



# Our Lady of Grace

**Roman Catholic Church**

**January 24, 2021**

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**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 and 9:00am

Saturday 8:00am

## Contact Us

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Faith Formation: 631-661-9353

Parish Social Ministry: 631-661-9354

Day Care: 631-422-4681

[www.ourladyofgrace.net](http://www.ourladyofgrace.net)

[parish@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:parish@ourladyofgrace.net)

## 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

Tischa Stanley, Angel Care Coordinator

## 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.

## Regular Devotions:

**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 after the 9am Mass.

## Watch Mass Online

For those not comfortable attending Mass  
on Sundays & Holy Days go to the  
YouTube website & type:

**"Our Lady of Grace RC Church  
Faith Formation"**

Masses taped weekly.

# 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

## Mass Intentions

### Unannounced Mass Intentions:

Offered almost immediately and do not appear in the bulletin and 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 Jan. 24, 2021

### Rose for Life

In Memory of Tina & Vincent Durso

### Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppa DiLorenzo

### Bread and 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.

### Flute Concert, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

The monthly concert continues in church with flute music from Extra Chi: "Classical traditions, jazz influences." All welcome. \$10 suggested donation.

### Low Gluten Hosts

Available for those who cannot receive the normal hosts. See our sacristans, Anthony or Fran, who are happy to accommodate.

## 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)

## ANGEL CARE

We service West Babylon District children. Mornings: 7am - 9am; \$11 for 1st child; \$10 each additional. Afternoon children bused from schools \$13 for 1st child and \$12 each additional.

Call 631-893-6564

or email [pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:pstanley@ourladyofgrace.net).

## DayCare Happenings

We hope that you all had a lovely holiday season! As this New Year gets into full swing, we can help you with your childcare needs. We have availability for all age groups & offer tours after 6:00 PM on weekdays & on Saturday mornings. Please call (631) 422-4681.



We also have employment positions available; send resumes to [daycare@ourladyofgrace.net](mailto:daycare@ourladyofgrace.net).

## Congratulations!

Kellenberg High School  
1st Trimester Honor Roll:

Eleina Pisani, Jessica Sanchez, Matthew Sanchez

## For Your Reflection

### What happens when we die? MEETING GOD

by Sr. Fidelity Grace, SV and Sr. Marie Veritas, SV, Sisters of Life, Fall 2020

#### Heaven

Eternal bliss: Jesus died and rose to make heaven possible for us who were stuck in sin; that's why He came. To arrive in heaven is to be submerged in the unending embrace and praise of the Infinite Love who made us. It is to have all life's thirsts quenched, questions answered, and desires fulfilled. For when we see God as He is: Father, Son, and Spirit unveiled, we come to know ourselves as we truly are, as He sees us.

*"Our aim must be infinite & not the finite. We have always been expected in Heaven."* (Bl. Carlo Acutis)

Made for you: While perpetually new and exciting, heaven is ever familiar. There we can authentically say, with a smile as wide as the horizon, "I belong here. I was made for this." It is a true reunion with God's earthly family. Free from any trace of rivalry or contention, all those in heaven are saints, transformed by glory to the degree that they loved God on earth. C.S. Lewis masterfully imagines it: *"Your place in heaven will seem to be made for you, and you alone, because you were made for it ... stitch by stitch as a glove is made for a hand."*

It doesn't end there. At the end of time, when Christ comes again, the bodies of all the dead will rise (some to eternal life and some to eternal death), and the entire cosmos will be transformed. But we will not morph into angels or "reincarnate" as new personalities. Instead, our own body and soul will be united again. Those who rise to life will become like the Risen Christ, still themselves, but glorified and perfected! (Catechism #988-1004) Indeed, "we look forward to the resurrection of the dead..." (Nicene Creed). It's the happiness we're made for. *"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal."* (St. Thomas More)

### Respect Life: 3 'Dads' in California Lead Charge to Normalize 'Polyamory'

Before long we will be informed that only bigots believe that children need mothers and that to insinuate such a thing is shocking and outrageous. Pro-family activists said that polygamy and polyamory would be next after marriage was redefined by the Supreme Court "*Obergefell*" decision. Everything is unfolding on schedule with children utilized as evidence that legal recognition of alternative family arrangements are necessary and courts announcing they are only recognizing an already-existing reality. In California in 2017, a "throuple" of men (3) petitioned a judge to put all 3 on the birth certificate of a little girl named Piper. Ian Jenkins & Alan Mayfield met in 2003 and added Jeremy Hodges to their relationship in 2012. They discussed having children and were offered embryos by a female friend. They rented a womb and Piper was born, followed several years later by Parker. The 3 men wanted legal recognition for their arrangement and appealed to a San Diego judge to be recognized as 3 fathers. The judge initially refused. The men gave tearful testimonies why they needed to become parents, and the judge found a way to use existing laws to issue the first birth certificate of its kind. This has been hailed as a landmark loophole for polyamorous "throuples" and a path to legal recognition for a variety of arrangements.

