



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

July 12, 2020

15th 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

Memorials for the week of: July 12, 2020



Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Ron Durante

Rose for Life
In Memory of
Evelina Mayor



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.

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)

From The Pastor

Even More New Laws in New York State Threaten Human Life and Dignity

Emergency Contraception on Campus. This requires public college and universities to provide information promoting emergency contraception drugs. The moral concerns revolve around increasing sexual risk-taking behaviors, encouraging this as birth control, and ignoring that none of these agents protect against sexually transmitted diseases. The propaganda explicitly insists that these do not cause abortion, but this is only because the language used states that pregnancy (conception) has not occurred until implantation of an embryo on the uterine wall, even though an embryo exists before implantation and can be extinguished by any emergency contraception methods. Emergency Contraception is abortifacient, even if the language has been manipulated to disguise this fact.

Prolife Pregnancy Centers Disclosure. This legislation mandates a government-designed statement for pregnancy centers to disclose that they do not provide abortions. This is “targeted coerced speech” (forcing language to a specific group). In 2018, the Supreme Court in *NIFLA v. Becerra*, overturned a similar law on the grounds it violated the constitutional right to free speech of life affirming pregnancy centers.

We must remain vigilant and oppose all issues that threaten life. We have a responsibility to know what officials are proposing and oppose morally illegitimate bills. It is crucial to proper conscience formation to know the issues and where candidates stand. Our votes directly translate into the passage of legislation.

There are many issues on which two faithful people, passionate in their convictions, can hold opposite positions and yet both can be morally legitimate. However,, issues that involve the sanctity of human life and the incomparable dignity it holds are not negotiable. Regarding the most vulnerable stages at the beginning and end of life, two faithful people cannot hold opposite views that are simultaneously morally legitimate. Abortion, euthanasia and all that corrupts the sanctity of marriage and the creation of life are intrinsically evil and cannot be justifiable or approached with compromise. Voting for candidates who hold positions that endorse these evils is morally problematic and is rarely, if ever, justifiable. To do so, one must ensure a meticulous conscience formation and perform a most scrupulous evaluation of competing interests that determines the issues are proportionate in gravity, that is, equally “non-negotiable” (and more often they are not). So, if both candidates support abortion, but only one endorses euthanasia, one might be able to justify a vote for the candidate who does not also support euthanasia. It can get complicated, but we must understand the issues, the candidates’ platforms, our moral duties, and what is at stake in this world and the next.

“What have you done?” (Gen 4:10) Our officials determine whether we are a land of just laws. One day we will be judged for what we did and did not do, which includes our votes that build a culture of life or a culture of death. Let us implore Our Lady of the Rosary to intercede and help us build the civilization of life and love that our world so desperately needs.

Lisa Honkanen, MD, Director of 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

Happening this Week

ALL activities canceled
until further notice.

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Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office operating hours are:

Monday through Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

If you are unable to come at these times,
call for an appointment: 631-587-5185.

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Rose for Life is Back

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



From Father Joe:

Three weeks we opened Our Lady of Grace for public Mass for the first time in nearly three months. How happy we were to see so many familiar faces in a true atmosphere of warmth, prayer and love. Everyone welcomed this beginning to a return to “normalcy” even though things were clearly different.

Please spread the word to friends and family who are reluctant to return to Mass just yet. The precautions we are taking are a small inconvenience in comparison to the joy of communal worship at Mass and receiving Christ in the Eucharist! The virus, though a horrible tragedy, has helped many more people to grow in appreciation of the Holy Eucharist and God’s blessings great and small!

In the midst of the uncertainty, we still have so much for which to be grateful. Let us continue to pray for those who lost loved ones to the virus.

Worship This Week

Mon. St. Henry

July 13 Is 1:10-17 / Mt 10:34 - 11:1

8:00am Benjamin & Vincenzo Geremia

9:00am Silvio and Joan Impagliazzo

Tues. St. Kateri Tekakwitha

July 14 Is 7:1-9 / Mt 11:20-24

8:00am

9:00am Frank Alfred Fanelli

Wed. St. Bonaventure

July 15 Is 10:5-7,13b-16 / Mt 11:25-27

8:00am Vicenta Sancho

9:00am Joseph Kraemer

Thurs. Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16 Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 / Mt 11: 28-30

8:00am Kathleen Peterson

9:00am Warren Barabash

Fri. Weekday

July 17 Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 / Mt 12:1-8

8:00am

9:00am

Sat. St. Camillus de Lellis

July 18 Mi 2:1-5 / Mt 12:14-21

8:00am Holly Capiello

5:00pm Salvatore Puccio

Sunday 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19 Wis 12:13,16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43

8:00am

10:00am Maurice Azzopardi

12:00pm People of the Parish

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Mass Intentions

***Many Masses are available for intentions.
Please contact the office.***

Parish Social Ministry

Pope Francis on Racism in the United States

I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest following the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd. We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. We have to recognize that “the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost.” Today I join the Church in St. Paul and Minneapolis and the entire United States in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those who lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism. Let us pray for the consolation of their grieving families and friends and let us implore the national reconciliation and peace for which we yearn. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world.

(June 3, 2020)

Pantry: Toiletries, Hygiene and 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!



Free Monthly Food Packages for Seniors

From Island Harvest Food Bank with cereal, rice, pasta, canned vegetables, fruit, cheese, shelf-stable milk, juice, soup and peanut butter. 60+, NYS resident, Non-US citizens eligible. Call 631-873-4775, or marilyn@islandharvest.org.

Emergency COVID-19 Financial Assistance

The Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc. is offering financial assistance to eligible individuals and families for mortgage assistance, rental assistance, utility bills, food costs, transportation, funeral costs, medical expenses, etc. Contact hkaygisiz@eco-suffolk.com or (631) 241-2119.

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.



Our Food Pantry is Open!

Are you or someone you know in need? We're here to help. **Do not come down.** Call: 631-661-9354 and leave a message.

West Babylon Library On Line

Although the library is closed, you can visit their website at www.wbpl.us. Click the Chat icon to ask a question or call 631-669-5445 to speak with staff.

Please Remember and Pray for all those who have died and for their families

Sr. Lucy Blyskal

Faith Formation - Ministries with Children and Families

Children's Faith Formation – Registration Time!!!

Registration for 2020 - 2021 Faith Formation year has begun! We will follow Social Distancing guidelines and protocols, so early registration is important. Our Early Incentive has been extended to September 1, 2020. Call with any questions: 631-661-9353.

We need more catechists this year due to smaller class sizes. Please consider this important role in the faith formation of our children. We will train you and give you what you need. We also need additional hall monitors. All days and times available. Call the office for more details: 631-661-9353.

Our summer hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 4:00pm and Friday, 9:00am - 2:00pm.
Evenings and weekends by appointment.

Comings & Goings

With Fr. Gabriel's 6-year term at Our Lady of Grace coming to an end this summer, he will be transferred and sent to serve at St. Gertrude's in Bayville.

Fr. Greg Breen, currently serving as associate pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip, has been assigned to serve as an associate pastor here at Our Lady of Grace.

These transfers take effect toward the end of August.

Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Hallie Ann Comiskey

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.

7/6/20	7/7/20	7/8/20	7/9/20	7/10/20	7/11/20	7/12/20
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