loved ones. I have listened at a deep level to their stories of tragedy, betrayal, trauma and their heroic efforts to engage in the process of healing. Their lifelong wounds of trauma run so deep, that only the warmth of the Holy Spirit can begin to touch, relieve and heal them. Together, we pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit brings the light of true repentance and reform, moving the Church to continue listening and responding with the humility and compassion of Jesus Christ.

It is also important that we be aware of what is already happening and has been happening for many years in our Diocese as to the extraordinary work that goes into child protection. First, the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Young People was established in 2003. Many years of hard work have made this office one which puts the safety and well-being of children first, and seeks to reach out to and support victim survivors of abuse. It works to ensure the screening and training of every person who works in or volunteers for the Church. If you are an employee or a volunteer in your parish, you know about background checks, VIRTUS training and the call for every member of the Church to be vigilant in protecting children.

For years, we have worked closely with law enforcement whenever an allegation of abuse is made against a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Our confidential hotline (516-594-9063) is closely monitored, and calls made to it are returned within 24 hours by a licensed mental health professional. Allegations of abuse are promptly reported to the appropriate district attorney's office and are thoroughly investigated. In addition, pastoral care and mental health support is offered to any abuse survivor who needs assistance.

These are just a few of the reforms, efforts and safeguards that have been in place since 2002 in our Diocese, and have made the Church on Long Island a truly safe environment. And we do not rest there. We continually work to discern the best ways to adjust and enhance our child protection practices, to raise consciousness in the Church and society about vigilance and to support survivors of abuse.

In 2017, we initiated our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) to provide a confidential mechanism for survivors to receive compensation and some measure of healing and justice. We intend to continue this program for the foreseeable future, even after the CVA takes effect, so survivors can, if they wish, be heard in a fair, respectful, confidential and timely way. To date, 370 people have filed claims with our IRCP. The vast majority of claimants – 277 to be exact – have accepted compensation totaling just over \$50 million, with 75-80 claims still being processed.

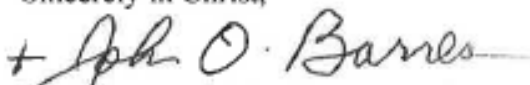
We have worked diligently with our financial and legal advisors to assess our financial position and maximize the availability of insurance coverage to meet the demands that will likely be imposed by anticipated CVA litigation. Please also know that parish collections and financial donations made through the Catholic Ministries Appeal will continue to be used, consistent with our commitment to our parishioners, to support the Diocese, and its ministries and pursue the goals of the Catholic Ministry Appeal. The parish offertory and Catholic Ministry Appeal funds have not and will not be used to resolve claims for clergy sexual abuse.

The work of the Church – of administering the Sacraments, of teaching, healing, advocating, serving, and ministering to the poor and vulnerable – can and must continue, despite the sins of the past. I speak in greater detail about all of this, and about the Diocese’s robust safe environment practices and commitment to them, in a Catholic Faith Network (CFN) special video which you can view on CFN television, the Diocesan website (www.drvc.org) and on Diocese of Rockville Centre social media platforms.

The coming months will require perseverance and prayer if we are to emerge even more dedicated to Christ’s saving mission. As the opening of the CVA window takes place near the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, we are reminded to turn to Mary our Mother and draw courage from the one who did not look away from her suffering Son. She waited patiently, suffered with Him, and shared in His victory over sin and death.

This is the same Mary who, as Mother of the Church, gathered with the Apostles in the locked room, waiting for the power of the Holy Spirit to descend at Pentecost. As we enter a time of Paschal Mystery suffering, may Mary guide us, so that together we may continue to carry out the mission of her Son: the building up of the Kingdom of God throughout Long Island and the world.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Parish News

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Briella Sofia Pasco
Vivienne Louise Berardi

Mila Elizabeth Passanante
Maci Rose Haines

Stephen Paul Coulaz

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Anthony Luciano

Something New is Happening

Beginning on September 1, we will be offering one multiple Mass intention for Sundays alternating between the 5pm (Vigil) and the 8am Masses.

School Supplies – Needed!

Won't you purchase some school supplies to donate to our school-age children in need? Please bring in backpacks, pencils, pens, notebooks, crayons, glue, etc. If you don't have time to shop, gift cards to Walmart, Target, and CVS are most helpful. Please place all supplies in the lobby bin.



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.

A bereavement class will meet beginning Saturday, September 7, at 9am or Wednesday, September 11, at 8pm. Call John Laszewski 631-874-0210 or Fran Kish 631-587-1578 and tell us what works best for you.

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.

8/5/19	8/6/19	8/7/19	8/8/19	8/9/19	8/10/19	8/11/19
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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 – you can still be a part of this ministry!

Contact Maria at mrchetti4olog@gmail.com or call our Faith Formation Office at 661-9353 for more information!

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.

Youth Ministry Update

The Youth Ministry summer session is now over. Please remember these teenagers as they spend the rest of the summer enjoying their time off with family and friends. Before you know it, school will be starting up. If you or someone you know has nothing to do Tuesday nights, ask them if they would like to join us for faith, fun and fellowship!

The Youth Ministry "Fall Kick-Off" will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, from 7-9pm. We are looking for a great turnout, so bring all your friends and enjoy the night.



Golden Wedding Anniversary



This fall, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Maria Regina Church in Seaford.

Mass will begin at 2pm, Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski will preside.

Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. Space is limited; registration will be accepted on a first come – first served basis. The forms can also be found on the diocesan website

www.drvc-faith.org. If you have any questions, you may call 516-678-5800, ext. 223.

St. Padre Pio Prayer Group

This special group meets every second Tuesday of the month here at Our Lady of Grace Church at 7:30pm to recite the Rosary and special prayers to St. Padre Pio. Come and join us and see what they are all about.

Parish News

OLOG Daycare

Our Lady of Grace Day Care is now offering open registration for all classes infant through pre-k. Call 631-422-4681 or email jflorio@ourladyofgrace.net to set up an appointment for a tour with Jeanmarie Florio and meet our certified teachers and loving staff.



Angel Care



Angel CARE registration has begun for the school year 2019-2020. The before care opens at 7am and is \$10 daily when used. We service all the West Babylon schools. The after care is \$13 per day and closes at 6pm. The after care services all West Babylon schools and Daniel Street and William Rall in

Lindenhurst. For further information, please contact Tischa Stanley at 631-893-6564 or pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net.

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.



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.

Become a member of The Our Lady of Grace Choirs!

Our organist, Terence, will hold introductory sessions after Mass beginning this weekend, August 10 and 11, for anyone interested in joining a choir. We need members of all ages—children, teens, and adults. No auditions, no fees, no experience needed. Joining a choir is a great way to enjoy and learn about music while building confidence and making new connections. This one activity can easily fulfill community-service requirements for high school students.

