



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord



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.

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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

By **Witness**

We love God and neighbor each day.

By **Support**

We share our gifts and we encourage one another.

Our Parish Communion

Our Clergy

Rev. Joseph Davanzo, Pastor
Rev. Gabriel Miah, Associate
Rev. Martin Adu Gyamfi, Associate
Deacon Ricardo Garcia
Deacon Brian Miller
Deacon Irwin Saffran

Our Pastoral Staff

Jeanmarie Florio, Day Care Director
Peggy Harnisch, Faith Formation Director
Ann Kristoffersen, Parish Social Ministry
James Pisano, Facilities Manager
Terence Purtell, Director of Music
Doreen Scalise, Kids of the Kingdom/
Summer Fun Coordinator
Tischa Stanley, Angel Care Coordinator

Our Pastoral Council

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| Lee Abseck | Ralph Fiorillo |
| Mary Ellen McEntee | James Nevins |
| Maria Russello-Chetti | Lucy Sanchez |
| Kathleen Scheid | Concetta Whelan |

Our Finance Council

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| Richard Korcz (Trustee) | Joseph Salzone |
| Leonardo LoCricchio | Robert Scharf (Trustee) |
| Debra Nicosia | Thomas Villella |



Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Tuesday: 9:00am - 9:00pm
Wednesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday: 3:00-6:00pm & Sunday: 9:00 am-12:00pm

Baptism

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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Matrimony

Arrangements for marriage should be made as soon as possible but not less than 18 months prior to the intended wedding date.

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Reconciliation

Held every Saturday at 4-4:45pm in the Church or call for an appointment.

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Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated each Saturday during the 8:00am Mass for those facing surgery or those with major disorders. Call the Parish Office for other arrangements.

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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: 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 July & August.)

From The Pastor

Tragically, I read that today many children are ending their own lives because of the breakdown of the family. Four years ago, a depressed 6-year-old Minnesota girl was found hanging from a jump rope with a note that said, "I'm sorry." It's hard to believe small children are capable of suicide, but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) said the suicide rate for ages 10-14 has tripled over the last decade with 1,300 children age 5 to 12 ending their lives from 1999-2015. This is more children dying by their own hand than in school shootings.

Catholic author, John Horvart, offers 3 powerful ways, which do not involve government or "programs," to save children and help them to be children with things that are true and which they need. The 1st way is to recognize that childhood is a learning process, and there must be space for experimenting and risk-taking under the care, protection and security of adults. Experiencing hardships with the support of parents helps children deal with and overcome the fear of failure. Children without that support can fall into excessive worry, fear, severe anxiety and being socially isolated, especially with the internet and media encouraging ending one's life. It's said the suicide rate rose 29% after the airing of Netflix's suicide show "*13 Reasons Why*." Parents who stay married strengthen children because marriage is the natural setting for children to feel protection and stability. Children also need the protection and stability that come from extended families, local groups, parishes and communities. When parents are socially involved, children benefit from the security of social structures.

A 2nd way of prevention is helping children distinguish truth from error, right from wrong, and learning who they are and the purpose of their lives. This builds character and helps them to act with conviction. When impressionable children lack what is certain, they follow the latest fads, conform to what others think and have no moral compass to guide them. They question their identity and reason for living, and the things unknown can lead to anxiety and depression. Again, the 1st and best remedy is children who see their parents in a solid marriage with parents affirming truth and right and wrong. Children taught to defend the truth and to not be afraid of denouncing evil and sin will not be intimidated by the fear of being "politically incorrect."

The 3rd way to protect children from suicide involves a relationship with God. Society looks down on involving God in sociological problems, but the most effective way to protect children from themselves is a loving relationship with God. Without God, children cannot find answers to important life questions about who they are and why they exist. Without God, these questions can lead to anxiety and confusion. But with God in their lives, children can pray and ask God for help and see that their purpose is to know, love and serve Him. The holy marriage of their parents is again crucial for children to see holiness in action and for them to be directed toward Jesus, our God who assumed our human nature; so they can relate to a God made Man in whom they can confide. At the same time, children must be taught to pray often and regularly receive the sacraments.

Regardless of age, when we open our souls to God, we have strength in hardships and even children can overcome anxieties and fall into desperation. Let's pray for stronger and holier marriages, which will lead to stronger and holier parents, which will result in stronger and holier children.



