



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

January 31, 2021

4th 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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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
Mary Ellen McEntee
Maria Russello-Chetti
Kathleen Scheid

Ralph Fiorillo
James Nevins
Lucy Sanchez
Concetta Whelan

Finance Council

Richard Korcz (Trustee)
Leonardo LoCricchio
Robert Scharf (Trustee)

Joseph Salzone
Debra Nicosia
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. 31, 2021

Rose for Life

In Memory of Maria & John Chao and Enrique & Maria Cheng

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Al & Florence Chemerka

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. 6th 6:00pm

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

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.

DayCare Happenings

We can help you your childcare needs & have availability for all ages & offer tours after 6:00 PM on weekdays & Saturday mornings. Call (631) 422-4681. Employment positions available; send resumes to daycare@ourladyofgrace.net.

Pennies from Heaven

Pennies make a difference! Take them to the Faith Formation Office mail slot, the Parish Office, or put in the Sunday collection (mark envelope "Faith Formation"). For 2020-21: \$29 donated. Total to date: \$297. Thanks to all who have donated.

Low Gluten Hosts

For those who cannot receive the normal hosts. Our sacristans, Anthony or Fran, are happy to accommodate.

For Your Reflection

“**The Back Page**” by Mark Crutcher, LifeDynamics.com, Dec. 2020 ProLife Voice

When this war began, the abortion lobby was certain that legalization of abortion would eventually eradicate the stigma that has always been associated with it. But as we now know, this “mainstreaming” never took place either in the general population or the medical community. In fact, since the legalization of abortion, its stigma has increased and become more widespread. This happened because the pro-life movement forced abortion into the American consciousness and then never allowed it to go away. From the beginning, our working principle has been that if the public is going to tolerate abortion, we are going to rub their noses in it. This means that today the American people know more about what abortion is and what it does than they ever have. In effect, we have not allowed the abortion lobby to put a “happy face” on the wholesale extermination of unborn children.

The result is that many in the pro-abortion camp are now openly stating that their most devastating failure has been their inability to remove the stigma associated with abortion. This is why so many pro-abortion organizations have changed their names to one that does not contain the word abortion. These people understand that stigma not only impacts the legality of abortion, it has a direct bearing on who has abortions and who does them. One of the abortion lobby’s campaigns to remove the stigma of abortion was seen a few years ago, when they began marketing t-shirts printed with “*I had an abortion*”. Of course it failed, but they keep trying. One of their latest strategies is to push the concept that there is no moral distinction between one woman’s decision to have an abortion and another woman’s decision to give birth. Some are even trying to sell the idea that there are situations in which having an abortion is morally superior to giving birth.

These people realize that if there was no stigma on abortion, the pro-life movement would be finished. In fact, it would have collapsed decades ago. But their problem is every campaign they launch to get rid of this stigma goes down in flames. The reason why is simple. These efforts are doomed because abortion shares a fundamental and unchangeable characteristic with pornography and prostitution. The stench coming from all 3 is indelible and cannot be erased or reduced by simply making them legal. That’s why no mentally stable woman was ever proud of having an abortion regardless of her position on the issue. No mentally stable woman ever climbed off an abortionist’s table feeling better about herself than she did when she climbed on.

The stigma of abortion is so powerful it even effects those who work in the abortion industry. We’ve interviewed abortion clinic employees. They tell us they never tell anyone they work at an abortion clinic and they take extra precautions to keep friends and family from finding out. Some insist their paycheck not have anything printed on it to indicate that it came from an abortion clinic. In recent years, some abortion advocates have begun to openly question whether the stigma of abortion is so deep-rooted, even among women who have had abortions, that it cannot be removed and is something they must live with. The good news is, that’s up to us. The battle over stigma is ours to win. As long as our rhetoric constantly reinforces that stigma, our enemies will have no defense against it.

