



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

September 6, 2020

23rd 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. Martin Adu Gyamfi, Associate
Rev. Gregory Breen, 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

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| Lee Abseck | Ralph Fiorillo |
| Mary Ellen McEntee | James Nevins |
| Maria Russello-Chetti | Lucy Sanchez |
| Kathleen Scheid | Concetta Whelan |

Our Finance Council

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| Richard Korcz (Trustee) | Joseph Salzone |
| Leonardo LoCricchio | Debra Nicosia |
| Robert Scharf (Trustee) | Thomas Villella |

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Memorials for the week of:

September 6, 2020

Rose for Life

In Memory of:
Tricia Ann McMullen



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of:
Anne and Andrew D'Amico

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 last few months have changed our world. We will learn the lessons of COVID-19 for years to come, and the loss of life makes the lessons costly. We should never minimize that loss, but neither should we minimize opportunities to see how God has used and can still use bad situations for good. An attempt at Jewish humor in the first weeks of social distancing said: "*Passover cancelled this year due to plague*" reminding us that the 1st Passover would never have occurred without 10 plagues. Moses led the Israelites through the outbreaks, and their lessons are relevant now as they were back then.

First, God can use plagues to get our attention. He told Moses at the burning bush to tell Pharaoh to, "*let my people go.*" He gave Moses three signs: Pharaoh's staff turned into a serpent, his hand became leprous then clean, and the Nile River turned to blood. But Pharaoh would not relent, and God sent more plagues as opportunities to demonstrate God's power over Egypt's gods. But Pharaoh did not listen to Moses as the nine plagues were unleashed and sadly the tenth plague, the death of all firstborn sons, persuaded him to let Israel go. I do not assume or suggest that God brought about COVID-19, but we have seen Him use this plague to get people's attention. Many people who previously had no time or interest to hear about Jesus have become more eager to hear about Him.

God also uses plagues for redemption. When Israel rebelled against Moses and the Lord, "*the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.*" (Num 21:6). As a result, the people confessed their sin and asked Moses to intercede for them. God told Moses to replicate a serpent of bronze, lift it on a pole, and tell the Israelites to look at it. Anyone who had been bitten could look at the bronze serpent and live. Jesus points to this event as a powerful picture of the redemption God offers: "*as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*" (John 3:14-15). Jesus took the plague of sin on Himself "becoming sin" so that we can be forgiven and spend eternity with Him. Many people are terrified of the coronavirus and ask for prayers. Our missionaries have been explaining that the plague of sin that doesn't only kill the body but also the soul, and God sent Jesus to rescue and heal us.

A third lesson is that God often uses plagues to bring about our conversion. In Numbers 25, widespread sexual sin was leading the Israelites to worship Baal with the pagans. God sent a horrible plague that killed 24,000 people in one day. The plague only ended when the Hebrew priest Phineas was so grieved and incensed that he executed an Israelite and the woman with which he was flagrantly sinning. God responded: "*Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel*" (Num 25:12). Unlike the days of Moses and Phineas, God's wrath is not satisfied by running sinners through with a sword. But like Phineas, we are to be grieved by sin and not allow its destructive power in our lives.

Jesus remains our example. He loved sinners, yet never pretended or convinced Himself that sin was not sin in order to build or preserve relationships. He didn't run anyone through with a sword; instead He allowed others to run Him through. This year's virus reminds us of the virus of sin and Jesus' sacrificial cure. God can turn this historic event into an opportunity to make His peace truly contagious through our gospel witness. Wouldn't it be wonderful if COVID-19 became the catalyst for revival, a new and fruitful zeal for the Lord and His kingdom?