The men now have a book coming out titled "*Three Dads and a Baby*." The book explains that Ian is called '*papa*,' Alan is '*dada*,' and Jeremy is '*daddy*.' The point of the book is to persuade people that 3 dads and no moms is great for kids. Men and women are simply interchangeable. Ian said they also wanted to raise awareness of the need for more legal rights for polyamorous families, "*I really worry about someone who lives somewhere that's not as accepting as California and wants to live this kind of life and can't move. Some states are brutal. They make every effort to impair parenting by nontraditional families. I'm hoping this starts the wheels turning that families come in lots of different arrangements.*"

(LifeSiteNews.com; Dec.18, 2020)

## OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

In Genazzano, not far from Rome, a sacred icon is housed in a church dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Good Counsel. The story of this sacred image dates back to the mid-15<sup>th</sup> century, when a restoration of the centuries-old structure was undertaken. In 1467, the townspeople of Genazzano beheld a vision of a shining cloud that descended upon the church. The brilliant mist gave way to reveal a beautiful painting of the Blessed Virgin tenderly cradling her infant Son in her arms. Countless graces and healings followed its installation in the church.

Not long after, 2 Albanian refugees fleeing an invasion arrived in Genazzano. They had traveled on foot for more than 1,000 miles, having fled their home country. They told the people an incredible tale. Their homeland of Scutari had been invaded and they prayed to the Virgin Mary for "good counsel" on what action they should take. That night, she had directed them to take flight so that they, along with a piece of treasured artwork, would be spared in the invasion. The next day, the pair visited a local church where the "miraculous" fresco of the Virgin and Child had hung for more than 200 years. Before their eyes, the painting of Mary lifted itself from the wall, as if being carried away by angels. They followed the image day and night until it suddenly disappeared outside Rome.

Now, inside the Genazzano church, the refugees marveled to find the same painting. Pope Paul II undertook an investigation, concluding that the icon had been miraculously transported. Painted on a sheet of plaster as thin as an eggshell, the painting would have been impossible to remove by hand without damage. Yet it went on to survive centuries of natural disasters and even a nearby bombing during World War II.

Our Lady of Good Counsel is a beautiful reminder of Mary's desire to provide us with tender guidance and motherly advice throughout our earthly lives, especially in times of crisis or great suffering.

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### March for Life - January 29, 2021

The March for Life in Washington D.C. began as a response of pro-lifers nationwide to Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. Each year people go to our nation's capital to pray & publicly intercede on behalf of the unborn, their parents, families, our communities, our nation and its leaders.

For the Diocese of Rockville Centre, due to Covid-19, the March for Life will be local & virtual! Join us here at Our Lady of Grace on Friday, January 29, at the 9:00AM Mass whose intention is for an end to abortion. The praying of the Rosary will follow. On the same day, join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church from 1:00PM - 5:00PM, concluding with Benediction.

## Worship This Week

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Conversion of St. Paul</b>
<b>Jan. 25</b>	Acts 22:3-16 / Mk 16:15-18
8:00am	Stephanie Scheuermann
9:00am	Joseph C. Noto, Jr.
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Ss. Timothy and Titus</b>
<b>Jan. 26</b>	2 Tim 1:1-8 / Mk 3:31-35
8:00am	The Grosso Family Living & Deceased
9:00am	Barbara Hill
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>St. Angela Merici</b>
<b>Jan. 27</b>	Heb 10:11-18 / Mk 4:1-20
8:00am	
9:00am	Bn Breglia
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>St. Thomas Aquinas</b>
<b>Jan. 28</b>	Heb 10:19-25 / Mk 4:21-25
8:00am	
9:00am	
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
<b>Jan. 29</b>	Heb 10:32-39 / Mk 4:26-34
8:00am	Giuseppe Mozzone
9:00am	For an end to abortion
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
<b>Jan. 30</b>	Heb 11:1-2,8-19 / Mk 4:35-41
8:00am	
5:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Jan. 31</b>	<b>Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28</b>
8:00am	Giovanni Iemma
10:00am	Carmela Stango
12:00pm	Jacinta Donnelly

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### Mass Intentions

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

## Parish Social Ministry

### ***Fratelli Tutti* – On Fraternity and Social Friendship – Part 11**

Let us realize that as minds and hearts narrow, the less capable can we understand the world. Without encountering and relating to differences, it's hard to achieve clear and complete understanding of ourselves and our native land. Other cultures are not "enemies" from which we need to protect ourselves, but differing reflections of the richness of human life. Seeing ourselves from the perspective of another, one who is different, we can better recognize our unique features and those of culture: its richness, possibilities and limitations. Our local experience needs to develop "in contrast to" and "in harmony with" the experiences of others in diverse cultural contexts.

