



# Our Lady of Grace

**Roman Catholic Church**

**February 7, 2021**

**5th 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** worshipping 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

666 Albin Ave., West Babylon, NY 11704

Office: 631-587-5185 Fax: 631-587-1427

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  
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 Feb. 7, 2021

### Rose for Life

For Linda Wang & Angela Cheng

### Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of William & Jane Peysson

### 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.

## The Altar Society

The Altar Society cares for the altar linens used at Mass. We still need help. If you are able to assist, please call the Parish Office at: 631-587-5185 or email : galetwohig@ourladyofgrace.net.

## 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 with 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

### What happens when we die? MEETING GOD

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

#### Hell

The reality of hell: Today, the devil is often lumped into the same category as mermaids and fairies, the realm of make-believe. But Scripture and Christian tradition are clear that Satan, an angel created good by God, definitively chose against God and now dwells with his minions in the place of perpetual death known as hell. Christ Himself often referred to Gehenna (a garbage dump where fires continually burned) as an image of hell, the destiny of those who ultimately choose against love. *“For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, a stranger and you gave Me no welcome, naked and you gave Me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for Me...what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for Me... truly I say to you, I do not know you”* (Mt 25: 42-45; Mt 25:12).

Like a fish out of water: A fish out of water isn't merely uncomfortable; it is cut off from its very life-source. Likewise, hell is complete separation from the love of God. Hell's greatest pain is isolation from the Creator and all other creatures, from the communion for which we were made. It is a place devoid of truth, goodness, and beauty; a realm of chaos and unspeakable agony. St. Ignatius of Loyola once said, *“Imagine the worst you can, and then say, ‘All this is nothing compared to hell.’”* It is an everlasting abode of darkness, death, and fire.

The choice against God: God desires no one's eternal unhappiness, let alone a person's destruction or non-existence. He desires our free return to His love. In our final hour, however, if we refuse to receive His mercy, or refuse to repent of any mortal sins, then we ultimately refuse to live with God. To be damned to hell is to have knowingly said “no” to the arms that were always open to embrace us and the voice that had always called our name.

*“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need of your mercy.”*-The Fatima Prayer

Reflection question: God made us to be with Him forever in heaven. Is that our goal in life?

### Respect Life: China Virus impact on abortions in 2020

The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of Operation Rescue's annual survey of all abortion facilities in the United States revealed that the China Virus impacted abortions in 2020. The results also showed impacts of China Virus policies on gestational age limits that abortion facilities impose on themselves, on abortion costs, and on wait times for appointments. The survey found the following:

1. There are 706 abortion facilities in the U.S., comprised of 458 surgical and 248 abortion pill clinics.
2. The percentage of surgical abortion facilities that self-impose abortion limits at no later than 13 weeks dramatically dropped over the past 2 years from 46% in 2018 to 19% in 2020. Facilities that place gestational limits at 14-19 weeks grew the fastest in 2020, now comprising 51% of abortion facilities.
3. The number of abortion facilities willing to do abortions after 20 weeks gestation dropped slightly by 1% in 2020. 30% of abortion facilities will now conduct abortions that late into pregnancies.
4. The average cost of a 1<sup>st</sup>-trimester abortion jumped to a record high of \$612, up \$9 from 2019.
5. The average wait time for an abortion appointment rose to 8.4 days in 2020, primarily due to the China Virus.

The 1<sup>st</sup> part of this report showed that overall, the number of abortion facilities in America decreased in 2020. It also showed an increase in the use of telemedicine to prescribe abortion drugs. There are 69 facilities that now conduct telemedicine abortion programs. Operation Rescue President Troy Newman said, *“2020 was a year of changes where the Abortion Cartel grappled with new pro-life legislation & policies, and the impacts of the China Virus. We see women exploited more than ever by rising prices for abortion drugs in facilities that have low overhead costs. We see abortions becoming riskier with the push into the dangerous 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester abortions. This information, the most current and accurate available, shows where the pro-life movement has been successful and exposes areas where more can be done to save lives.”*

Operation Rescue; Press Release - Part 2, Jan. 7, 2021; (operationrescue.org)

## Pray for our Recent Deceased

Frank Pisano, Gerard McGibbon,  
John Henry Boles, Flora Viscuso,  
Patricia Steil



## Paschal Candle

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



## Need to do Marriage Preparation?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program for a successful marriage. Our next 2-day social-distanced weekend is on March 6-7 at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington. Call Lenny & Pat Walker: 631-563-1032 or visit:

[www.longisland.engagedencounter.com](http://www.longisland.engagedencounter.com) to register.

## February Concert Canceled!

The flute concert with Extra Chi is canceled.

## OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

In Paris, France, between July and November 1830, our Lady appeared to Sister (now Saint) Catherine Labouré, a novice of the Daughters of Charity. During the final apparition, she gave Catherine a mission. She told Catherine to have a medal struck in the image of the vision: Mary appeared standing on a globe with her arms outstretched and a crown of stars encircling her head. Dazzling rays of light streamed from the rings on her fingers. Her image appeared within an oval frame encircled by an inscription: *“O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.”* The image turned, and Catherine was shown what was to become the reverse of the medal. Catherine saw a large “M” from which arose a cross. Below were 2 burning hearts, thorns encircling one and a sword piercing the other. Mary continued, *“Those who wear the medal will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the necks.”* Catherine explained everything to her confessor and he assisted in carrying out Mary’s instructions. The 1st medals, made in 1832, were distributed throughout Paris. Almost immediately, blessings were showered on those who wore the medal. Before long, people were calling it the “Miraculous” Medal. By 1836, more than a million medals had been distributed across the land. An official Church inquiry declared the apparitions to be genuine. Our Blessed Mother told Catherine, *“[The medal] must be given to the whole world and to every person.”* Today, nearly 200 years later, the Association of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, continues our Lady’s request in many ways, providing a free, blessed Miraculous Medal to anyone who requests one.

