



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

April 5, 2020



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

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Banns of Marriage

1st Banns:

Angela Cardaci -
Bradley Wahal



2nd Banns:

Trishia Peratta Ang -
Marc Andrzej Santa Ana

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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.

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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)

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Parish Office Hours:

All Parish Offices are closed until further notice

From The Pastor

Public Mass Ban Leads to New Focus on 'Spiritual Communion'

By Cindy Wooden - Catholic News Service

ROME -- Public Masses are banned throughout Italy, but literally thousands of Masses are celebrated each day and, in addition to watching them on television or computer screens, the faithful can receive "spiritual Communion." Pope Francis, after reciting a livestreamed Angelus prayer March 15, told people, *"United to Christ we are never alone, but instead form one body, of which he is the head. It is a union that is nourished with prayer and also with spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is recommended when it isn't possible to receive the sacrament."*

Obviously, receiving Communion is the way to participate most fully in the Mass, but it is not always possible for everyone to receive at every Mass, nor do many Catholics in the world even have regular access to Mass. The idea of "spiritual Communion," inviting Jesus into one's heart and soul when receiving the actual sacrament isn't possible, is part of Catholic tradition. In the 1700s, St. Alphonsus Liguori wrote a special prayer for spiritual communion: *"My Jesus, I believe you are really here in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you more than anything in the world, and I hunger to receive you. But since I cannot receive Communion at this moment, feed my soul at least spiritually. I unite myself to you now as I do when I actually receive you."*

Auxiliary Bishop Paolo Ricciardi of Rome, writing in the Vatican newspaper March 11, said, *"This month all priests will continue to celebrate Masses and even if they cannot participate, Christians will continue to carry into the world the grace of years of abundance to face these weeks of famine."* The bishop prayed that acts of only spiritual Communion would help people *"joyfully rediscover all of the good that the Eucharist has given us from the day of our first Communion."* *"Let us increase our desire to receive it again ... with a renewed awareness of encountering the living Christ with joy on our faces and in our hearts -- and not with those faces we sometimes see at Mass,"* he said, and *"with a commitment to beginning again from the Eucharist to give life to the world."*

In countries where Catholics can and do receive the sacrament frequently, they do not hear the term "spiritual Communion" very often, but it has been mentioned even in recent church documents. The Vatican's preparatory document for the 2012 International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin said those who cannot receive the Eucharist can have spiritual Communion, declaring their desire to receiving the Eucharist and uniting *"their suffering of that moment with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ."* The working document for the Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist in 2005 addressed the idea of offering up the sacrifice of being unable to receive Communion. It said: *"Spiritual Communion, for example, is always possible for elderly persons and the sick who cannot go to church. In manifesting their love for the Eucharist, they participate in the communion of saints with great spiritual benefit for themselves and the church. By offering their sufferings to God, the church is enriched."*

In *"Sacramentum Caritatis,"* the document Pope Benedict XVI issued in 2007 reflecting on the synod, he cautioned people against thinking they had *"a right or even an obligation"* to receive the Eucharist every time they went to Mass. *"Even in cases where it is not possible to receive sacramental Communion, participation at Mass remains necessary, important, meaningful and fruitful. In such circumstances it is beneficial to cultivate a desire for full union with Christ through the practice of spiritual Communion,"* Pope Benedict wrote.

Prayer for Protection in Pandemic by Pope Francis seeks Our Lady's Intercession

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

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 cancelled
until further notice.

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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.

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Thank You for Continuing Your Church Offerings!

Thanks to those who continue to remember Our Lady of Grace with your donations during this time of pandemic. Some have mailed their donations; others have come when the church is open for prayer and put their donations through the slot on the parish office door. We rely on the donations to pay our bills and maintain our operations. As Vice President Mike Pence said, "churches have made the hard choice of suspending services...churchgoing Americans should continue their donations as ministries play a vital role in the wake of the coronavirus crisis."

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Joe Davanzo

Worship This Week

Mon. Monday of Holy Week

Apr. 6 Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

8:00 Philip McManus (Anniv.)

9:00 Kathleen Contillo

Tues. Tuesday of Holy Week

Apr. 7 Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

8:00 Rev. Lawrence B. Rafferty

9:00 Rocco A. Mingione

Wed. Wednesday of Holy Week

Apr. 8 Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

8:00 Stefano Sergio Filipponi

9:00 Carlo Todaro

Thurs. Holy Thursday

Apr. 9 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15

Fri. Good Friday

Apr. 10 Is 52:13 - 53:12 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1 - 19:42

Sat. Holy Saturday

Apr. 11 Gn 1:1 - 2:2 / Gn 22:1-18 / Ex 14:15 - 15:1 / Is 54:5-12 / Is 55:1-11 / Bar 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4 / Ez36:16-17a,18-28 / Rom 6:3-11 / Mt 28:1-10

8:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday Worship - April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 / Jn 20:1-9

	Presider
8:00am	Fr. Martin
10:00am Church	Fr. Gabriel
10:00am PES	Fr. Martin
12:00pm Church	Fr. Joe
12:00pm PES	Fr. Gabriel

Mass Intention
Easter Mass Remembrance
Alina Niebrzydowska
Ruth Weinstein
Rachel Marie Janous & Michael Dolgarakis
People of the Parish

Parish Social Ministry

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Paradoxical Commandments of Mother Teresa

- People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
- If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
- If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.
- If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.
- What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.
- If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
- The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.
- Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.
- In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EIC)

Many tax filers may be eligible for an EITC worth up to \$6,143. Millions of eligible workers do not claim their credit. Even those who don't owe income tax can qualify. The taxpayer should be working, and he/she and his dependents should have a valid SSN. The child should be under 18 and should be related to the taxpayer. For more information, check with you tax professional.

Child Tax Credit (CTC)

Families earning more than \$3,000 may qualify – up to \$1,000 for each qualifying child under age 17. For more information, check with you tax professional.

Alzheimer's Association

Reliable information, support, and crisis assistance to families. Early-stage support groups provide safe and supportive environments. Call 800-272-3900 or go to alz.org.

Garden Workers Needed

Planting season is coming, and we are looking for help in organizing, getting the garden prepared, seeding and the continuing care of the garden. So if you like getting dirty, this must be the job you are looking for. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 631-587-5185.

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. Those who will be affected by this will



Thank you to those who donated to help Furnish a Retreat Center in our Convent!

We need 100 - 125 chairs for the chapel and dining room at \$30 each. We also need 10 - 12 large round tables at \$80 each. Please mark your donation, "Convent," and bring to it the Faith Formation Office. Another expense is upgrading the exit and emergency lighting which will cost several thousand dollars. If you are a business owner or are looking to make a charitable donation, please consider this.



Please pray for the success of this exciting new use of our convent! Updates will follow.

Any questions call Peggy: 631-661-9353.

Please use the tear off below with your donation:

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Faith Formation – Ministries with Children and Families

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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.

For information: 631-587-5185.

Be a Winner and Support Our Calendar Raffle

\$25 ticket lasts 6 months.

3/30/20	3/31/20	4/1/20	4/2/20	4/3/20	4/4/20	4/5/20
584	281	478	261	463	469	443