



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent



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

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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 Vilella

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.

Memorials for Week of Dec. 6, 2020

Rose for Life

In Thanksgiving for Life

Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of
Kathleen & Daniel Twohig

Bread & Wine:

Not Taken

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.

Thank You for Your Concert Donations!

So far we've raised \$480 toward next September's \$625 performance license renewal.

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.

ANGEL CARE

We service children from West Babylon District. Morning from 7am - 9am; \$11 for 1st child; \$10 each additional child. Afternoon children bused from schools \$13 1st child & \$12 each additional child. Call 631-893-6564 or email pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net.

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.

Cello Concert

Concert series continues on Dec. 5 at 7:00pm with cellist Richard Cotlib & pianist James Kendall. Suggested \$10 donation. Thanks to all who support us.



For Your Reflection

“What Do You Want of Me?”

Barb Ernster, World Apostolate of Fatima, Nov. 5, 2020

10-year old Lucia asked this was question of the Blessed Mother in 1917 at the beginning of each apparition at Fatima. It is a question we need to ask daily if we are devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and if we trust in the Lord. Even after the vivid and frightening revelations of the July 13th apparition (vision of hell, prophecies and the 3rd secret), Lucia asked again: *“Is there anything **MORE** you want of me?”* Only someone completely empty of self-interest and self-preservation could ask this question without any curiosity about what happened.

With so much angst in the world people look to be delivered from chaos, lies, corruption, moral bankruptcy, and apostasy from truth. But the answer is, **WE** will deliver us by obedience to the Woman “clothed with the sun.” Only by Lucia’s complete obedience and humble submission to Our Lady did she help establish worldwide devotion to the Immaculate Heart as God desired. Only by complete obedience to daily prayer and seeking God’s will did she help the Church to approve the First Saturday devotion, move Pope John Paul to make the consecration that brought down communism within 5 years (after 70 years of totalitarian rule.) Lucia never sought to know how, when or what the future held; she just did what she could: sacrifice, daily prayer and fulfilling her duties to God and others. Even when things didn’t go well, she avoided despair and surrendered to God. When the consecration of Russia was not happening, despite Our Lord’s requests in the 1930’s, she wrote to her spiritual director, *“I am sorry that it has not been done, but the same God who requested it has permitted this.”*

Giving all to Our Lord, she then promoted the First Saturday devotion among the lay people and clergy, not only because its practice would lead to peace in the world, but *“because it is the will of our dear Lord and of our beloved heavenly Mother.”* As communism reached the pinnacle of power toward the end of the 1950’s, she wrote to Fr. Augustin Fuentes: *“God has provided humanity with an extraordinary weapon to stave off Satan: the Rosary. Political, national and international activities are beyond the reach of most people, but each person can recite the Rosary and influence the outcome of the world.”* To her nephew-priest, who wrote about the confusion in the Church following Vatican II, she recommended *“above all else,”* that he go to the Tabernacle and pray. *“The only important thing is to do the will of God, to be where He wants us, and do what He expects, always with humility, conscious that we are nothing and God, who works through us, uses us to accomplish His work.”* To those who caused her suffering because of speculation about the 3rd secret, she lamented: *“If they would just devote their energy to living the real essence of the message, which has already been revealed: Our Lady’s request for prayer and penance.”*

What would Sr. Lucia tell us today? The same. Stay close to God in the Eucharist, pray the Rosary, practice the First Saturday devotion, offer the sacrifices of your daily duty, and seek the will of God in your life. To those who are already doing this, if the Blessed Mother were to stand before you today, would you be able to ask, *“Is there anything **MORE** you want of me?”* May we all avoid unnecessary curiosity and concern about the future, but **today** seek God always and trust in His divine providence.

Respect Life: Youngest Surviving Premie Goes Home

A Decatur, Georgia hospital did what the world deems impossible, discharging a baby born premature at 21 weeks. Jemarius Harbor, born at **only 13 ounces**, went home as *“the youngest-ever surviving premature baby.”* His mother was admitted in Dec. 2019 in premature labor and was adamant that doctors try to save her baby, *“I want you to try. Don’t say you can’t.”* Jemarius’ survival supports a 2016 study in the Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics that found when provided active rather than palliative care, over 70% of babies survive premature birth.