Respect Life: "School Nurse Secretly Inserting Birth Control Implants"

A Baltimore mother was furious to learn from her 16-year-old daughter's pediatrician that the painful headaches and soreness she was experiencing was from a tube containing the contraceptive "Nexplanon," which was improperly inserted in her arm by a school nurse and without her parent's consent. The doctor recommend it be removed to relieve the pain and warned that it could cause worse side-effects, like blood clots. Mother Nicole Lambert said she "*started crying because anything could happen to your child and you don't know what's going on.*" She went to the school and the nurse said, "*I don't have to talk to you about nothing.*" Lambert said, "*They call me for Tylenol, but they don't call me for birth control.*" Disturbed that her daughter and others could without parental notification undergo invasive medical treatment with serious side-effects, she hired an attorney. The surgery to remove the implant involved removing skin and tissue damaged by the device. Although it was implanted into her daughter without Lambert's knowledge, the doctor could not remove it without the parent's consent.

(www.lifesitenews.com; Oct. 3, 2019)

This week:

Monday, January 6:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00pm-9:00pm (Church)

Tuesday, January 7

Bingo: 7:00pm – 11:00pm (PES)
Youth Ministry

7:30pm – 9:00pm (Room 212)

Wednesday, January 8

RCIA: 7:00pm – 9:00pm (Room 106 & 109)

Saturday, January 11:

Bingo: 7:00pm - 11:00pm (PES)

Worship This Week

Mon. St. Andre Bessette

Jan. 6 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6 / Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

8:00 Richard Torres

9:00 MaryAnn Scaraglino

Tues. St. Raymond

Jan. 7 1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44

8:00 Rev. Pat Amabile

9:00 Rev. Martin Klein

Wed. Christmas Weekday

Jan. 8 1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52

8:00 Pasquale and Monica Chiodi

9:00 Elsa Coia

Thurs. Christmas Weekday

Jan. 9 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4 / Lk 4:14-22

8:00 Fr. George Michell

9:00 Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

Fri. Christmas Weekday

Jan. 10 1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16

8:00 Rev. Santiago Dineros

9:00 Vincent Hagan

Sat. Christmas Weekday

Jan 11 1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

8:00 Gail D. Monteforte

Banns Of Marriage



Second Banns:

Phuong Uyen Cao - Lawrence Kevin Chu
(Blessed Sacrament, Houston, TX)

**Memorials for the Week of:
January 5, 2020**

Rose for Life

In Memory of Sue Lomot



Bread and Wine
ving Memory of Dorothy Thiel

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of the Finn, Carroll and N Families



Worship for Sunday, January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-3 / Mt 3:13-17

Presider

We Pray Especially For

5:00pm Fr. Joe/Dcn. Ricardo Paul LaMedica

8:00am Fr. Joe/ Dcn. Ricardo People of the Parish

10:00am Fr. Gabriel Louise Guiliano

12:00pm Fr. Martin Josephina Puleo

1:30pm Fr. Martin For Persons with Special Needs

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Hours: Monday to Friday: 9:00AM - 4:00PM.

Also open on Saturdays while class is in session.

Evening and weekend appointments available; please call.

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JOURNEY

Our Lady of Grace Parish offers middle school students in grades 6, 7, and 8 their very own Youth Ministry Program called "JOURNEY." The group provides youth the opportunity to deepen their relationship with Jesus and their faith while having fun and building friendships. JOURNEY will meet 1 or 2 Mondays per month between September and May.

Please join us from 7pm-8:30pm in Rooms 210/212 on the following dates: Jan. 13 and 27, Feb. 10 and 24, Mar. 9 and 23, Apr. 6 and 20, May 4 and 28. (Dates are subject to change if needed).

Also, please check out our Facebook Page @ Journey OLOG or email us at: JourneyOLOG@gmail.com. Bring your friends!!

Convent Update!!

We are hoping to move ahead with plans to utilize the Convent as a parish Retreat Center. While the building is in good shape, many updates are needed to utilize it fully. In an effort keep costs as low as possible we would like you to consider donating something to be used in the Retreat Center. At this time we are in need of chairs for the meeting room, Chapel and dining room. For all three rooms we are hoping to purchase 100 to 125 chairs. Chairs can be donated at a cost \$30.00 each. Large round tables will also be needed at a cost of \$80.00 each. We are hoping to purchase 10 to 12 of these. You can drop your donation at the Faith Formation Office. Please mark it Convent donation. As we continue to plan, please pray for the success of this exciting new use of our Convent! Updates will follow. If you have any questions, call Peggy at 631-661-9353.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

REGISTER ONLINE WWW.DRVC-FAITH.ORG

RCIA Level I

St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage: Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30, February 6, and 13, 2020: 10am to 12pm.

