



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

February 21, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent



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

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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 Feb. 21, 2021

Rose for Life

In Memory of Joseph & Ann Gudice

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Theresa Silvera

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

Statement on the Inauguration of Joseph Biden

from Archbishop José Gomez, President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

My prayers are with our President and his family. I pray that God grant him wisdom and courage to lead and help heal the wounds caused by this pandemic, and political and cultural divisions, and bring people together as one nation under God committed to liberty and equality for all. Catholic bishops are not partisan players. We are responsible for the souls of millions and advocates for the needs of all. Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, and ministries form an essential culture of compassion serving women, children, the elderly, poor and sick, the imprisoned, the migrant, no matter what race or religion. When we speak on issues in public life, we try to guide consciences and offer principles rooted in the Gospel and the Church's social teachings. Jesus revealed God's plan about the human person, created in God's image and endowed with dignity, rights and responsibilities. The bishops and Catholic faithful carry out Christ's commandment to love God and neighbor by working to protect human dignity, expand equality and opportunities for all, and be towards the suffering and weak.

For many years, the USCCB has helped Catholics and others on political issues and concerns, among them: abortion, euthanasia, death penalty, immigration, racism, poverty, environment, criminal justice reform, and international peace. Our duty to love and our moral principles lead us to judgments and positions that do not align with political categories or the platforms of political parties. On some issues we're more on the side of Democrats, on others with Republicans. We are Catholics first, seeking to follow Christ faithfully and advance his vision for humanity. With President Biden and the Congress there will be areas where we agree and work closely and areas where we disagree and have strong opposition.

Working with President Biden will be unique, as he is our first president in 60 years to profess the Catholic faith. In a time of growing and aggressive secularism, when believers face challenges, it will be refreshing to engage with a President who understands the importance of faith and institutions. At the same time, bishops are given the duty to proclaim the Gospel in all its truth and power, even when that teaching is inconvenient or the truths run contrary to society and culture. So, I must point out our new President has pledged to pursue policies to advance moral evils and threaten human life and dignity, most seriously in abortion, contraception, marriage, and gender. Of deep concern is the liberty of the Church and freedom of believers to live according to their consciences.

The continued injustice of abortion remains the "preeminent priority." We have deep concerns about threats to human life and dignity. As Pope Francis teaches, we cannot stay silent when nearly a million unborn lives are being cast aside each year through abortion which is a direct attack on life that wounds the woman and undermines the family. It is not only a private matter, it raises troubling and fundamental questions of fraternity, solidarity, and inclusion. We cannot ignore abortion rates are much higher among the poor and minorities, and the procedure is regularly used to eliminate children with disabilities.

Rather than expand abortion and contraception, as he has promised, I hope the President and his administration will work with the Church. My hope is to begin dialogue to address the cultural and economic factors that drive abortion and discourage families. My hope is to work together for a family policy that acknowledges the crucial importance of strong marriages and parenting and the stability of communities. If the President, with respect for the Church's religious freedom, engages in this conversation, it would help restore civil balance and heal our country's needs.

The President's call for national healing and unity is welcome. It is urgently needed. As believers, healing is a gift only from God. We know that real reconciliation requires patient listening to those who disagree and with willingness to forgive. Christian love calls us to love our enemies, bless those who oppose us, and treat others with compassion. We are under the watchful eye of God, who knows and can judge our hearts. I pray that God will give our new President, and all of us, the grace to seek the common good with all sincerity. I entrust our hopes and anxieties to the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Christ and the patroness of this nation. May she guide us in the ways of peace and obtain for us wisdom and the grace of a true patriotism and love of country.

Respect Life: America's Test of Greatness

"America you are beautiful... and blessed.... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life."

Pope St. John Paul II

Pray for our Recent Deceased

Dolores Fontana



Banns of Marriage

3rd Banns: Pierrette Ribecca—Daniel Stahlman

Project Warmth

Emergency Heating Assistance

United Way of Long Island’s Project Warmth Emergency Heating Assistance program is available to help Long Islanders struggling with their heating bills this winter. Are you behind on your heating payments? Is your oil tank low or empty? Have you recently received a disconnect notice? Call 211 or 888-774-7633 for information.

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 to register.

