



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

August 9, 2020

19th 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: August 9, 2020

Rose for Life

In Memory of
Robert Dinanno, Jr.



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)

From The Pastor

The Black Death is one of the best-known calamities in human history, but the society it ravaged and its impacts on Christendom and the Church are not widely understood. Given the current health crisis gripping the modern world, it may be profitable to investigate the period in an effort to shed a different light on the current situation. In the mid-fourteenth century, a nasty virus carried to Europe by merchants from the East attacked Christendom. Known at the time as “the pestilence,” “the plague,” or “the great mortality” (the term “Black Death” was coined first in the sixteenth century but entered popular usage in the nineteenth century.) Every country in Christendom was affected except Poland and Bohemia, which had limited merchant activity with the rest of Europe. England suffered greatly from three waves of the plague over the course of a century. So great the devastation that the country did not return to its pre-plague population of six million until the mid-eighteenth century.

Although the plague affected parts of Europe differently, recent estimates put the overall death rate at fifty percent of Christendom’s total population over a two-year period. Cities were devastated and many urban dwellers fled to the countryside in an attempt to escape the pestilence. The volume of deaths was staggering as thousands died daily. The calamity produced extreme reactions. Some people believed the plague was punishment from God for the sins of humanity, so they publicly practiced extreme penances, such as scourging.

In searching for an explanation for the outbreak of the plague, some Christians blamed the Jewish people. Rumors circulated in southern France and Spain, where the majority of Europe’s Jews lived, that the Jews had poisoned wells with the plague. Sadly, these rumors led to pogroms, mostly in German areas, in the fall of 1348, eventually encompassing nearly a hundred cities and towns by 1351. During the violence, Jews were burned, robbed, expelled, and forced to convert to the Christian Faith in order to spare their lives. Pope Clement VI issued the bull *Sicut Judeis* in July 1348 declaring the Church’s protection of Jews throughout Christendom.

The impact of the great pestilence on Christendom was widespread. Europe suffered great economic turmoil as trade was reduced and society witnessed a severe shortage of laborers. Spiritually, people gravitated to the Faith and sought solace in prayer and the sacraments. The Church lost nearly forty percent of its priests to the Black Death. Some towns saw the death of ninety percent of priests. The English clergy died at an alarming rate, including three archbishops of Canterbury in the span of a year. Monasteries suffered immensely as the plague wiped out entire religious communities. The high percentage of clergy deaths because of the plague produced a shortage of priests, which the Church tried to ameliorate by lowering the minimum age of ordination from twenty-five to twenty. Although understandable given the circumstances, this action produced a cadre of inexperienced, young, and poorly formed priests. The quality of the priesthood suffered and with it the Church as a whole, as ecclesiastical abuses became widespread in the fifteenth century, leading—many believe—to the Protestant Revolution in the sixteenth century.

Steve Weidenkopf, Catholic Answers Magazine, May - June 2020



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

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.

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.



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



Theresa Corio

The Feast of the Assumption

Mass schedule as follows:

Friday, August 14th,

Vigil: 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 15th,

Day: 8:00am



Mass Intentions

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

Worship This Week

Mon. St. Lawrence

Aug. 10 2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

8:00am Gaetano Donato Carcone

9:00am David Gonzalez

Tues. St. Clare

Aug. 11 Ez 2:8 - 3:4 / Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

8:00am June O'Hara

9:00am Raymond O'Neill

Wed. St. Jane Frances De Chantel

Aug. 12 Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 / Mt 18:15-20

8:00am Anthony Caruso

9:00am

Thurs. Ss. Pontian & Hippolytus

Aug. 13 Ez 12:1-12 / Mt 18:21 - 19:1

8:00am

9:00am

Fri. St Maximilian Kolbe

Aug. 14 Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 / Mt 19:3-12

8:00am

9:00am

7:00pm Rosemarie LaPiana

Sat. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug. 15 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20-27 /
Lk 1:39-56

8:00am Vincenta Sancho, Holy Intention of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00pm Domenico Carroccio

Sunday 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug. 16 Is 56:1, 6-7 / Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 /
Mt 15:21-28

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Paola Gina Minardi

12:00pm Jim Rennie

Parish Social Ministry

Undocumented Immigrants and Congress

A Presidential Memorandum to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce orders that undocumented people counted in the 2020 Census be excluded from consideration. USCCB Bishops issued the following statement: "We urge all people to be counted and fully included in the Census. Counting the undocumented in the Census and then denying them and the states in which they reside their rightful representation in Congress is counter to the Constitution and a grave injustice. Furthermore, such a policy makes people feel invisible and not valued as human beings."

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council's Medicaid Enrollment Assistance

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. Requirements have been relaxed. Call 631-656 9783; Press Option 2.

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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!



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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.

Free CHS Care Coordinator Services

Assistance for services such as transportation, E-health visits, Assistance in making appointments, and finding specialists close to home are provided free of charge through the Mother Cabrini Grant. Assistance is available to low-income, insured/uninsured, elderly, Veterans, formerly incarcerated and immigrant/migrant workers. Call 561-827-2727.

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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.



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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.

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.

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.

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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.

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