



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

May 17, 2020

6th Sunday of Easter



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

2nd Banns:

Nicole Della Porta - Alze Volpe

Claudia Colabella - Richard Schimmel



3rd Banns:

Andra Marie 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

Relic of the Holy Thorn Changes Color

April 21, 2020

The relic of the Holy Thorn kept in Italy's Cathedral of Andria changed color, according to Bishop Luigi Mansi of the Archdiocese of Andria, Italy. The relic belongs to Jesus' original crown of thorns. The Cathedral of Andria held the relic "*since 1308, as many know, a distinguished Relic of the Passion of Christ, consisting of one of the thorns that formed the crown placed on the Savior's head,*" Bishop Mansi said. Tradition says that the relic's appearance changes when the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (Mar. 25) falls on Good Friday. On those occasions, as the Archdiocese of Andria said, "*the Holy Thorn suddenly changes its appearance and undergoes transformations.*" In the past, "*drops of blood liquified, reviving of the color of the spots on the [thorn's] Spine,*" and "*the appearance of silvery whitish growths of a few millimeters,*" and "*even unexpected flowering*" occurred.

Because the churches are closed and the cathedral is empty, Bishop Mansi took the Holy Thorn relic to the private chapel of the episcopate where he celebrates daily Mass. "*From the first days of Holy Week, observing the state of the relic, I noticed it showing a different color than usual and, in particular, that it became somewhat lighter,*" Bishop Mansi said on April 18. The bishop invited Dr. Antonio Riezzo and Dr. Silvana Campanile, members of the Special Medical-Scientific Commission, to observe the thorn. Along with additional observations from other clergy, Bishop Mansi said "*what has happened below is well testified by five reports from time to time drawn up by me and by the history prepared by Dr. Silvana Campanile. These documents are deposited in the archives of the Episcopio.*" According to the bishop, this is not the first time that the Holy Thorn became an instrument of a prodigy. Something similar happened when the dates of the celebrations coincided in 2005 and 2016.

Traditionally, March 25 (the Solemnity of the Annunciation) falling on Good Friday "*represents Christ as the light coming to illuminate the world, but also the true immolated Lamb redeeming humanity and restoring its fullness freedom.*" However, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and Good Friday did not fall on Mar. 25 this year. The thorn suddenly changed color during Holy Week. "*While we intended on celebrating the mystery of Christ's redemptive suffering, we understand that the Lord does not abandon us, but in a way in particular he wanted to show his closeness in this hour of trial that, as a Church and as a world, we are living enveloped in worry and fear. Many of our brothers and sisters suffer in many ways: the disease in one's own flesh or in that of one's family and friends, the death of loved ones and the impossibility of accompanying them...living for weeks now isolated in homes...having to give up going to church for prayer and sacramental celebrations. I believe that the Lord wanted to tell us that his Passion continues in the pain of many men and women around the world. But also that this Passion, like yours, however painful, is a penultimate word, because the last is always a word of life and hope. It is the word of Easter, of the Resurrection, of Christ's victory over death and of the redemption of all humanity*" the bishop said.



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.

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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

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Memorials this Week: May 17, 2020



**Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
George Smith**

Worship This Week

Mon. St. John I

May 18 Acts 16:11-15 / Jn 15:26 - 16:4a

8:00

9:00

Tues. Easter Weekday

May 19 Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

8:00

9:00

Wed. St. Bernardine of Siena

May 20 Acts 17:15,22 - 18:1 / Jn 16:12-15

8:00

9:00

5:30

Thurs. The Ascension of the Lord

May 21 Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 / Mt 28:16-20

8:00

People of the Parish

9:00

7:30

Fri. St. Rita of Cascia

May 22 Acts 18:9-18 / Jn 16:20-23

8:00

9:00

Michael Corvino

7:00

Padre Pio

Sat. Easter Weekday

May 23 Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28

8:00

Sunday Worship - May 24, 2020 7th Sunday of Easter Acts 1:12-14 / 1 Pt 4:13-16 / Jn 17:1-11a

	Presider	Mass Intention
5:00pm	Fr. Martin	People of the Parish
8:00am	Fr. Martin	
10:00am	Fr. Gabriel / Deacon Ricardo	
12:00pm	Fr. Joe / Deacon Ricardo	Barbara Ann Longo

Parish Social Ministry

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 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

Loss of Loved One From COVID-19

American Red Cross Virtual Family Assistance Center – 585-957-8187

Any family member, a friend who thinks someone needs help, or an agency on behalf of the family can contact: www.redcross.org/NYSCOVIDFamilySupport.

Free Counseling & Support for All Workers Affected by COVID-19

Assistance available 24/7 for Front-Line Healthcare Professionals and Staff, First Responders and all Essential Workers. Family Service League – Dash Center and Hotline – 631-952-3333 or visit www.fsl-li-org.

Indigent Burials – Suffolk County

To apply for indigent burial assistance, choose a funeral home and advise the funeral home that you will be applying for a social services funeral. Use the online application at: <https://apps2.suffolkcountyny.gov/dss/burial>. For more information, call 631-854-9856.

Rose For Life to be rescheduled

Due to COVID-19, the Rose for Life has been suspended. Those affected will be rescheduled.



You Got to Be In It To Win It!!!

Your ‘Calendar Raffle Tickets’ are in the mail. Please submit your tickets ASAP. Remember that these tickets begin on July 1 and end on December 31. Good luck to all!



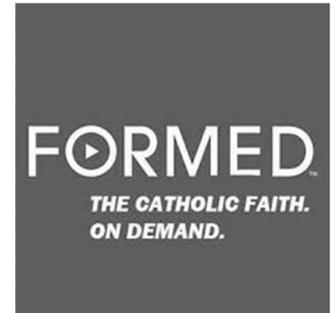
Faith Formation - Ministries with Children and Families

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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.

5/11/20	5/12/20	5/13/20	5/14/20	5/15/20	5/16/20	5/17/20
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