



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

August 23, 2020

21st 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 23, 2020

Rose for Life
In Memory of
Mary Acosta



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

As you know from past bulletins, I use this space not only to share spiritual and theological reflections, but also information regarding various parish matters so together we can approach challenges that we face as a parish community. When we exercise good stewardship of our talents and seek the counsel and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can find ways to address the various realities we face.

In that spirit, I again share with you another challenge that has come our way. Again, it comes from litigation related to New York State's new "Child Victims' Act." As you may know, starting on August 14, 2019, the statute of limitations for allegations of sexual abuse against minors has been extended. The Act allows lawsuits to be brought regardless of how many years or decades ago the alleged abuse may have taken place. Our parish has again been named as a defendant in litigation that has arisen from this Act. The alleged events by clergy go back almost 40 years and defense attorneys are at work representing us through these legal proceedings. The path forward is still under discussion, and no decision will be made without consultation with the Finance Committee and parish Trustees.

This is difficult news to again share, but I believe that what affects the parish affects us all. News of this kind is always distressing, even if the allegations go back far into the past, but I choose to trust that the Holy Spirit always walks with us and strengthens us through upsetting times. I encourage every parishioner to pray for the spiritual well-being of all parishioners and support one another as true brothers and sisters in Christ, particularly through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The challenges we face, individually and as a parish, in no way diminish the eternal truths God has taught us, the power and value of His grace, the importance of living virtuously, and our call to be disciples and evangelizers for Christ. For that reason, by sharing this news, I share also the sincere belief that we remain in a time of grace, where the witness we give at this time will impact the faith of parishioners in years to come. God has placed us here, in this parish and at this time, not by coincidence, but intentionally. I have great hope that His grace will flow from the prayers and service of our community. This is a chance for us to engage each other, our parish community, and our wider community, on a more profound level than before. This is a chance to once again see that God remains present and alive today as ever before and for us to share that Good News with all whom we meet.

My prayer is that you be strengthened at this time and not despair, that you have hope and do not shy away, but instead run along the path on which Christ has placed us. We can be current day "new saints" who shine in God's light. May we live in and for the one who lived and died for us, Jesus Christ, and become temples of the Holy Spirit, whose grace refreshes and inspires our souls. May we be on this journey with the prayers of our Mother Mary, who is Our Lady of Grace, and by St. Joseph, her spouse. Thank you for all you do for our parish. You are in my prayers each day.



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.

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



Erin Pauwels
Kathleen Grassa
Filippo Latragna

Banns of Marriage



Second Banns:

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

Angela Cardaci - Bradley Wahal

Trisha Peralta Ang - Marc A. Santa Ana

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



Emilie Gaylor Daniel Sloan
Julia Grace Caracciolo
Sofia Jannotte
Steven Michael Henriquez

Worship This Week

Mon.	St. Bartholomew
Aug. 24	Rv 21:9b-14 / Jn 1:45-51
8:00am	
9:00am	
Tues.	St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz
Aug. 25	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 / Mt 23:23-26
8:00am	
9:00am	John F. Kristoffersen
Wed.	Weekday
Aug. 26	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 / Mt 23:27-32
8:00am	
9:00am	
Thurs.	St. Monica
Aug. 27	1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mt 24:42-51
8:00am	
9:00am	Giuseppe Mozzone
Fri.	St. Augustine
Aug. 28	1 Cor 1:17-25 / Mt 25:1-13
8:00am	All Souls In Purgatory
9:00am	Nick Apostolides
Sat.	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist
Aug. 29	1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 6:17-29
8:00am	Cathy Blackman (B'day)
5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug. 30	Jer 20:7-9 / Rom 12:1-2 / Mt 16:21-27
8:00am	Roy Palmer
10:00am	Ronald Abbate
12:00pm	Barbara Mongelli

Mass Intentions

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

Parish Social Ministry

The 2020 Census continues!!

Questionnaires can be completed online at www.2020census.gov or by phone: 7am - 2pm in English: 844-330-2020, Spanish: 844-468-2020. Starting August 11, census takers will interview households did not respond. If someone visits your home, make sure they have a valid ID with photograph, a Dept. of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. They follow the safety guidelines.

Update on Bereavement Group

A bereavement group was formed last year. Those who attended found it most helpful. This has been a most difficult year for the newly bereaved.

The bereavement group will meet in a church class room on Saturdays at 10:00 am for 9 weeks. Social distancing and masks are required. Begins on Sept. 12th. Please call Fran @ 631-587-1578 or John @ 631-874-0210 to reserve your spot.

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!



New York State Hiring Contact Tracers

NYS will train a team of staff to work remotely to support the NYS Department of Health and local health departments to perform COVID-19 contact tracing in communities. The Contact Tracers reach out to the contacts of anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 to assess symptoms, ensure compliance with quarantine & and determine support needs. Visit www.health.ny.gov/assistance

Elder Law and Medicaid Update

Tuesday, 9/1, 1:00 -2:00 pm WBA54

Former Chief Attorney for the Legal Aid Society, George Roach will speak about protecting assets from the cost of catastrophic illness. Includes the need for durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxies, Medicaid Planning & Long-Term Care Insurance. Registration has begun. Call West Babylon Library 669-5445 or register at WWW.WPBL.US

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 Concerts Resume with "Dear Evan Hansen"!

Join us in the church after Mass on the evenings of Sept. 5th & Oct. 3rd as the concert series resumes. Programs will be about 40 minutes, doors propped open for touchless entry, and strict social distancing observed (audience at a 30-foot minimum from the performers). Sept. 5th at 6:00pm, don't miss "Essential Songs (for these strange times)" with positive pop music and show tunes featuring selections from Tony Award-winning Dear Evan Hansen. A \$5 suggested offering will be taken on Sept. 5th and used entirely to offset the cost of concert series instrumentalists. Oct. 3rd at 7:00pm is the return of the parish Children, Youth, and Adult Choirs.



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.

Stewardship in Action!

A tremendous thank you to our Knights of Columbus and other volunteers who along with our maintenance crew generously sanitize the Church after our weekend Masses.

Daycare is open!

We are following all the OCFS and CDC guidelines and the children are all having fun. If anyone needs care, please call (631) 422-4681 for a tour after 6:00 or on Saturdays.

We need a teacher assistant 3:00 - 6:00 PM, M-F & a loving person to work 2:00 -6:00 PM, M-F.

Please send resumes to:
DayCare@ourladyofgrace.net.

Ushers Needed for Concerts

Volunteers are needed at concerts for setup/takedown, to operate lights, close doors, ensure that re-entry is only between songs, and to supervise distance for seating and audience entry/exit. If this interests you, please contact Terence at your earliest possible convenience: 631-587-5185 x219 or email at tpurtell@ourladyofgrace.net. For those parish concerts that charge admission, volunteers would of course attend for free. Virtus and parish volunteer requirements are required.



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.

8/17/20	8/18/20	8/19/20	8/20/20	8/21/20	8/22/20	8/23/20
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