## Worship This Week

**Mon. Ss. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakituta**

**Feb. 8** Gn 1:1-19 / Mk 6:53-56

8:00am The Procita Family (Living & Deceased)

9:00am

**Tues. Weekday**

**Feb. 9** Gn 1:20 - 2:4 / Mk 7:1-13

8:00am

9:00am Rossella Buttaro

**Wed. St. Scholastica**

**Feb. 10** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 / Mk 7:14-23

8:00am

9:00am Rev. Serasino A. Covali

**Thurs. Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Feb. 11** Gn 2:18-25 / Mk 7:24-30

8:00am

9:00am John Sabella

**Fri. Weekday**

**Feb. 12** Gn 3:1-8 / Mk 7:31-37

8:00am

Pasqua Assalone

9:00am

**Sat. Weekday**

**Feb. 13** Gn 3:9-24 / Mk 8:1-10

8:00am

Gerard McGibbon, Frank Fonte

5:00pm

**Sunday**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Feb. 14** Lv13:1-2,44-46/1Cor10:31 – 11:1/ Mk 1:40-45

8:00am

Margaret Conlon, Icelean Hicks

10:00am

Franca Carcone

12:00pm

Romulo A. Maramag

## Mass Intentions

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

## Parish Social Ministry

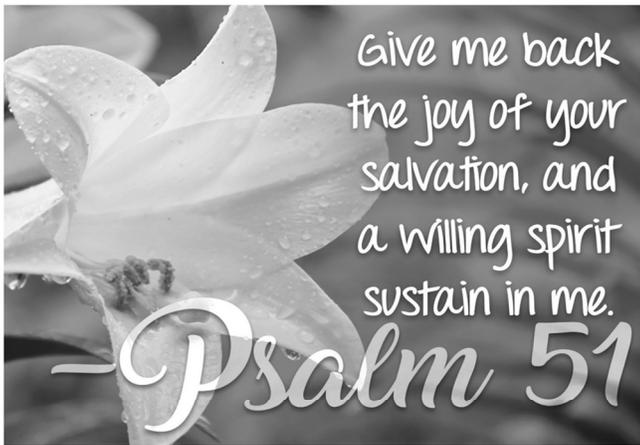
### **Fratelli Tutti**

#### **Fraternity & Social Friendship - Pt 13**

The biggest issue is employment, since it promotes the good of the people to provide everyone with the opportunity to nurture the seeds that God has planted: our talents, initiative and resources. This is the finest help we can give to the poor, the best path to a life of dignity. I insist that, "helping the poor financially must always be a provisional solution in the face of pressing needs. The broader objective should allow them a dignified life through work." Since production systems may change, political systems work to structure society so everyone has a chance to contribute his talents and efforts. For "there is no poverty worse than that which takes away work and the dignity of work". In a developed society, work is essential for it is not only a means of earning one's daily bread, but also of personal growth, building of relationships, self-expression and the exchange of gifts.

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Support our church today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account.

- 1 Visit [www.ourladyofgrace.net](http://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](mailto:weshare@4lpi.com)

### **Legalizing Prostitution in NYS**

A proposal to repeal the crime of loitering for prostitution is advancing in the NYS State Legislature. S.1351-Hoylman/A.3355-Paulin would repeal Penal Law § 247, which bans loitering in a public place for the purpose of (a) engaging in prostitution; (b) patronizing a person for prostitution; or (c) promoting prostitution. The Senate Codes Committee and the Assembly Codes Committee voted to approve the bill. The votes fell along party lines, with Democrats in favor of the legislation and Republicans opposing it. Gov. Cuomo has included similar legislation in his 2021-2022 budget proposal. Repealing Penal Law § 247 would make it difficult to police areas where prostitution is common. Allowing loitering for prostitution is detrimental to neighborhoods and families. This bill will lead to full legalization of prostitution. Members of the Legislature should recognize this and vote "no." A vote could be soon.

#### **Urge our NYS legislators to vote no.**

NYS Senator Phil Boyle: [pboyle@nysenate.gov](mailto:pboyle@nysenate.gov)

NYS Assemblymember Michael Dursos:  
[dursom@nyassembly.gov](mailto:dursom@nyassembly.gov)

### **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](http://wwmenyli.org). The next virtual Experiences are Feb 12-14, and May 3-24, 2021

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

Looking to schedule COVID vaccine appointment?  
Go to: [am-i-eligible-covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/](http://am-i-eligible-covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/)  
Go to: [covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/phased-distribution-vaccine](http://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/phased-distribution-vaccine)

### **Stimulus Rebates & Debit Cards**

The IRS will reissue payments in the form of debit cards for taxpayers who did not receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> Economic Impact Payment because their bank accounts were closed. They are issuing Payments by prepaid debit card to speed the delivery to people. Get My Payment tool on [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov) shows a date that a payment was mailed. Watch your mail carefully for either a paper check or debit card.

## 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](mailto:tpurtell@ourladyofgrace.net) or 631-587-5185. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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**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.**

2/1/21	2/2/21	2/3/21	2/4/21	2/5/21	2/6/21	2/7/21
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