Respect Life: Government Orders “Jesus” T-shirt Censored as “Political Speech”

A lawsuit has been filed against the city of Hart, Michigan, after officials ordered a Jesus T-shirt censored. Margaret Wittman, an elections worker, was relieved of her duties for refusing to hide her shirt that said, “*My heart will TRUST in you JESUS,*” while working during the presidential election. Robert Muise of the American Freedom Law Center said, “*The Constitution does not permit government to order a citizen to check her religion at the door to city hall. Ms. Wittman does not cease being a Christian when she is performing her duties as an election worker. The 1st Amendment prohibits government from regulating, prohibiting, or rewarding religious beliefs. The principles that government officials may not enact or enforce policies that suppress religious belief or practice is well understood in our courts of law.*” Because Ms. Wittman would not act contrary to her firmly held religious beliefs and convictions, she was “relieved of her duties” as an election worker. Wittman then was ordered to speak with the city manager, who again told her that “TRUST in JESUS” is political speech. City Officials violated Wittman’s rights protected by the 1st & 14th Amendment. The “TRUST in JESUS” shirt is not political speech. Jesus holds no political office and was not on the ballot. Another worker was allowed to wear a shirt stating “One Nation Under God,” without opposition.

(wnd.com; Jan. 3, 2021)

Pray for our Recent Deceased

Margaret Conlon, Jerry DiPrima,
Mirko Grzunov, Jr., Danute Bilenas



Paschal Candle

We invite up to 4 individuals or families to memorialize the Paschal Candle through a \$150 donation. A beautiful way to remember your loved one. For information or to memorialize, please come to the parish office or leave your name, phone number and name of the person/family to be memorialized with the donation at the Parish Office.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Juan Diego was a 16th century native Mexican peasant who converted to Catholicism. The widower lived in a small village near Mexico City. While on his way to a Mass honoring our Lady on December 9, 1531, he encountered a beautiful maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. She appeared in a misty cloud, amid enchanting music like that made by a choir of birds. The Lady told Juan Diego to visit the local bishop and request that a chapel be built upon the spot of her appearance. The bishop doubted the story and asked for proof. A second appearance and plea met with the same skepticism. Several days later, while Juan Diego was seeking help for his uncle who had fallen ill, the Virgin appeared to him a third time. Mary assured him that his loved one would recover. She also instructed him to return to the bishop again, this time with roses gathered from the nearby Tepeyac Hill as a sign of her presence. Despite it being out of season, Juan Diego found the field abloom with flowers. Using his "tilma" or cloak, he carried the bouquet back to the bishop. Upon unveiling the blooms, both were amazed to behold an image of the Virgin left miraculously upon the tilma! The bishop quickly ordered the building of the church.

In 1895, Pope Leo XIII granted canonical recognition of the image. Today, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City houses the tilma. The Basilica is one of the most visited Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. Juan Diego spent the remainder of his life living in a hut beside the church. He was canonized in 2002 by St. John Paul II. Our Lady of Guadalupe, also known as "The Brown Virgin," is the patroness of Mexico and the Empress of all the Americas. Her feast day is December 12.

Worship This Week

Mon.	Weekday
Feb. 1	Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20
8:00am	Thomas Casey
9:00am	Rossella Buttaro
Tues.	The Presentation of the Lord
Feb. 2	Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40
8:00am	
9:00am	Antoinette Ratto
Wed.	St. Blaise & St. Ansgar
Feb. 3	Heb 12:4-7,11-15 / Mk 6:1-6
8:00am	
9:00am	Vincent Hagan
Thurs.	Weekday
Feb. 4	Heb 12:18-19,21-24 / Mk 6:7-13
8:00am	Antonino Saracino
9:00am	
Fri.	St. Agatha
Feb. 5	Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:14-29
8:00am	
9:00am	Holy Face of Jesus – Living & Deceased
Sat.	St. Paul Miki & Companions
Feb. 6	Heb 13:15-17,20-21 / Mk 6:30-34
8:00am	
5:00pm	Ron Durante, Utilia & Eugene Kelleher
Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb. 7	Jb7:1-4,6-7 / 1Cor9:16-19,22-23 / Mk1:29-39
8:00am	Holly Cappiello & Sue Caruso
10:00am	People of the Parish
12:00pm	Regina Brodmerkel

