



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

February 14, 2021

6th 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

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Our Clergy

Rev. Joseph Davanzo, Pastor

Rev. Martin Adu Gyamfi, Associate

Rev. Gregory Breen, Associate

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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 Vilella

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. 14, 2021

Rose for Life

In Memory of Carmela Pesale

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Eslanislao Morlas, Gloria Leonardi & Marie Leonardi

Bread

In Loving Memory of Flora Viscuso

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.

Paschal Candle donations have been made

In Loving Memory of:

Gary & Marie Foster

Virginia & Joseph Whelan

Angela Schrotz



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

“And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.” (Matthew 6:4)

This Wednesday, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. 40 days to pray, fast and grow in charity. We need this time each year to step back and reexamine our lives, to turn away from our sins, and to grow in the virtues God so deeply desires to bestow upon us. The 40 days of Lent are to be an imitation of Jesus’ 40 days in the desert. In fact, we are called not only to “imitate” Jesus’ time in the desert, we are called to live this time with Him, in Him and through Him. Jesus did not personally need to spend 40 days of fasting and prayer in the desert to obtain a deeper holiness. He is Holiness Itself. He is the Holy One of God. He is Perfection. He is the 2nd Person of the Most Holy Trinity. He is God. But Jesus entered into the desert to fast and pray so as to invite us to join Him and to receive the transforming qualities He manifested in His human nature as He endured the suffering of those 40 days. We need to ask, *“Are we ready for your 40 days in the desert with our Lord?”*

While in the desert, Jesus manifested every perfection within His human nature. Although no one saw this but the Father in Heaven, His time in the desert was abundantly fruitful for the human race and abundantly fruitful for each one of us. The “desert” we are called to enter is one that is hidden from the eyes of those around us but is visible to the Father in Heaven. It is “hidden” in that our growth in virtue is not done for selfish recognition or to obtain worldly praise. The 40 day desert we must enter is one that transforms us by drawing us to deeper prayer, greater detachment from anything not of God, and that fills us with love of those we encounter every day.

During these 40 days, we must pray. Properly speaking, prayer means communicating with God on an interior level. We must do more than attend Mass or speak prayers aloud. Prayer is a secret and interior communication with God. We speak, but more than that, we listen, hear, understand and respond. Without all 4 of these qualities, prayer is not prayer or “communication.” It’s only us talking to ourselves.

During these 40 days, we must fast. Today, our 5 senses are overwhelmed with activity and noise. Our eyes and ears are often bombarded by TV, radio, computers, etc. Our tastes are prone to desire fine foods, sweets and drink, often to excess. Our 5 senses need a break from the bombardment of the world’s delights and to instead turn to the deeper delights of a life of union with God.

During these 40 days, we must also give. Greed often takes hold of us without us even realizing the extent of its grip. We want so much, even too much. We increasingly consume more and more material things, and we do so because we seek satisfaction from the world. We need to detach ourselves from all that distracts us from God and being generous is one of the best ways to achieve this detachment.

Today, as we approach the beginning of Lent, let’s reflect on these 3 simple words: prayer, fasting and giving. Let’s seek to live these qualities in a hidden way known only to God this Lent. If you do so, the Lord will begin to do greater things in your life than you may realize are currently possible. He will free you from the selfishness that often restrains us and will enable you to love Him and others on a new deeper level. Let’s pray, *“Lord, I give myself to You this Lent. I freely choose to enter into the desert of these 40 days and choose to pray, fast and give of myself to an extent I have never done before. I pray that this Lent will be a time in which I am transformed interiorly by You. Set me free, dear Lord, from all that keeps me from loving You and others with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You.”*

Respect Life: Hollywood is Clueless

The problem of Hollywood elites lecturing America is escalating to nauseating proportions. Name the issue, they are there at every turn to tell us how wrong and backwards the rest of us are. Abortion is their ultimate crusade. A growing list of celebrities like Michelle Williams, Busy Philips, and Stevie Nicks tout abortion as the savior of womankind and our success depends on the ability to legally kill our children. When Georgia passed legislation in 2019 banning most abortions after 6 weeks, about 50 actors signed a letter vowing to *“do everything in our power to move our industry to a safer state for women.”* With that, Hollywood launched a mission to make an example of Georgia. Right on cue, Netflix, NBC Universal, CBS, Showtime, Sony Pictures, Disney, and others began the threats. The media rallied to their cause with articles telling Georgia to think twice and warning that a Hollywood boycott of the state could be serious. But Atlanta Magazine reported that *“only two productions have confirmed they will not shoot in Georgia due to the abortion law, and neither had actually begun shooting in the state.”*

(LifeDynamics.com; ProLife Voice; Dec. 30, 2020)



Banns of Marriage

2nd Banns: Pierrette Ribecca—Daniel Stahlman

Welcome Our Newly Baptized!