Ministry of Consolation Level I

St. Aidan, Williston Park: Wednesdays, January 22, 29; February 5, and 12, 2020: 10am - 12pm.

Building Intercultural Competences in Ministry

St. Frances Cabrini, Coram

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 27; March 12, and 19, 2020 - 10:00am to 12:00pm Or

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt

Mondays, February 10, 24; March 2, 9, and 16, 2020—6:30pm to 8:30pm.

For more information, workshops,
please visit drvc-faith.org/event/

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Prayer for Families

We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own incarnate Son,
to become part of a family, so that as he lived His life,
He would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family,
so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home,
bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

From the Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany

CHRISTMAS IS A SEASON WE CELEBRATE UNTIL JANUARY 12TH THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

During this beautiful season, we celebrate the arrival of Jesus, the gift of God among us as a genuine human – like us except for sin. By His life, Jesus attracted many to the God News of the Reign of God, especially the poor, the marginalized, those of no account in the eyes of the world.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

- To West Babylon Community Youth Group under the direction of Pat Farrell who donated a huge bundle of toys, so Santa could put them under the Christmas tree.
- To the families who generously adopted some families in need.
- To the many volunteer ministers who serve in the Social Ministry Office and in the Pantry Services. Without you behind the scenes, none of the varied works serving those in need would have been accomplished.
- To the volunteer drivers, especially Michael and his grandson, Thomas, who deliver to the homebound.
- To the maintenance staff for their help during this busy time.
- To all the parishioners who donated gifts and gift cards to help make Christmas happy for those families in need who come to Parish Social Ministry Outreach.
- To Boy Scout Troop 175 who sent scouts to help us distribute gifts for Christmas.
- To the Youth Ministry of Our Lady of Grace who purchased gifts for 10 teen girls and boys for Christmas.
- To the many anonymous donors who bring donations to our Pantry, especially the woman who brings fresh fruit and vegetables, Mary and Ed, who faithfully donate each week.

May the peace of Christ be with all of you and your families.

Ministries with Children and Families

Family Life Ministry

We host the monthly breakfast after the 10:00 Mass where we can meet new people and have a nice break. We also offer spiritual and social several events during the year.

If you'd like to help, contact Maria at mrchetti4olog@gmail.com; mharnisch@ourladyofgrace.net or call the office at 631-661-9353 or come to our next meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 7:30pm in Room 109.

If you would like to be involved and cannot come to our meetings, just let us know; we'll email you with everything that's happening.

Our next Hospitality Breakfast will be Sunday, January 19, 2020, and we are planning some new additions to the menu! We hope you'll join us at 11:00am.

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The Babylon Chorale

Auditions will be held for the Babylon Chorale on Monday, Jan. 6th and Jan. 13th, 2020 at St. John the Baptist H.S., 1170 Montaul Hwy., West Islip. All voice parts are welcomed. Join us for rehearsal from 7:30-9:45pm; auditions take place at 8:30pm. For further information, call 631-585-3111 or 516-221-3211, visit: www.babylonchorale.org.

CYO Basketball News



Congratulations to the OLOG 6th grade girls' basketball team on an undefeated season! Good luck in the playoffs!

Top L to R: Asst. coach Lex, Sophia, Maggie, Sienna, Sarah, Gabriella, Coach PJ, Alura.

Middle L to R: Brooke, Hayden, Mia - Kneeling L to R: Emma, Kaelyn.

'Religion and Rock'

Tune into 'Religion and Rock' with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sundays from 7-8am on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island's East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11pm on XM Satellite, Channel 117. To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at "Religion & Rock" on *ITUNES*.

Don't forget to tune into TELECARE, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit www.telecaretv.org for the best Catholic Television! Download the TelecareTV App at the app store and listen to R&R!

Parish News

Please Pray for Those Who Have Died This Week

Joseph F. Vallone

Michael A. Cardinale

Mass Intentions

Unannounced Masses

We offer **unannounced** Mass intentions which will be offered almost immediately. These intentions are not put in the bulletin or announced at any Mass. The cost is \$20. Please come to or call the Parish Office at 631-587-5185.

Multiple Mass Intentions

We offer one multiple Mass Intention for Sundays alternating between the Saturday, 5pm (Vigil) and the Sunday, 8am Masses.

Volunteers are needed

Maria Regina Residence at 1725 Brentwood Rd., Brentwood, is an 188-bed skilled nursing facility under the care of the sisters of St. Joseph, is currently seeking compassionate, dedicated men and women who are willing to volunteer their time on alternate Saturday mornings in assisting to transport residents in their wheelchairs, deliver newspapers or help to serve in the dining room. Is the Spirit calling you?

