



# **Our Lady of Grace**

**Roman Catholic Church**

**June 14, 2020**



**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**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

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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     | Debra Nicosia  |
| Robert Scharf (Trustee) | Thomas Vilella |

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**Memorials for the week of: June 14, 2020**



**Bread and wine  
In Memory of  
Joan Coffey**

**Rose for Life  
In memory of  
Juanita M. Cambrelen**



## 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

From the Diocese of Rockville Centre - Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics:

### New Laws in New York State Threaten Human Life and Dignity

At the same time that this pandemic crisis is whirling around us, it is important not to become so distracted so as to ignore the world that continues “in the background.” For example, the New York State budget passed on April 3 included a measure to legalize commercial gestational surrogacy. This was a high priority advocated by the governor despite strong opposition by the New York State Catholic Conference. The law allows monetary compensation for a woman to carry a pregnancy intended for another couple, essentially a mother’s womb may now be “rented” in New York. Although recently such “commerce” has gained wider acceptance across the globe, it is gravely problematic. It is a most natural human desire to have children, and one that is pleasing to God when we are open and encouraging to life. However, when it is taken out of the natural order of God’s divine plan for love between a husband and wife, it becomes exploitative and displeasing to God.

Under commercial gestational surrogacy, human life is produced in a laboratory through in vitro fertilization (IVF), which itself entails dangerous risks to the egg donor, but also violates the divine meaning of the marital act, that is, the inseparability of the unitive and procreative aspects of sexual union. The storing or discarding of unused embryos and selective reduction of excess pregnancies (i.e. abortion) are hallmarks of IVF that highlight the disregard for human life inherent in the process. Every child has the right to be created in the loving embrace of his mother and father, not a step-wise scientific protocol; moreover, human dignity would also dictate that a child (as well as the woman’s womb) should not be the object of a financial transaction. The casualties are threefold:

- ◆ Women are exploited for their eggs and their wombs, with a particular risk to those who are socioeconomically challenged and may be coercively enticed by a price tag that undermines their health and their dignity.
- ◆ Children are treated as property rather than the supreme gift of sacramental marriage; in some cases, there could be a bewildering three sets of parents potentially identified for a child: the egg and sperm donors, the child-bearing woman and her spouse, and the adoptive parents.
- ◆ The family, that is what St. John Paul II called the sanctuary of life, is fractured and distorted by human will – and ultimately our culture suffers.

Lisa Honkanen, MD, Director of the DRVC Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics



### ***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



## Worship This Week

### Mon. Weekday

June 15 1 Kgs 21:1-16 / Mt 5:38-42  
8:00

9:00 Dennis Forgit

### Tues. Weekday

June 16 1 Kgs 21:17-29 / Mt 5:43-48  
8:00

9:00 Victor Diatlovich

### Wed. Weekday

June 17 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
8:00 Silvio & Joan Impagliazzo  
9:00

### Thurs. Weekday

June 18 Sir 48:1-14 / Mt 6:7-15  
8:00  
9:00

### Fri. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 19 Dt 7:6-11 / 1 Jn 4:7-16 / Mt 11:25-30  
8:00 Marie Liberti (41st Anniv.)  
9:00

### Sat. The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 20 2 Chr 24:17-25 / Lk 2:41-51  
8:00 Joan Coffey

### Sunday Worship - June 21, 2020 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:10-13 / Rom 5:12-15 / Mt 10:26-33

|         | Presider    | Mass Intention            |
|---------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 5:00pm  | Fr. Gabriel | People of the Parish      |
| 8:00am  | Fr. Gabriel | Silvio & Joan Impagliazzo |
| 10:00am | Fr. Joe     |                           |
| 12:00pm | Fr. Martin  |                           |

# 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](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 and Martin

### **Helping Children Understand the Pandemic**

Click <https://www.kellystayshome.com/> for a free-e-book called “Kelly Stays Home: The Science of the Coronavirus,” for ages 4 to 11.

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### **How to Use Your Economic Impact Payment Prepaid Debit Card**

If you received an Economic Impact Payment prepaid debit card from the government in the mail, do not throw it away. Some people qualified for a stimulus payment, and the IRS couldn’t direct deposit the payment. The card comes in a plain envelope from “Money Network Cardholder Services” along with information and instructions. It self will have the words “VISA” and “DEBIT” and “MetaBank, N.A.” Go to [www.EIPCard.com](http://www.EIPCard.com) or call 1-800-241-9100.

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### **Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council’s Medicaid Enrollment**

The Nassau-Suffolk enrollment assistors will provide Medicaid enrollment assistance by phone to adults and children disabled or blind and anyone over the age of 65. Documentation requirements have been relaxed during this time. They can be reached at [631-656-9783](tel:631-656-9783); [Press Option 2](#). They will also answer questions regarding insurance, understanding benefits, and finding specialists.

### **Confessions have resumed at OLOG on Saturdays at 4:00 pm.**

Please note:

- ◆ Confession will **not** take place in the church.
- ◆ The line begins in the gathering space and leads to Rooms 106, 109 and 110. Each priest’s name will be indicated on the door.
- ◆ You have the option of behind the screen or face to face.
- ◆ Clear signs will assist those waiting: one way in and one way out.

*Those waiting for confession must wear masks/cloth facial coverings  
and must maintain six feet of distance from each other.*

# Faith Formation - Ministries with Children and Families

## Parish Pantry: Nonperishable Food Items



We need the nonperishable food items for our regular food distribution: canned soups, pasta sauces, pasta, canned vegetables, canned tuna, canned beans, macaroni and cheese, Pasta-Roni, Rice-A-Roni, Tuna Helper and similar products, dried rice, dried beans, canned fruit, dried soup or ramen, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, snacks, peanut butter, fruit juices, jelly, powdered milk, sugar, pudding, gelatin, flour, cake and brownie mix. These can be brought any time and placed in the food bin in the Parish Lobby. Thank you for your outreach to those in need.

## Rose For Life is

Due to COVID-19, the Rose for Life had been suspended. Those affected will be rescheduled in the order of availability.



## Pantry: Toiletries, Hygiene & Cleaners

For those served by our Parish Social Ministry, personal hygiene products, such as toilet tissue, soap, shampoo, paper products, tissues, toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs and brushes, deodorant, talcum and baby powders, shaving products, laundry detergent, cleaning products are a blessing. Bring these any time to the food bin in the parish lobby. Thank you for your generosity!



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

Your 'Calendar Raffle Tickets' are in the mail. Please submit your tickets ASAP. These tickets begin on July 1 and end on December 31. Good luck to all!



## 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.

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| 6/8/20 | 6/9/20 | 6/10/20 | 6/11/20 | 6/12/20 | 6/13/20 | 6/14/20 |
| 38     | 358    | 374     | 117     | 10      | 558     | 281     |