



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

March 29, 2020

5th Sunday of Lent



We change lives through the Risen Christ

By **Prayer**

Praying daily for our intentions
and the success of our mission.

By **Presence**

Joining together at Mass every weekend for
mutual support and the grace God offers.

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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), 12:00 Noon (Choir)

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00am and 9:00am - Saturday 8:00am

Holy Days: See inside

By **Witness**

Witnessing daily our love for God
and neighbor.

By **Support**

Sharing our gifts and
encouraging 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

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

Our Finance Council

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

Banns of Marriage

1st Banns:

Trishia Peratta Ang -
Marc Andrzej Santa Ana



Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Tuesday:
9:00am - 1:30pm; 2:00pm - 9:00pm
Wednesday through Friday:
9:00am - 1:30pm; 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Saturday: 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Baptism

Call the 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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Confession/Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45pm in the Church or call for an appointment.

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Anointing of the Sick

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

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Initiation as a Catholic

For adults, teens, or children over age 7 who are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Communion) Call the Office.

Regular Devotions:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mondays: 2:00pm - 9:00pm except holidays or when noted.

Miraculous Medal Novena with Rosary:

Mondays following 8:00am and 9:00am Masses.

Holy Face of Jesus:

Hour of Reparation 1st Friday after 9:00am Mass.

Padre Pio Prayer Group:

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

Scripture Sharing:

Every Tuesday - 9:30am (except July and August)

From The Pastor

Pandemic Gratitude?!

“Pandemic Gratitude?” Seems like an odd thing to say during these times. Are we supposed to be grateful for supply shortages, long lines, widespread cancellations, fear, uncertainty, panic? While these reactions are very understandable, let’s take a step back and look at this through our Lenten lenses. While the COVID-19 virus is causing one pandemic, how about Lent causing a pandemic of a different kind, one of gratitude and action. Each Lent we are called to Pray, Fast and Give Alms. We are grateful for the opportunity to focus on the gifts we have been given, reflect on how to use these gifts responsibly for the furthering of God's kingdom here on earth, and then act. So, firstly, for what can we show gratitude?

We are grateful and **PRAY** for...

- Government leaders who have taken bold actions to keep us safe.
- Technology that allows us to stay informed and connected even when we are encouraged to maintain social distance.
- Medical science and researchers who are working around the clock to find a cure.
- Medical personnel, doctors, nurses and first responders who are on the front lines risking their own health to care for those who are affected.
- School administrators and teachers who are working to continue the education of our youth as seamlessly as possible.
- Custodial, maintenance and cleaning staff who work endless hours to disinfect and sanitize our buildings.
- The Pope, Bishops and all our Clergy who continue to provide for our spiritual nourishment.
- All those who are actively placing the common good ahead of personal gain.
- The return to health of all those affected, their caretakers, medical providers and those working for a cure.

While we can pray and be grateful for all of those who are working to ensure our health and safety, it is natural to feel overwhelmed and, perhaps, that there is nothing we can do to help. But, in reality, there are many ways to use our gifts given to us by our generous God to come to the aid of others.

Continuing our Lenten journey, we can **FAST** from...

- Selfishness by purchasing more than we really need so that others can have what they need.
- The panic and anxiety that surrounds us and remain calm and responsible.
- Negative thoughts and trust in the Lord's love and strength for us to move forward following the advice of our local leadership.
- Self-centered actions fueled by fear and turn ourselves outward to contribute to community awareness and solutions.

Finally, we can practice **GIVING ALMS** and performing acts of charity to...

- Assist our neighbors, especially the elderly and most vulnerable, by shopping for them and taking care of their errands when they cannot.
- Remember to wash our hands for at least 20 seconds. Instead of singing, why not pray The Lord’s Prayer and the Hail Mary? That will be a bit longer than 20 seconds, but a few more moments of prayer won’t hurt!
- Be mindful that while many of us cannot attend Mass at this time, we can still save and mail our offertory gift to our parish or bring it with us when we are able to return to continue the mission of our Church.
- Stay home if we don't feel well or if we are instructed to do so.

Do you recognize something here? Aren’t these all things we are called to do anyway as responsible members of society? Yes, there is fear and uncertainty, but it is also a time to focus on the scriptural mandate to “*Be Not Afraid.*” For in these times, and all times, we know and trust in God’s Word, “*the light that shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.*” (Jn 1:5) It is a time to use our gifts responsibly to face not only this, but all the challenges in our lives.

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Please Take Note

Due to suspension of all Masses in Church,
All Mass intentions will be celebrated
privately by the priests.

Happening this Week

**ALL activities are cancelled until
further notice.**

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Memorials this Week: March 29, 2020



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Pi Chu Shiam Shen
Cheng and Maria and Enrique Cheng
and All Souls in Purgatory

Bread and Wine

In Memory of Pi Chu Shiam Shen
Chang and Maria and Enrique
Cheng and All Souls in Purgatory



Paschal Candle



We invite up to 4 individuals or families to memorialize the Paschal Candle through a \$150 donation. A beautiful way to remember your loved one. For information or to memorialize, please leave your name, phone number and name of the person/family to be memorialized with the donation at the Parish Office.