(disrn.com; 6/22/20)

Pray for our Recent Deceased

Josephine Santilli
Mary Borruto
Loretta Quagerelli
Yves Dematera



Welcome Our Newly Baptized!

Elsie Margot Berry
Dominic Christopher Scanlon



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



Worship This Week

Mon.	St. Ambrose
Dec. 7	Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26
8:00am	
9:00am	
5:30pm	Antonio & Domenica Iemma
Tues.	The Immaculate Conception
Dec. 8	Gn 3:9-15,20 / Eph 1:3-6,11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
8:00am	Noelia Novarro
9:00am	Joseph Wundrok
7:30pm	Madeline Costello
Wed.	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Dec. 9	Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30
8:00am	
9:00am	
Thurs.	Advent Weekday
Dec. 10	Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15
8:00am	Annette McManus (16th Anniv.)
9:00am	Bob Olanick
Fri.	St. Damasus I
Dec. 11	Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
8:00am	Antoinette Ognibene
9:00am	Joan & Silvio Impagliazzo
Sat.	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec. 12	Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38
8:00am	Ignatius Giaccone, Daniel Foley
5:00pm	Ron Durante
Sunday	The Third Sunday of Advent
Dec. 13	Is 61:1-2a,10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8,19-28
8:00am	Giovanni Iemma
10:00am	Virginia Fiorello
12:00pm	People of the Parish

Mass Intentions

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

Parish Social Ministry

Pope Francis' *Frategie Tutti* – On Fraternity and Social Friendship- Part 4

“Each day offers new opportunity, new possibility. We should not expect everything from those who govern. We have the space we need for co-responsibility in creating new processes and changes. Let us take part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies. We have a great opportunity to express our fraternity, to be Good Samaritans who bear the pain of others. Like the traveler in the parable, we need only have a simple desire to be people constant and tireless in the effort to include the fallen. We may find ourselves succumbing to the mentality of the violent, the ambitious, those who spread mistrust and lies. Let us foster good and place ourselves at its service.”

“The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.” - The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112

The **Sacred Music Society** supports the Music Ministry at Our Lady of Grace. The generosity of our patrons enable us to offer beautiful music for our liturgies, concerts and special programs throughout the year. We take this time to thank all of our donors to date for their generosity.

Saint Cecilia (\$350 or more)

Schola Cantorum (\$200 to 349)

- ◆ Anonymous

Cantor's Circle (\$100 to \$199)

- ◆ Christine & Mike Jordan,
in memory of Bob & Eleanor Deacon
- ◆ Anonymous

Psalmist's Platform (\$50 to \$99)

- ◆ Melany Abrahamsen,
in honor of the Busso Family
- ◆ Anonymous

Chorister's Guild (\$25 to \$49)

- ◆ Maria Maxwell,
in memory of Edward Maxwell Jr.

Angelic Chorus (up to \$24)

Christmas at Outreach

Christmas – ONLY GIFT CARDS will be distributed. **We are unable to accept or distribute 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 & Wendy's. We are grateful for your support!

FREE Covid-19 Drive-Thru Testing by Appointment Only

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Brentwood Recreation Center, 99 3rd Avenue, Brentwood. Call 631-376-4444; Walk-ins will **NOT** be accepted.

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Faith Formation

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

Registration for Faith Formation classes is ongoing. Virtual option for most levels. Call 631-661-9353.

National Night of Prayer for Life

Tuesday, Dec. 8, after the 7:30pm Mass Exposition of Blessed Sacrament at 8:30pm with Benediction at 10:00pm.

Join us with parishes across the U.S.A to pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, & to spend time in silent adoration for an end to abortion & greater respect for pre-born human life.



Christmas Mass Remembrances

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

Christmas Mass Remembrance
Please return envelope to church with name of person who is to be remembered in the Masses.

Name _____
 Living Deceased

Requested by _____

Name _____ (Please Print)
 Address _____
 City and State _____
 Env. No. _____
 Offering \$ _____

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

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

11/30/20	12/1/20	12/2/20	12/3/20	12/4/20	12/5/20	12/6/20
178	407	85	560	342	439	324