



# Our Lady of Grace

**Roman Catholic Church**

**November 22, 2020**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**



**We change lives through the Risen Christ**

By **praying** daily for our intentions  
& our mission.

By **witnessing** daily our love for God  
& all persons.

By our **presence** worshiping at Mass for  
mutual support & the grace of God.

By our **support** through our time, talent &  
treasure & encouraging others.

## We Celebrate the Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon

Monday - Friday 8:00am & 9:00am

Saturday 8:00am

## Contact Us

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## Our Clergy

Rev. Joseph Davanzo, Pastor

Rev. Martin Adu Gyamfi, Associate

Rev. Gregory Breen, Associate

Deacon Ricardo Garcia

Deacon Brian Miller

Deacon Irwin Saffran

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Or call for an appointment: 631-587-5185.

## 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

Tischa Stanley, Angel Care Coordinator

## Regular Devotions:

**Miraculous Medal Novena with Rosary:**

Mondays following 8:00am & 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 after the 9am Mass.

# Our Parish Communion

## Pastoral Council

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

## Finance Council

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

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## Mass Intentions

### Unannounced Mass Intentions:

Offered almost immediately & do not appear in the bulletin & are not announced at Mass. Come to the Office. Cost: \$20

### Multiple Mass Intentions:

Offered weekly alternating with the Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday, 8:00 am Mass.

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## Memorials for Week of Nov. 22, 2020

### Rose for Life

In Memory of: Antoinette & Joseph Speranza

### Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of: Ed Silvera

### Bread & Wine:

In Memory of: Joan Coffey

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## Memorial Opportunities

### 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 Office. Call: 631-587-5185.

## Baptism

Call the Office to schedule an appointment for a Baptism interview as soon as practicable.

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## Matrimony

Arrangements for marriage must be made as soon as possible but **not fewer 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, should call the Office.

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## Becoming 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), please call the Office.

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## ANGEL CARE

We service children from West Babylon District. Morning care is from 7am - 9am; \$11 for first child and \$10 each additional child. Afternoon children are bused from elementary schools; \$13 first child and \$12 each additional child. Call 631-893-6564 or email [pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net).

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## Daycare is Open!



The children at OLOG Daycare have been having a great time playing and learning. We have been reopened since July 6, and God has kept us healthy and safe. We still have some open slots for all ages. Please call us for a tour, (631) 422-4681.

## For Your Reflection

Next Sunday we begin Advent, our preparation for Christmas. Today, the Solemnity of Christ the King, marks the end of the liturgical year, and we celebrate and reflect upon Christ as our King. In the Gospel, when asked by Pilate, Jesus answered that he was a king. But Jesus is a different king: born in a small village with parents who were simple. His first visitors were poor shepherds. He was never had wealth. He didn't eat or associate with the powerful. He never led an army or surround himself with politicians. Instead, He asked people to take their cross and follow Him. He ate with people who were despised, ignored and rejected. He embraced those who others considered worthless and sinful. He spent time with the poor and sick. He had nothing the world considered important, but He shared His greatest gift: the love of God.

Today's 1<sup>st</sup> reading describes the shepherd king we're called to follow. He is compassionate, looks for the lost, bandages the wounded, and makes the weak strong. He is the shepherd and king whose example we are called to live. Just as he cares for us, we are to care for others. He is with us in the hungry and homeless, the poor and disabled, the preborn baby, the sick and terminally ill. If we are to see Jesus among us, we must see the needy around us. Today's gospel is not about an unknown time in the future. It is about the here and now, and how must follow Jesus, here and now. Our readings call us to love, support and serve those in need because what we do to and for others, we do to and for Christ. If we open our hearts and eyes, we will see Christ in everyone we meet and understand that we are His brothers and sisters who belong to a royal household under Christ as King called to treat each other with the dignity and respect.

Back in the 5<sup>th</sup> century, Pope St. Leo the Great said, "*Christian, recognize your dignity and, now that you share in God's own nature, do not return to your former base condition by sinning. Remember who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Never forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of the Kingdom of God.*" Christ the King reminds us that our lives will end in 1 of 2 ways. Those who reject Christ choose for all eternity the torment of Hell. Those who live with Christ as their King will enter the Heaven they have chosen for all eternity. At judgment, Christ will confirm our choice. May we submit ourselves completely to Christ and His Kingdom, and may our example inspire others to the conversion and repentance.