Worship This Week

Mon. Lenten Weekday

Mar. 30 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Jn 8:1-11

8:00 Rev. Martin F. Kirby

9:00 Antonino Bonventre

Tues. Lenten Weekday

Mar. 31 Nm 21:4-9 / Jn 8:21-30

8:00 Rev. John James Newell

9:00 Pi Chu and Shiam Shen Cheng,
Maria and Enrique Cheng

Wed. Lenten Weekday

Apr. 1 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42

8:00 Rev. Santiago Dineros

9:00 Anthony Mirabella

Thurs. Lenten Weekday

Apr. 2 Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59

8:00 Jo-Ann Gosline (9th Anniv.)

9:00 Girolamo Ferro

Fri. Lenten Weekday

Apr. 3 Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42

8:00 Rev. Msgr. James M. McDonald

9:00 Holy Face of Jesus - Living and Deceased

Sat. Lenten Weekday

Apr. 4 EZ 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56

8:00 Joseph M. Campbell, Patti and Chip Perry
(Living), Peter LoCascio.

Sunday Worship - April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mt 21:1-11, Is 50:4-7, Mt 26:14 - 27:66

Presider

5:00pm Fr. Martin

8:00am Fr. Martin

10:00am Fr. Gabriel

12:00pm Fr. Joe

Mass Intention

Mario Vona

People of the Parish

Irene Lomuscio

Steven Baranovich

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - Cultural Diversity in the Catholic Church

Christian anthropology teaches us that the human person, each one of us, is created in the “image and likeness of God.” This means we are created with the same inalienable dignity of sons and daughters of God. No matter our skin color or ethnic or cultural origin, each is a beautiful reflection of the Creator, whose life must be valued and treated with honor and respect. Before He ascended into heaven, the Lord said to His followers, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” The Church exists to evangelize, to go and to make disciples. A Church that doesn’t go out, that doesn’t reach out to people to bring them into her bosom, is either dead or has lost her purpose, like salt that has lost its taste. (*One Church, Many Churches*, USCCB, 2019)

Act Now: Tell Officials to Include “Home Stability Support” in NYS Budget

As towns and the entire world confront the coronavirus, lawmakers in Albany still must pass a budget by April 1. More than 150,000 children and 80,000 families are almost homeless. The Home Stability Support program is a responsible way to help families on public assistance stay in their homes and out of dangerous shelters. In a time of pandemic, this is most urgent. It will reduce taxpayer costs by preventing evictions and reduce use of emergency shelters and homeless services. The “Shelter Supplement” will support 85%-100% of fair market rent. Recipients will receive help to avoid homelessness and achieve long-term housing stability.

Take a moment to go to the New York State Catholic Conference at www.nyscatholic.org and click “Take Action” and then “Latest Action Alerts” to urge our officials to Include Home Stability Support Program in State Budget.

Thank You... to the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Babylon for their recent food drive and all who faithfully place items in our pantry bin throughout the year. With your help, we can assist over 100 families each month.



New Psalm Music at Our Lady of Grace!

Song leaders will transition to the Psalm versions that match the text in our missalette, “Sunday’s Word.” This is a challenge for singers unaccustomed to Chant and for young singers reading the missalette that uses a few complicated words. Be patient and supportive with the psalm music, we will get better and better! Sheet music to match every Sunday in our missalette is \$35 per book. The most frequent song leaders will receive their own book, others will be shared among choir song leaders. Eight books have been ordered for a cost of \$280 plus S&H. Over the summer, we hope a parish concert will offset these costs. In the meantime, any donations now are greatly welcomed. Thank you, we hope you enjoy the music!



The Rose For Life Update

Unfortunately, the florist has informed us that the delivery of the Rose for Life has been suspended until further notice. All those who will be affected by this will be rescheduled at a later time.

Faith Formation – Ministries with Children and Families

FORMED

During this very stressful time for you and your family, I urge you to check out FORMED. FORMED is a digital platform to view all kinds of Catholic programming, listen to talks and read books. There are things for people of every age. Subscription to FORMED is our parish's gift to you.

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I'll be sending suggestions each week for families, children and teens!

Mass Intentions

Unannounced Mass Intentions: offered almost immediately. They do not appear in the bulletin and are not announced at any Mass. Please come to the Parish Office. Cost: \$20

Multiple Mass Intentions: offered weekly alternating between the Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass and the Sunday, 8:00 am Mass.

Memorial Opportunities to Remember or Honor Loved Ones

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

You can also donate to our Altar Fund; cards available in the Office.

Be a Winner and Support Our Calendar Raffle

\$25 ticket lasts 6 months.

3/23/20	3/24/20	3/25/20	3/26/20	3/27/20	3/28/20	3/29/20
400	411	381	261	181	264	453