Aviana Isolina Rivera



Ashes on Your Head for Ash Wednesday

By mandate of the Church's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome, as a safety procedure due to the coronavirus pandemic, the method of distributing ashes has been modified for this year. The Priest or Deacon will say the prayer for blessing the ashes and sprinkle the ashes with holy water without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and **only once** says: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" He then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one **without saying anything**. Ashes will be sprinkled on the head of each person, rather than smeared on the forehead. Although unfamiliar to us here in the U.S., this is the ancient practice of the Church and is still common in Europe and elsewhere. This is the way Pope Francis receives ashes. Let's remember that ashes, although a powerful sign, are only an exterior sign of our interior conversion. It is our interior conversion and deepening faith that should be the focus of our Lenten journey.

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Ashes will be distributed as follows:
at the 8:00 am & 9:00 am Masses



Stations of the Cross

During Lent every Friday after the 9:00am Mass and again at 7:00pm. Make time to deepen your spirituality over these next few Fridays: Feb. 19, Feb. 26, Mar. 5, Mar. 12, Mar. 19 and Mar. 26. Deacon Ricardo will be leading the 7pm Stations.

Worship This Week

Mon. Weekday

Feb. 15 Gn 4:1-25, 25 / Mk 8:11-13

8:00am Vicenta Sancho

9:00am Vera Kavanaugh

Tues. Weekday

Feb. 16 Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 / Mk 8:14-21

8:00am Quaglia Family (Living & Deceased)

9:00am Silvio & Joan Impagliazzo

Wed. Ash Wednesday

Feb. 17 Jl 2:12-18 / 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:00am Messina Family (Living & Deceased)

9:00am Frank Pisano

Thurs. Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Feb. 18 Dt. 30:15-20 / Lk 9:22-25

8:00am Adam Whiston

9:00am Bob Olanick

Fri. Friday after Ash Wednesday

Feb. 19 Is 58:1-9a / Mt 9:14-15

8:00am

9:00am Jean Pierre & Nancy Falcone

Sat. Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Feb. 20 Is 58: 9b-14 / Lk 5:27-32

8:00am

5:00pm Marion Ferrara

Sunday

First Sunday in Lent

Feb. 21 Gn 9:8-15 / 1 Pt 3:18-22 / Mk 1:12-15

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Enrico Pirraglia

12:00pm Helen Bruno (Living)

Mass Intentions

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

Parish Social Ministry

Fratelli Tutti

Fraternity & Social Friendship - Pt 15

At times when various forms of intolerance damages relationships between peoples, let us commit to living the value of respect for others, a love capable of welcoming differences, and the priority of dignity of every human over his ideas, opinions, and even sins. Even as forms of fanaticism, closedmindedness and social and cultural fragmentation proliferate society, a good politician takes the first step and insists different voices be heard. Disagreements may give rise to conflicts, but uniformity proves stifling and leads to decay.

Project Warmth Emergency Heating

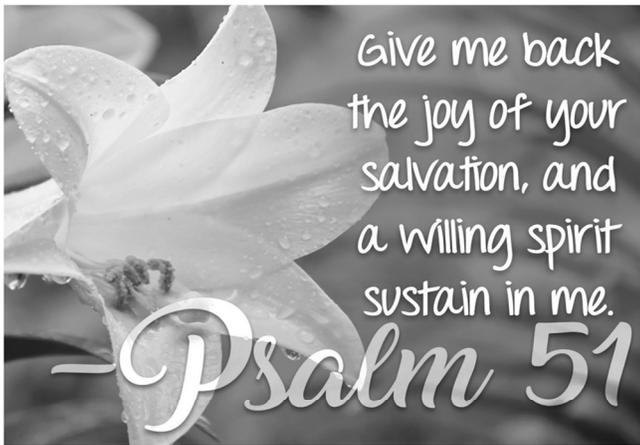
Long Island's Project Warmth Emergency Heating Assistance program is available to help those struggling with heating bills. Call 211 or 888-774-7633.

Congratulations!

Chaminade H.S. 1st Trimester Honor Role:
Liam Glynn & Jack Tenant

Warming Centers Town of Babylon:

Homeless persons needing shelter during winter weather can call Suffolk County DSS Temporary Assistance Unit at 631-854-9547 Monday - Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm; please call SCDSS Emergency Services Unit at 631-854-9100. Babylon Town - 631-856-3000.



IT'S SAFE. IT'S SIMPLE. IT'S CONVENIENT.

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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!



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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

NYS Assemblymember Michael Dursos:
dursom@nyassembly.gov

Stop & Shop Blooming 4 Good Bouquet Program for OLOG Food Pantry

Now through March, Our Lady of Grace Food Pantry has been selected to receive a \$1 donation for every \$9.99 Bloomin'4 Good Bouquet purchased at the Stop & Shop at 575 West Montauk Highway, West Babylon. Look for the bouquets with the red circle sticker and enjoy a lovely bouquet while helping our Pantry!

Online Eligibility for COVID-19 Vaccine

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

For vaccine updates visit:
www.suffolkcountynyny.gov/vaccine

Stimulus Rebates & Debit Cards

The IRS will reissue payments in the form of debit cards for taxpayers who did not receive the 2nd 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 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 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.

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