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### **NYS Online Eligibility Tool for COVID-19 Vaccine**

Looking to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment in Phase 1a or 1b?

Go to <https://am-i-eligible-covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>  
Limited amounts

For phased distribution plan information visit:

<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/phased-distribution-vaccine>

For vaccine updates from Suffolk, visit:

<https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/vaccine>

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### **Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) Project HOPE**

The CCP supports recovery for survivors of natural and human-caused disasters through community-based outreach crisis counseling and behavioral health service. For anyone impacted by COVID. Confidential

\*Anonymous\*Free Call (516) 538-2613 Nassau x205 & Suffolk x202

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### **COVID Rent Relief Program Reopening**

NYS has announced that the COVID Rent Relief Program has been reopened with expanded eligibility criteria. Applications accepted through Monday, Feb.1, 2021. Those who previously applied do not have to reapply. Denied applications will be reevaluated & determination letters will be issued.

Contact COVID Rent Relief Center: 833- 499-0318 or [covidrentrelief@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:covidrentrelief@hcr.ny.gov) representatives available Mon -Fri 8:30 – 5:00. Applications available at [www.https://hcr.ny.gov/rfp](https://hcr.ny.gov/rfp)

### **COVID-19 LOCAL TESTING SITES**

**LI Urgent Care center** – 403 Little East Neck Rd., West Babylon (631)716-5463.

Appointment not required. Referral required.

**CityMD Lindenhurst Urgent Care** -656 N. Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst (631)225-4227.

Appointment not required. Referral not required.

**CityMD Copiague Urgent Care** – 901 Sunrise Hwy, Copiague (631)230-5772.

Appointment not required. Referral not required.

**ProHealth Urgent Care of West Islip** – 148 Sunrise Hwy., West Islip (631) 620-3580. Appointment needed. Referral not required. Rapid Test: no appointment; PCR nasal swab: walk in with no appointment necessary.

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### **FREE Covid-19 Drive-Thru Testing by Appointment Only**

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 1:00 - 5:00 pm.  
Brentwood Rec. Center, 99 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Brentwood. Call 631-376-4444; Walk-ins **NOT** accepted.

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### **DMV Warning on Scam Text Messages**

The DMV warns of text message scams which look like they are from the DMV and include a link to a fake website. It asks to update your information to access your sensitive personal data. If you receive a text message, delete it.

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### **“Grandparent Scam”**

A common phone scam targets senior citizens with calls posing as a grandchild and asking for money. They often call in the middle of the night or early in morning because the victim may not be alert enough to ask questions. Victims often instructed to mail cash or send a prepaid debit or gift card and to call back and read the number on the cards, allowing the scammer to immediately transfer the funds. Be suspicious of anyone who calls asking for money. Never send cash in the mail or purchase a pre-paid debit card or gift card for transferring money. View the Grandparent Scam at <https://vimeo.com/224391892>

## Faith Formation

**Children's Faith Formation -Time to Register!!!**  
Virtual options available. Call 631-661-9353 for information

### ***Background Screening Update – DRVC Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:***

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People outlines practices & guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes throughout the United States. The Diocese requires all employees, clergy and volunteers to complete 3 requirements within 30 days of employment or volunteering:

1. Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**
2. Sign the Codes of Conduct;
3. Complete background screen application. Those in active ministry require rescreening at 5 yr. intervals.

### **A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:**

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the 3 safe environment requirements in 3 step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

1. Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class & create a Virtus account on the Virtus website: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org)
2. Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct during the Virtus registration process.
3. Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

### **Active Volunteers:**

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus & have been background screened you may be at or beyond the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If so, you will receive an email from **Sterling Volunteers** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account.

***Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.*** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records & noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

### **Edit Your Virtus Account:**

To access your Virtus account: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org) You will need your Username & Password. If you need help, contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or [helpdesk@virtus.org](mailto:helpdesk@virtus.org). Once in your account, review your account information, particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side in the green column click "Update My Account." You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: [mmcmahon@drvc.org](mailto:mmcmahon@drvc.org); [amendoza-cantos@drvc.org](mailto:amendoza-cantos@drvc.org); [jwinter@drvc.org](mailto:jwinter@drvc.org); [pditomasso@drvc.org](mailto:pditomasso@drvc.org)

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

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

1/18/21	1/19/21	1/20/21	1/21/21	1/22/21	1/23/21	1/24/21
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