



# **Our Lady of Grace**

**Roman Catholic Church**

**May 3, 2020**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**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:

Andrzej Mariz Vardaro—Brad Thomas



## 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)

Parish Office Hours:

**All Parish Offices are closed until further notice**

## From The Pastor

### **Archbishop Pérez: Easter's spirit of hope can help heal the pain of coronavirus.**

April 10, 2020

The arrival of Easter this year has found us all living in a surreal landscape. The worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus has dramatically and suddenly impacted the normal course of our lives over the past several weeks. As the number of cases, the danger to our health, and the death toll have all grown, we have been starkly reminded that every life is a truly precious gift from God. The need for isolation, social distancing, and quarantine has been challenging. While necessary for the preservation of public health, these measures have negatively affected people financially, mentally, and emotionally. In these times of uncertainty, I know there is a temptation to sink into despair.

Easter and its message of hope could not have arrived at a better time. For Christians, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the defining moment of our faith. It is the wellspring of our eternal hope that the purity of God's love flowing through us will overcome all things. During Lent, I asked Catholics across the region to keep their eyes fixed on Christ the crucified and Christ the merciful as a means of inspiration to encounter the world with charity and goodwill. Today, we keep our eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ the Resurrected. He inspires us to receive and to give a love that is boundless. This love is pure. It does not discriminate. It is invincible. Neither contagion nor death can conquer it.

It has been a painful, confusing, and trying time, but in Christ and His triumph on the Cross, God's great love for us prevails. That love transcends our human understanding and is more powerful than we can comprehend. It will never fail us regardless of where life finds us. Right now, life finds us in a particularly difficult time that has slowed our world to a near stop. Yet, it has also given us an opportunity to rediscover those things that are truly important. So, on this Easter, let us look to God with renewed hearts and minds. May His love flow through us and inspire us to encounter one another with tenderness and mercy. May that same love also strengthen us each day with the resolve to see value in ourselves and in one another. A new day will dawn, and we can rebuild through Him who makes all things possible.

At a basic level, Easter brings hope to our lives and inspires us to take actions that build a better community and a better world through our interactions with one another. Regardless of faith tradition, all of us could use some hope and all of us have a responsibility to hold and care for one another. May this Easter season bring you that hope and inspiration, and may we all find renewed peace and joy.

(Nelson J. Pérez is Archbishop of Philadelphia and a former auxiliary bishop of Rockville Centre)



### ***Thank you for your continued financial sacrifice for our parish.***

We are grateful to all who use online giving, put their envelopes through the office door, and mail us their envelopes. This situation of virus has placed an emotional and financial burden on many of us and has greatly strained our parish budget with the potential to impact our mission. If you are able, the diocese has also developed a "***Text to Give***" option for each parish enabling you to make a weekly donation on your smart phone. To do this, text "**165parisholgrace**" to **516-271-3338**. Please continue praying for our first responders, doctors and nurses, and all those helping on the front lines. Thank you and may God bless you and your families. You are remembered in my daily Mass intentions.



**Online Offertory Giving**

**Text: 165parisholgrace**

**To: 516-271-3338**

## Please Take Note

Due to suspension of Masses in Church,  
the priests will celebrate all Mass intentions  
privately.

### Happening this Week

ALL activities canceled  
until further notice.

### *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

### Paschal Candle

We invite up to four 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

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	
<b>May 4</b>	Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:11-18	
8:00		
9:00	Vincent Hagan	
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	
<b>May 5</b>	Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30	
8:00		
9:00		
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	
<b>May 6</b>	Acts 12:24 - 13:5a / Jn 12:44-50	
8:00		
9:00		
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	
<b>May 7</b>	Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-25	
8:00	Margaret Grillo	
9:00		
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	
<b>May 8</b>	Acts 13:26-33	
8:00		
9:00	Lucy T. O'Rafferty	
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Easter Weekday</b>	
<b>May 9</b>	Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14	
8:00	Ralph DiDomenico, Regina Braun	

### Sunday Worship - May 10, 2020 5th Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12

	<b>Presider</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
5:00pm	Fr. Joe	
8:00am	Fr. Joe	
10:00am	Fr. Mjartin/Deacon Ricardo	
12:00pm	Fr. Gabriel/Deacon Ricardo	People of the Parish
1:30pm	Fr. Martin	For Persons with Special Needs

# Parish Social Ministry

## COVID Fraud

Beware of fraud schemes exploiting the Coronavirus emergency through websites, contacting people by phone and email, and posting misinformation on social media:

- ◆ **Testing scams:** fake at-home test kits or going door-to-door for fake tests for money.
- ◆ **Treatment scams:** selling cures, vaccines, and advice on unproven treatments.
- ◆ **Supply scams:** fake shops, websites, social media accounts and email addresses selling medical supplies. They pocket the money and never provide supplies.
- ◆ **Provider scams:** pretending to be doctors and hospitals that have treated a relative or friend and demand payment.
- ◆ **Charity scams:** soliciting donations for individuals, groups, and areas affected by COVID-19.
- ◆ **App scams:** creating and manipulating apps to track the spread of COVID-19 to insert malware that will compromise users' devices and personal information
- ◆ **Investment scams:** offering online promotions claiming the product or services of companies can prevent, detect, or cure COVID-19.

### The Rose For Life Update

Due to the coronavirus, the delivery of the Rose for Life has been suspended until further notice. Those affected will be rescheduled at a later time.



### Calendar Raffle Tickets Update

Look out for the new calendar raffle tickets which will be in the mail by the first of May. Remember that these tickets begin on July 1 and end on December 31. Good luck to all!



### ***“Tabernacle Letters”**: Send a Letter to Christ!*

Dear Parishioners,

We pray that all are well and safe during this coronavirus pandemic.

As we journey through the Easter season, we invite you to participate in “**Tabernacle Letters**” to give us, who miss Holy Mass and Communion, a concrete way to send love the Risen Lord’s Real Presence in the Eucharist in the Blessed Sacrament here at Our Lady of Grace. Christ Himself invites us to come to Him with our burdens and He will give us rest (Mt. 11:28). In these trying times, we encourage you to participate.

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and write what comes to your heart: prayers, praise or petitions. Send your “**Tabernacle Letter**” by email to Fr. Martin at [frmartin@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:frmartin@ourladyofgrace.net) with the subject line “**Tabernacle Letters**”, or send by mail to Fr. Martin Adu Gyamfi, Our Lady of Grace R.C. Church, 666 Albin Avenue, West Babylon, NY 11704. Mark it “Attention: Tabernacle Letters” These letters will be placed before our tabernacle, before the Real Presence of Christ. We hope you will participate and open your heart to the heart of Our Lord.

Please, be assured of our prayerful support for you and your families.

Yours in Christ,

Frs. Joe, Gabriel & Martin.

# 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.

For information: 631-587-5185.

## Be a Winner and Support Our Calendar Raffle

\$25 ticket lasts 6 months.

4/27/20	4/28/20	4/29/20	4/30/20	5/1/20	5/2/20	5/3/20
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