



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

August 16, 2020

20th 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 16, 2020



Bread & Wine
In Memory of
James Curran

Rose for Life
In Memory of
Philip Graffia



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 POWER OF PRAYER, William A. Donohue, The Catholic League, May 2020

The coronavirus pandemic led to thousands of deaths. It also gave millions a time to renew their faith, or come back to it. But is prayer a reliable tonic? Is there scientific data to back it up? Yes. Dr. Herbert Benson of Harvard Medical School holds that prayer and general stress management can reduce doctor visits by up to 50%. Most patients agree. In a national survey, 35% of respondents used prayer for health concerns; 75% of these prayed for wellness, 22% prayed for medical conditions. Most importantly, 69% of those who prayed for specific medical conditions found prayer very helpful. It makes moot the convictions of skeptics: what matters is that “Hail Marys” work.

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of prayer and better well-being is whether praying for others has beneficial consequences. It turns out that “absent prayer,” or “intercessory prayer,” yields positive outcomes. When people are asked to pray for a specific person, whom they do not know, but who is ill, and the recipient of prayer has no knowledge this is happening, most of these studies show the patients who are prayed for improve better than those with the same condition but who did not have anyone praying for them. Dr. Randolph Byrd conducted a 1988 study of 393 people in the coronary care unit at San Francisco General Hospital. Half the group was selected for intercessory prayer by devout Christians; the other half received no such treatment. Neither the randomly assigned patients nor the health staff knew which was the experiential group and which was the control group. The former fared significantly better than the latter. Dr. Byrd concluded that these findings “*suggest intercessory prayer to the Judeo-Christian God had a beneficial therapeutic effect in patients admitted to a coronary care unit.*”

A similar 1999 study of nearly 1,000 patients at St. Luke’s Hospital in Kansas City found those who were unwittingly prayed for fared better than those who got conventional care alone. In 1998, similar conclusions were reached with AIDS patients in a study in the *Western Journal of Medicine*: those who were prayed for did better than their non-prayed for counterparts. Studies also found prayer lowers depression, suicide rates, even blood pressure. Researchers funded by the National Institutes of Health found those who attend church at least once a week and prayed at least once a day or studied the Bible were 49% less likely to have high blood pressure than those who did so infrequently.

In 2007, an Arizona State University study also found prayer had positive effects. It analyzed 17 major studies on the effects of intercessory prayer. The author, David R. Hodge, explained “*this study enables us to look at the big picture. When the effects of prayer are averaged across all 17 studies, controlling for differences in sample size, a net positive effect for the prayer group is produced.*” In other words, most studies done on the efficacy of intercessory prayer show the power of prayer - it works. We should expect scientists to rigorously assess the data from all studies. But we should also expect them to be open-minded enough to say that some findings cannot be easily explained. With a little prayer, maybe they can figure it out.



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

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.

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



Barbara Mongelli

Banns of Marriage



First Banns:

Julia Innamorato - Richard A. LaCerra
(St. Isidore, Riverhead, NY)

Angela Cardaci - Bradley Wahal

Trisha Peralta Ang - Marc A. Santa Ana

**Let Us Welcome Our Newly Baptized Into
Our Parish Communion**



Grace Ray Posillico

Ryder Eric Cain

Worship This Week

Mon. Weekday

Aug. 17 Ez 24:15-24 / Mt 19:16-22

8:00am Ida LaFauci

9:00am Anthony Aybar

Tues. Weekday

Aug. 18 Ez 28:1-10 / Mt 19:23-30

8:00am Ruth Beil

9:00am

Wed. St. John Eudes

Aug. 19 Ez 34:1-11 / Mt 20:1-16

8:00am Dominic & Benedieto Majella

9:00am Audrey Wetzel

Thurs. St. Bernard

Aug. 20 Ez 36:23-28 / Mt 22:1-14

8:00am Tom Peterson

9:00am Angela Cioffi

Fri. St. Pius X

Aug. 21 Ez 37:1-14 / Mt 22:34-40

8:00am

9:00am

Sat. The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug. 22 Ez 43:1-7ab / Mt 23:1-12

8:00am

5:00pm Doug Carder & Pat Caruso

Sunday 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug. 23 Is 22:19-23 / Rom 11:33-36 / Mt 16:13-20

8:00am Giovanni Iemma

10:00am Alfred J. Tedesco

12:00pm Cheryl Moore

Mass Intentions

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

Parish Social Ministry

Pope Francis: "This moment in history is a time to choose what matters in life and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others."

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.



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!



Our Community Garden has begun harvesting summer vegetables. Our Families at Outreach welcome the fresh vegetables each week. Additional vegetables will be on sale after Sunday Masses. All donations go directly to Parish Social Ministry. Thank you for your generosity.



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.



Parish Concerts Reopen!

Join us in the church after Mass on the evenings of September 5th and October 3rd as the concert series resumes. Programs will be brief at about forty minutes, doors propped open for touchless entry, and strict social distancing observed (including the audience at a 30-foot minimum from the performers, for added caution). October 3rd at 7pm is the return of the parish Children, Youth, and Adult Choirs. September 5th at 6pm, Terence performs a surprise program of his own for a \$5 suggested offering that will go entirely to fund instrumentalists for October's choir event.



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.

Congratulations to All

Congratulations to the following students of Kellenberg Memorial High School for achieving honor roll status for the school year 2019-2020:

Danielle DePetris
Eleina Pisani

Michael DePetris
Matthew Sanchez

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. 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. hkaygisiz@eco-suffolk.com or (631) 241-2119.

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.

8/10/20	8/11/20	8/12/20	8/13/20	8/14/20	8/15/20	8/16/20
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