Adapted from *Jews for Jesus*, 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

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.**



Gerard Fitzpatrick

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

Julian Thien Romeo

Dylan Michael Marra

Milo Steven Bennett

Lucas Thomas Wade

Dominic Edward Splaine



Mass Intentions

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

Worship This Week

Mon. Weekday

Sept. 7 1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lk 6:6-11

8:00am

9:00am Donna Beyer

Tues. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sept. 8 Mi 5:1-4a / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

8:00am

9:00am Giovannina Ruggiero

Wed. St. Peter Claver

Sept. 9 1 Cor 7:25-31 / Lk 6:20-26

8:00am

9:00am

Thurs. Weekday

Sept. 10 1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13 / Lk 6:27-38

8:00am

9:00am Frances A. Sarraiocco

Fri. Weekday

Sept. 11 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 / Lk 6:39-42

8:00am Philip Ognibene

9:00am Bob Olanick

Sat. The Most Holy Name of Mary

Sept. 12 1 Cor 10:14-22 / Lk 6:43-49

8:00am Francisco Maru Gimenez

5:00pm Theresa Durante

Sunday 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 13 Sir 27:30 – 28:7 / Rom 14:7-9 / Mt 18:21-35

8:00am Michael Kelly

10:00am People of the Parish

12:00pm Filippi Latargna

Parish Social Ministry

Voter Registration Information

By mail: applications must be postmarked no later than October 9. In-person registration at board of elections must be received by October 10. Change of address notices must be received by county board of elections by October 14.

Application for absentee ballots: Last day to postmark an application: October 27. Last day to apply in-person: November 2. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by November 2 and received by board of elections by November 10.

“In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.” – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The 2020 Census continues!!

Complete questionnaires online at 2020census.gov or phone: 7am - 2pm in English: 844-330-2020, Spanish: 844-468-2020. Starting August 11, census takers will interview houses that did not respond. If someone visits, check they have a valid photo ID, a Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. They will follow the safety guidelines

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you Kahlers Farm Stand for donating vegetable plants for our Community Garden.

Your donations for the vegetables from our Garden raised over \$800 for Outreach. Thank you to Paul, Joanne, Billie Jo, Steve and Andrew for their help and hard work planting, weeding and picking the produce.

Please continue bringing your empty cans and bottles to the bin in the lobby by the stairs. Through this, Outreach receives almost \$40 a month.

In the fall, please bring leaf cuttings along with old hay bales for mulch for our Garden. Place them over the fence by the Garden.

Good Shepherd Virtual Bereavement Support through Catholic Health Services:

Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group: September 15 – November 3; 5:00pm - 6:30pm – Tuesdays – Registration required:

Bereavement Support Group for COVID Loss: September 15 thru November 3; 6:45pm - 8:00pm – Tuesdays –Registration required:

Email/Call leader: Roger Sullivan, LCSW [631-465-6332](tel:631-465-6332) or roger.sullivan@chsli.org

Help to Apply for SNAP (Food Stamps)

Nutrition Outreach and Education Coordinators are available to help people apply for SNAP benefits:

- *Confidential pre-screening to see if family is eligible
- *Assisting with the application, including the online version
- *Answering any questions
- *Working with recipients regarding recertification or other issues

Any questions, contact Dawn Secor at 516-436-8757 ext. 112, or by e-mail dawn.secor@hungersolutionsny.org

Parish Concerts Resume with “Dear Evan Hansen!”

Join us in the church after Mass on the evenings of September 5 and October 3 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). September 5 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 September 5 and used entirely to offset the cost of concert series instrumentalists. October 3 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 Faith Formation classes is ongoing. The Early Incentive will end on Tuesday, September 1. Classes will follow ALL safety protocols. Parent meetings will begin soon and are extremely important. Also, if your child will be attending school entirely remotely this year, we will have a virtual option for most levels. Please call our office at 631-661-9353 for more information. We will set up classes soon so please register as soon as possible!

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 - 6:00pm, M-F and a loving person to work 2:00 -6:00 pm, M-F.

Please send resumes to:
Daycare@ourladyofgrace.net.

Angel CARE is Opening

Angel CARE, our before- and after-school program, will begin on September 8. We will service children from West Babylon School District. The morning care is from 7am – 9am and is \$11 for the first child and \$10 each additional child. The afternoon children will be bused from elementary schools and is \$13 for first child and \$12 each additional child. Any questions, call 631-893-6564 or email pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net.

Adult Confirmation

Save these dates – 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, from 7:15pm to 9pm in Room 109.

The above is the class schedule for the fall adult (18+) Confirmation Program. Confirmation will be celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany (1/3/2021) at the 12pm Mass.

If you would like to attend or know someone who needs to be confirmed, contact Joseph Salzone by calling the Parish Office at 631-587-5185 and leave a message or send an email to: jsalzone@ourladyofgrace.net.



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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