For more information, please contact Sr. Mary Sheppard, CSJ, and leave contact information at 631-299-3288. Prayfully and thankfully, we look forward to hearing from you and will respond on the next scheduled office day.

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Parish Memorial Opportunities

We offer several ways to remember or honor loved ones through our liturgical memorials:

Sanctuary Lamp: \$10 Rose for Life: \$10 Bread & Wine: \$25 each Prayer Garden Paver: \$75



You can also make a donation to our Altar Fund; cards are available in the Parish Office.

Please stop in to the Parish Office to arrange a special memorial for your loved one.

For more information, call 631-587-5185.
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Support Our Lady of Grace with a Calendar Raffle

\$25 ticket that lasts six months.

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| 12/30/19 | 12/31/19 | 1/1/20 | 1/2/20 | 1/3/20 | 1/4/20 | 1/5/20 |
| 385 | 214 | 77 | 3 | 486 | 593 | 67 |



“The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.”

- *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #112*

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

I am happy to announce we are beginning a **Sacred Music Society** here at Our Lady of Grace. With the generosity of patrons like you, we will be able to continue offering beautiful music for our liturgies, concerts, and special programs throughout the year.

Contributions will be used to directly support the music program at Our Lady of Grace, including Advent Lessons and Carols, the monthly concert series, additional instruments for the special liturgies of Christmas and Easter. Acknowledgments are made in programs for our concerts and special musical offerings throughout the year as well as in our parish bulletin. Contributions can be given at any of the following levels:

- ◆ St. Cecilia (\$350 or more)
- ◆ Schola Cantorum (\$200 to \$349)
- ◆ Cantor’s Circle (\$100 to \$199)
- ◆ Psalmist’s Platform (\$50 to \$99)
- ◆ Chorister’s Guild (\$25 to \$49)
- ◆ Angelic Chorus (up to \$24)

It will be primarily through the support of the *Sacred Music Society* that we will be able to continue to produce high-quality music in our church. To contribute, please mail or bring the completed form below and a check made payable to “*Our Lady of Grace R.C. Church*” in an envelope to the Parish Office, Attn: Terence Purtell. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact me at tpurtell@ourladyofgrace.net or (631) 587-5185 ext. 219.

Please consider being a part of our music history at Our Lady of Grace!

God bless you in advance for your generosity and support.

- Terence

Our Lady of Grace SACRED MUSIC SOCIETY 2019 - 2020

I wish to support the *Sacred Music Society* by making a donation of \$ _____
(please make checks payable to *Our Lady of Grace R.C. Church*)

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone#: _____

This donation is:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Anonymous

More Parish News

OLOG Daycare



Call Jeanmarie Florio at 631-422-4681 or email jflorio@ourladyofgrace.net

Daycare has open enrollment for all ages all year long. We are also looking to hire loving assistant teachers. Many different hours available: 8-1:30; 12-5:30 and 3-6. Call Jeanmarie at 631-422-4681.

Angel Care

Opens at 7:00AM and is \$10 daily when used. After care is \$13 per day and closes at 6:00PM. Please contact Tischa Stanley at pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net. or 631-893-6564.



Advent Wreath Memorial Opportunity

Our Advent Wreath is available in 4 shares for a Memorial opportunity.

Please call or visit the Parish Office for more information. Memorial donation: \$100



Bringing Forth the Bread and Wine

If you would like to carry the offerings forward at the Presentation of the Gifts during the Mass, please let the ushers know this before Mass begins. (You must arrive early.)



The Altar Society

Altar Society members take turns caring for the altar linens used at Masses. We are still in need of help. If you are able to lend a hand, please call the Parish Office at 631-587-5185 or email : galetwohig@ourladyofgrace.net.



Low Gluten Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available for those who cannot receive Holy Communion using the usual bread. Please speak with one of our sacristans, Anthony Colletti or Fran Sarvis. They will be happy to accommodate you.

Is the Lord Calling You to Hospital Ministry?

When someone is in the hospital, it is a blessing to stay connected to our parish. We are seeking volunteers to visit our parishioners at Good Samaritan Hospital. You do not have to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to be a pastoral visitor. The time and days for visiting are flexible. If you are interested, please call 1-631-376-4103.

Stewardship in Action

2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal

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| Goal: | \$91,800.00 |
| 202 Pledges to Date: | \$45,576.00 |
| Average Pledge: | \$225.62 |