### Respect Life: We Need God - Riots Erupt when Faith Dwindles

*"This loss of faith is the deep root of the crisis of civilization that we are experiencing. As in the 1<sup>st</sup> centuries of Christianity, when the Roman Empire was collapsing, human institutions today seem to be on the path of decadence. Relations between people, whether political, social, economic, or cultural, are becoming difficult. In losing God, we have undermined the foundation of human civilization and opened the door to totalitarian barbarity."* (Cardinal Robert Sarah, Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship)

A recent poll found that 62% of Americans have political views that they are afraid to express publicly because others might find them "offensive." This is up from 58% in 2017. This poll adds to the growing evidence confirming what many suspected years ago, that civil discourse is breaking down. People are growing further apart. In many cases, conversation based upon common shared principles and a basic sense of respect for others is no longer possible or even desired. Respectful conversation is replaced with blind ideological dogmatism, a vilification of those with whom one disagrees, and increasingly violence. This growing dearth of civility is omnipresent on social media, where people delight in hurling abuse at one another. However, it is most manifest on our streets. For months, our media has been filled with "protesters" burning and looting. In some cases, it look like civil war with people shooting one another as buildings burn in the background.

In an extraordinary example of the normalization of social breakdown, National Public Radio (NPR) published an interview with the author of a book entitled (if you can believe it) In Defense of Looting. The author told NPR that looting, "*provides people with an imaginative sense of freedom and pleasure and helps them imagine a world that could be. That's a part of it that doesn't get talked about, that riots and looting are experienced as joyous and liberating.*" One can only wonder how the owners of businesses looted and burned to the ground, in some cases after the owners were beaten senseless, feel about this "joyous" and "liberating" side of looting. As one author wrote sarcastically in The Atlantic, "*If the real, lasting change you wish to effect is burning society to cinders, then perhaps looting is the right tool.*"

(Fr. Shenan Boquet; hli.org; Sept. 7, 2020)

**Pray for our Recent Deceased**

Mario Parasmio

Annette Bianco

Gwenelyon Manzi



**Christmas Schedule**

**Christmas Confessions:**

- ◆ Saturday, Dec. 19: 3:30pm - 4:45pm
- ◆ Monday, Dec. 21: 8:00pm - 9:00pm
- ◆ Tuesday, Dec. 22: after 9:00am Mass

**Christmas Season Masses**

**Christmas Eve: Thursday, Dec. 24:**

- 2:00pm: Main Church
- 2:00pm: PES Hall
- 4:00pm: Main Church
- 4:00pm: PES
- 10:00pm: Main Church

**Christmas Day: Friday, Dec. 25:**

- 8:00am: Church
- 10:00am: Church
- 12:00pm: Church

**New Year's Eve: Thursday, Dec. 31:**

- 5:30pm Vigil: Church

**New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1:**

- 9:00am: Church
- 11:00am: Church

**Cello Concert**



The concert series continues on Dec. 5 at 7:00pm with cellist Richard Cottlieb & pianist James Kendall. Suggested \$10 donation.

Thanks to all who support our concert series!

**We Are Closed...**

for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th & Friday, Nov. 27. We will reopen Saturday, Nov. 28th at 3:00 pm. Have a healthy & safe Thanksgiving!



**Worship This Week**

**Mon.** Ss. Clement I, Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

**Nov. 23** Rv 141-3, 4b-5 / Lk 21:1-4

8:00am

9:00am

**Tues.** St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

**Nov. 24** Rv 14:14-19 / Lk 21:5-11

8:00am Anthony Quartuccio

9:00am

**Wed.** St. Catherine of Alexandria

**Nov. 25** Rv 15:1-4 / Lk 21:12-19

8:00am Stephanie Scheuermann

9:00am Donald J. Molinari

**Thurs.** Weekday

**Nov. 26** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a / Lk 21:20-28

9:00am Jack Davis

**Fri.** Weekday

**Nov. 27** Rv 20:1-4, 11 - 21:2 / Lk 21:29-33

8:00am

9:00am Giuseppe Mozzone

**Sat.** Weekday

**Nov. 28** Rv 22:1-7 / Lk 21:34-36

8:00am Joan Coffey

5:00pm Ron Durante

**Sunday** The First Sunday of Advent

**Nov. 29** Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 / 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37

8:00am Pasqua Chiodi

10:00am People of the Parish

12:00pm Ellen T. Kalgren

**Mass Intentions**

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

## Parish Social Ministry

### ***Fratelli Tutti* – On Fraternity & Social Friendship – Part 2**

Pope Francis' "*Fratelli Tutti*" explores how we can use St. Francis to build a more peaceful world. "*It frequently becomes clear that human rights are not equal. When the dignity of the human person is respected and his or her rights recognized and guaranteed, creativity and interdependence thrive, and creativity of the human personality is released through actions that further the common good. Yet we see contradictions that lead us to wonder whether the equal dignity of all human beings is truly recognized, respected, protected, protected and promoted. Today many forms of injustice persist, fed by a profit-based economic model that does not hesitate to exploit, discard and even kill human beings.*"

