



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

June 7, 2020

The Most Holy Trinity



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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Memorials for the week of: June 7, 2020



**Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Tony & Ron Delfino**

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

Each time we gather to pray and celebrate the mysteries of our faith, we often think that it's our initiative to come together. In reality, it's God who calls together a family of faith and who reveals Himself among us as a family of persons. If you are here, it's because God the Father has called you into being, Jesus the Son has called you to follow his Way, and the Holy Spirit who lives within each of us has inspired our hearts and given us the ability to remember and celebrate, believe and serve. Today, as we celebrate Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the family of God who we call the "Trinity," and in today's readings, we also see that God's actions are always prompted by His unconditional, unending, and unselfish love.

In the 1st reading, Moses is in the presence of God, whose name is proclaimed as merciful, gracious and rich in kindness and fidelity. This description of God's love requires many words in English to come close to what is expressed in Hebrew in one word: "hesed." This is translated as "loving-kindness" or "covenant love." "Hesed" is the love of a spouse that God has for human beings when they are faithful, and especially when they are not. "Hesed" is an enduring, forgiving love; it is the movement of God's will that continues human history. This love gives God a personal identity, and it is this love that Moses encountered at Sinai and who traveled with him and the Israelites through the desert.

This is also the same "hesed" whom God sent into the world in Jesus. As Our Lord says in the Gospel, *"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."*

This is also the "hesed" that St. Paul says characterizes those who believe in Jesus and who try to imitate the love that Jesus shared with God in the Spirit. Paul writes, *"Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you."*

Paul knew it would be very challenging to live according to God's love, but he never made excuses because human imperfection or weakness never excuse our call to faithfulness to God's word. Instead, faithfulness to God's word always reveals the love of God as a Father, as Brother and Savior, and as a living Spirit. With this revelation comes the grace to respond to the challenges of the world and our realizing that we must reflect that same love always toward others. In that love then, may *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you"* and with all of us always.

Fr. Joe

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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Worship This Week

Mon. Weekday

June 8 1 Kgs 17:1-6 / Mt 5:1-12
8:00

9:00

Tues. St. Ephrem

June 9 1 Kgs 17:7-16 / Mt 5:17-19
8:00

9:00

Wed. Weekday

June 10 1 Kgs 18:20-39 / Mt 5:17-19
8:00

9:00 Margaret Finn

Thurs. St. Barnabas

June 11 Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 / Mt 5:20-26
8:00

9:00

Fri. Weekday

June 12 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 / Mt 5:27-32
8:00

9:00

Sat. St. Anthony of Padua

June 13 1 Kgs 19:19-21 / Mt 5:33-37
8:00

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Sunday Worship - June 14, 2020 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Dt 8:2-3,14b-16a / 1 Cor 10:16-17 / Jn 6:51-58

	Presider	Mass Intention
5:00pm	Fr. Joe	
8:00am	Fr. Joe	
10:00am	Fr. Martin	People of the Parish
12:00pm	Fr. Gabriel	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 and Martin

PSEG CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE

PSEG Long Island offers customer assistance programs all year:

Deferred Payment Agreement (DPA) if you are unable to pay your bill in full.

REAP -Residential Energy Affordable Partnership - assist with purchase of fans or air conditioner, possibly install energy-saving measures, such as replacing inefficient appliances with Energy Star models at no cost to the customer.

On Household Assistance Program provides credit on electric bills for customers who receive benefits from a federal program such as HEAP, Medicaid, SNAP, TA, SSI or SNA. Customers may be eligible to receive \$20 or more as a credit on their energy bills each month.

Home Energy Assistance Program - HEAP (extended until June 30, 2020)

Call: 800-490-0025

You Are Not Alone – Long Island Against Domestic Violence LIADV

Domestic violence shelters and essential services are still available. LIADV offers services including a 23-hour hotline, counseling, vocational training, emergency shelter, prevention and education resources and legal advocacy. Counseling protection is still available and their 24-hour hotline is a free and confidential resource for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and their loved ones.

LIADV’s 24-hour hotline: 631-666-8833 or visit: www.liadv.org

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 to be rescheduled

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



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.

6/1/20	6/2/20	6/3/20	6/4/20	6/5/20	6/6/20	6/7/20
186	461	296	595	248	579	37