



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

July 26, 2020

17th 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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Memorials for the week of: July 12, 2020



Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Ron Durante

Rose for Life

In Memory of
Matto & Rosaria Abregnani



Bread & Wine
For Maria & John Chao,
Enrique & Maria Cheng,
All Souls' in Purgatory

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

For those facing surgery or with major disorders, arrangements may be made by calling the Parish Office.

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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)

Supreme Court: Yes, Religious Freedom IS America

We applaud the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings in *Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru* and *Little Sisters of the Poor*. Both cases dealt with the freedom of religious institutions to follow their convictions. In both cases the Court dealt strong rulings in support of religious freedom. The 2 cases asked can courts interfere with the employment decisions of religious institutions and can Obamacare force religious employers to cover contraceptives in their health plans? In both cases, the answer was a resounding "no."

1. Religious institutions are protected from court interference in their employment decisions. *Our Lady of Guadalupe* centered on a Catholic school that made an employment decision about a teachers and got sued for it. The case asked whether the 1st Amendment prevents courts from interfering in situations like this. The Court took a stand on the side of freedom for religious institutions.

As yesterday's majority opinion described: "*a wayward minister's preaching, teaching, and counseling could contradict the church's tenets and lead the congregation away from the faith. The ministerial exception was recognized to pre-serve a church's independent authority in such matters.*" The Court extended that exception to apply when a religious institution makes employment decisions about staff who may not be labeled as "ministers" but who are otherwise involved in sharing the faith. In the case of the Catholic school, it affirms their freedom to make employment decisions about their teachers, who are vital to sharing the faith in the school's ministry. The Court explained "*When a school with a religious mission entrusts a teacher with the responsibility of educating and forming students in the faith, judicial intervention into disputes between the school and the teacher threatens the school's independence in a way that the First Amendment does not allow.*"

2. The government can't force employers to cover contraception on their health plans when they have a religious or moral objection to it.

The Little Sisters of the Poor serve the elderly poor and believe in the inherent worth and dignity of all human life. Under Obamacare, the nuns would be forced to pay for contraceptives in deep violation of their beliefs. When faced with the decision to pay a steep fine or compromise their beliefs, the nuns sued. The Court ruled in their favor twice and required the Obama administration to find a solution that recognized the nuns' religious beliefs. The Obama administration failed to do so. The Supreme Court hopefully settled the nun's case once and for all by affirming the Trump administration's regulation protecting religious freedom for the Little Sisters. Because of the ruling, people will not be forced to pay for contraception against their moral or religious convictions.

Once again, it's a huge win for Constitutionally-protected religious freedom.

from: Family Policy Alliance, July, 2020; familypolicyalliance.com



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 - 5:00pm
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.



Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into Our Parish Communion

Dominic Thor Laucella

Giovanni Thomas Dash

Guadalupe Olivas Medina

Ellianna Nicole Kawas

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

Sarah La Rosa

Frank Lucarelli



Worship This Week

Mon. Weekday

July 27 Jer 13:1-11 / Mt 13:31-35

8:00am John C. Kristoffersen

9:00am Loretta & Joseph Wundrok

Tues. Weekday

July 28 Jer 14:17-22 / Mt 13:36-43

8:00am Maria & John Chao and Enrique & Maria Cheng

9:00am

Wed. St. Martha

July 29 Jer 15:10,16-21 / Jn 11:19-27

8:00am

9:00am Barbara Longo

Thurs. St. Peter Chrysologus

July 30 Jer 18:1-6 / Mt 13:47-53

8:00am

9:00am Giuseppe Mozzone

Fri. St. Ignatius of Loyola

July 31 Jer 26:1-9 / Mt 13:54-58

8:00am

9:00am Joseph Leone

Sat. St. Alphonsus Liguori

Aug. 1 Jer 26:11-16,24 / Mt 14:1-12

8:00am

5:00pm Richard Simmons

Sunday 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug. 2 Is 55:1-3 / Rom 8:35,37-39 / Mt 14:13-21

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Luigi Quintieri

12:00pm Robert, Margaret and Brian Henry

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Mass Intentions

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

Parish Social Ministry

Pope Francis reflection on the Parable of the Sower

“If we want, we can become good soil.” Pope Francis urged Catholics to reflect on whether they are receptive to the Word of God. We can ask ourselves: what type of terrain am I? Do I resemble the path, the rocky ground, the bramble bush? If we want, we can become good soil, ploughed and carefully cultivated, to help ripen the seed of the Word. It is already present in our heart, but making it fruitful depends on us; it depends on the embrace that we reserve for this seed.” Francis described the story of the sower as “somewhat the ‘mother’ of all parables, “because it focuses on a fundamental element of the Christian life: listening to the Word of God.”

Vatican News July 12, 2020

School Supplies

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, it is unclear whether students will return to school. Yet, their education will continue, and they WILL need supplies & clothes. PSM/Outreach will collect Back-to-School until August 17th. To reduce spreading infection, we are moving to a “mostly gift card” program. We can only accept the following items: Backpacks & Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Dollar Tree, Staples, & Old Navy.

Alzheimer’s Virtual Caregiver Support

Free Support groups for caregivers to develop coping methods and problem-solving skills. Monthly groups via phone or video conference on various days & times and include specific groups for spouses, adult children, those with loved ones in different stages. To register: www.alz.org/CRF or call the 24/7 Helpline 800-272-3900.

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 Community Garden

Thanks to Paul, Billie Jo and several volunteers, our community garden has begun harvesting summer vegetables. Besides contributing to the families who come to our Food Pantry, vegetables will be on sale after Sunday Mass. All donations will go directly to Parish Social Ministry to enable us to continue to assist those in our community who are in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Discrimination is Illegal!

The Suffolk County Human Rights Commission will assist you if you believe you have been treated unfairly because of your race, color, age, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, marital status, creed, arrest/conviction record, alienage or citizenship status, veteran or military status, pregnancy or because you are a victim of domestic violence. There is no fee charged for this service.

Call for confidential advice and assistance – 631-853-5480.

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!



Faith Formation - Ministries with Children and Families

Children's Faith Formation – Registration Time!!!

Registration for 2020–21 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 Sept. 1. Call with questions: 631-661-9353.

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

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

Pantry Needs:

Non-perishable foods, toiletries, cleaning supplies are always needed. Thanks You!

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.

The Decorative New Pew Markers

Our parish thanks the Sanchez Family for the beautiful white ribbons and crosses that serve as the new pew markers! Not only are the markers functional and clearly visible to ensure social distancing, but they're also aesthetically pleasing and prayerful, reminding us at every Mass of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

7/20/20	7/21/20	7/22/20	7/23/20	7/24/20	7/25/20	7/26/20
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