Mass Intentions

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

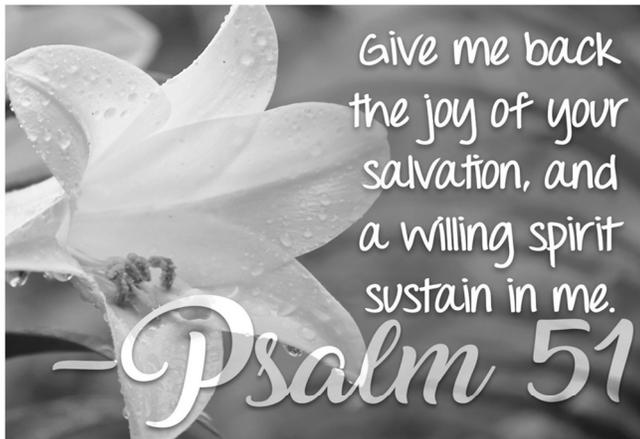
Parish Social Ministry

Fratelli Tutti

On Fraternity and Social Friendship - Part 12

“Popular” leaders, those who interpret the feelings and cultural dynamics of people and trends in society, do exist. The service they provide to unite and lead can become the basis of an enduring vision of transformation and growth that would also include making room for others in the common good. But this can degenerate into an unhealthy “populism” when individuals exploit politically a people’s culture for their own personal advantage or grip on power. At other times they seek popularity by appealing to the most base and selfish inclinations of the population. This becomes more serious when, whether in crude or subtle forms, it leads usurping institutions and laws.”

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- 1 Visit www.ourladyofgrace.net and click WeShare for online giving.
- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 3 Set up your donation or payment. That's it!



Contact our Customer Support Team at weshare@4lpi.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter now "Virtual"!

To support married couples, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual experiences, some on weekends & some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples explore their personality styles, improve listening & communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn to keep their relationship a priority. \$100 application fee. Call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit: wwmenyli.org. The next virtual Experiences are Feb 12-14, and May 3-24, 2021

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 3rd Ave., Brentwood. Call 631-376-4444; Walk-ins **NOT** accepted.

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DMV 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 message, delete it.

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NYS Online Eligibility Tool for COVID-19 Vaccine

Looking to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment?

Go to: am-i-eligible-covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/

For phased distribution plan information visit: covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/phased-distribution-vaccine

For vaccine updates visit:

www.suffolkcountyny.gov/vaccine

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Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) Project HOPE

For survivors of natural & human-caused disasters through community-based outreach crisis counseling. For anyone impacted by COVID. Confidential & 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 reopened with expanded criteria. Applications accepted through Feb.1. Those who previously applied do not have to reapply. Denied applications will be reevaluated. Contact COVID Rent Relief Center: 833 - 499-0318 or covidrentrelief@hcr.ny.gov Representatives available Mon -Fri 8:30 - 5:00. Applications available at hcr.ny.gov/rfp

Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation - Virtual options available; call 631-661-9353

**"WE SHARE" is a Win-Win.
Please prayerfully consider "WE SHARE" for your contributions.
WE SHARE helps us budget and gives 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.

Sacred Music Society

Dear Friends and Parishioners: Join the *Sacred Music Society* for the 2020-2021 season. With your generosity, we can offer beautiful music for our liturgies, concert & special programs. With gratitude for those who gave last season, I invite all to consider supporting this initiative for the new season. Contributions support our music programs, concert series and instruments for Christmas, Easter & Pentecost. Acknowledgments are made in our concert programs & special musical offerings & the bulletin. You can contribute at the following levels:

- ◆ Psalmist's Platform (\$50 to \$99)
- ◆ Chorister's Guild (\$25 to \$49)
- ◆ Angelic chorus (up to \$24)
- ◆ St. Cecilia (\$350 or more)
- ◆ Schola Cantorum (\$200 to \$349)
- ◆ Cantor's Circle (\$100 to \$199)

Mail or bring form below & check payable to "*Our Lady of Grace*" to the Parish Office: Attn: Terence Purtell. For info, contact tpurtell@ourladyofgrace.net or 631-587-5185. Thank you for your generosity and support!

OUR LADY OF GRACE SACRED MUSIC SOCIETY 2020-2021

I wish to support the *Sacred Music Society* with a donation of \$ _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Donation is: In memory of _____ In honor of _____

Anonymous _____

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

1/25/21	1/26/21	1/27/21	1/28/21	1/29/21	1/30/21	1/31/21
603	370	119	446	47	51	674