#### **Missed the Entrance Exam?**

If you missed the entrance exam for St. Anthony's H.S., you can apply online. Visit: [admissions@stanthonyshs.org](mailto:admissions@stanthonyshs.org)



#### **Attention Kinship Caregivers!**

Hope for Youth's Kinship Caregiver Program serves families with informal or legal custody of children from 0-18. They provide immediate & ongoing support, connect families to home & community resources. With Cornell Cooperative Extension education & family activities. Contact Leslie: 516-506-3458 – [lmesseder@hfyny.org](mailto:lmesseder@hfyny.org).

### **Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council**

Medicaid enrollment assistance available by phone for adults & children disabled or blind & anyone over 65. Requirements have been relaxed; it is easier to apply. Call Monday - Friday, 9AM-5PM at 631-435-3000. After hours call 631-656-9783 & press OPTION 2. Leave a message; someone will call you the next business day.

Medicaid programs are also available for: Community Medicaid, Home Services, Nursing home care, adult & children in need of waiver services, people with disabilities, help paying Part A & B and/or prescription drugs. For information: [www.coverage4healthcare.org](http://www.coverage4healthcare.org).

### **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.

### **Thanksgiving and Christmas at Outreach**

**Thanksgiving & Christmas -- Thank You! Thank You!** to all who have donated supermarket scrip to Outreach allows us to assist families for Thanksgiving. The pandemic has changed how we can safely help our neighbors. Scrip has been the best answer.

**Christmas** – We will distribute **ONLY GIFT CARDS. We are unable to accept and/or distribute any clothes, toys, other gifts etc.** Gift cards needed:

Applebees, Bath & Body Works, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Burger King, Big Lots, Dollar Tree, Dunkin Donuts, 5 Below, Marshalls, McDonalds, Old Navy, Panera, Taco Bell, Target, Walmart and Wendy's.

We are grateful for your support to make Christmas special for those who need assistance.



# Faith Formation

## Children's Faith Formation – Time to Register!!!

Registration for Faith Formation classes is ongoing. Parent meetings have begun. Virtual option for most levels. Call 631-661-9353 for information. Register as soon as possible!

### Parish Pantry: Toiletries, Hygiene & Cleaners

For the people served by our parish social ministry personal hygiene products, such as toilet tissue, shampoo, soap, paper products, tissues, toothpaste & toothbrushes, combs & brushes, deodorant, talcum & baby powders, shaving products, laundry detergent, cleaning products are a blessing. 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.



### Christmas Mass Remembrances



With Christmas on the way, don't forget to remember your loved ones, living & deceased, in the **Christmas Mass Remembrance** envelopes.

### “WE SHARE” is a Win-Win.

**Please prayerfully consider “WE SHARE” for your contributions. WE SHARE helps us budget and give you piece of mind that your contributions to OLOG are automatic each month.**

#### According to Reuters News Agency:

The majority of Americans (53% and growing) pay bills electronically and have moved away from cash or writing checks. This has accelerated with online shopping. Due to the pandemic, people are also avoiding handling money and paper. Other reasons: electronic bill payments are faster, more convenient with debits directly from their bank accounts, offer more protection against theft, fraud, counterfeiting, are more environmentally friendly, and offer peace of mind. **WE SHARE** distributes acknowledgement cards for those who attend Mass yet feel awkward letting the collection basket pass without putting something in it.

**WE SHARE** has been servicing Catholic dioceses and other faiths since the 1990s. Apart from the weekly collection, online donations can also be done for special appeals, such as for disasters. During this pandemic and also with inclement weather, many churchgoers stay at home and our parish suffers financial loss. Nationwide, parishioners miss an average of 10 services a year at their home parish.

Not only do direct debit and credit card payments mean more consistent giving, collections increase an average of 10-30%. Please remember: Your donation is not a business transaction, but a personal gesture of stewardship towards your faith community.

For more information or to enroll, contact Gale at 631-587-5185.

### Be a Winner and Support Our Calendar Raffle - \$25 ticket lasts 6 months.

*Coming: the new raffle tickets will be in the mail soon!*

11/16/20	11/17/20	11/18/20	11/19/20	11/20/20	11/21/20	11/22/20
104	599	406	507	334	424	282