Warming Centers Town of Babylon:

Babylon Town – 631-856-3000
In Suffolk County, homeless persons needing shelter during inclement winter weather can call Suffolk County DSS Temporary Assistance Unit at 631-854-9547 Monday through Friday, between 8 am and 4:30 pm, please call SCDSS Emergency Services Unit at 631-854-9100. Please be sure to call and confirm any COVID-19 restrictions.

Congratulations!

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

Holy Trinity H.S. - 2nd Qtr. Honor Role:
Marissa Ippolito

Our Lady of Mercy Academy -
1st semester Principal's List:
Paige Thomson

Worship This Week

Mon. The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Feb. 22 1 Pt 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

8:00am

9:00am Domenica & John Olanick

Tues. St. Polycarp

Feb. 23 Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

8:00am

DeFeo Family (Living & Deceased)

9:00am

Dominic & Benedieto Majella

Wed. Lenten Weekday

Feb. 24 Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

8:00am

Tanza Family (Living & Deceased)

9:00am

Teresa Tancredi

Thurs. Lenten Weekday

Feb. 25 Est C:12,14-16,23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

8:00am

Kevin Dunn

9:00am

Sr. Loretta Wundrok

Fri. Lenten Weekday

Feb. 26 Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

8:00am

Thomas & George-Ann Casey

9:00am

Sebastian Scavo

Sat. Lenten Weekday

Feb. 27 Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

8:00am

Michelle Lampe

5:00pm

People of the Parish

Sunday Second Sunday in Lent

Feb. 28 Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10

8:00am

Giovanni Iemma, Thomas & George-Ann Casey.

10:00am

Mary Kempton

12:00pm

Helen Bruno (Living)

Mass Intentions

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

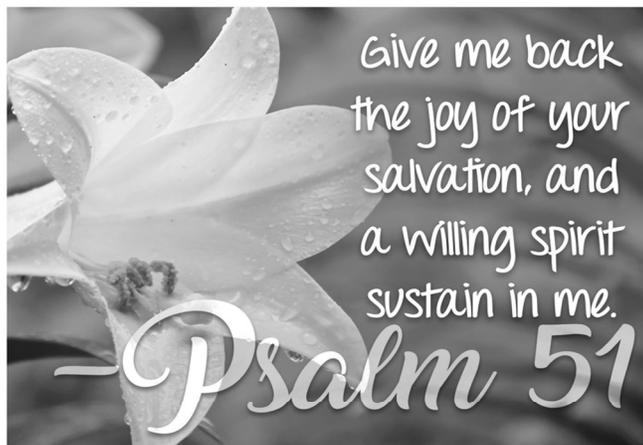
Parish Social Ministry

Fratelli Tutti – On Fraternity and Social Friendship – Part 15

At a time when various forms of fundamentalist intolerance are damaging relationships between individuals, groups and peoples, let us be committed to living and teaching the value of respect for others, a love capable of welcoming differences, and the priority of the dignity of every human being over his or her ideas, opinions, practices and even sins. Even as forms of fanaticism, closedmindedness and social and cultural fragmentation proliferate in present-day society, a good politician will take the first step and insist that different voices be heard. Disagreements may well give rise to conflicts, but uniformity proves stifling and leads to cultural decay. May we not be content with being enclosed in one fragment of reality.

Thank you, thank you

Thank you to all for your generous donations of food to our pantry. Our pantry is overflowing. Please tell you friends and neighbors that our Food Pantry is available. Tell them to call Outreach at 631-661-9354 to schedule a pick up. God bless you for caring for your neighbors.



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

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

- 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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New York Repeals Prostitution Loitering Law

On Feb. 2, 2021, Bill S.1351-Hoylman/A.3355-Paulin passed both houses of the Legislature and was signed by Gov. Cuomo. It repeals Penal Law § 247, which bans loitering in public for the purpose of (a) engaging in prostitution; (b) patronizing a person for prostitution; or (c) promoting prostitution. This law does not mean prostitution is legal in NY, but it deprives police of a statute to help them be proactive in combatting street prostitution. We should be concerned that repealing the loitering for prostitution will be used as a step toward the full legalization of prostitution. In fact, a full legalization of prostitution bill, S.3075-Salazar/A.849-Gottfried, has been introduced and a partial legalization bill is in the works.

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.suffolkcountyny.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.

Stay Warm!!

Struggling with heating bills? L.I.'s Project Warmth Heating Assistance is available to help. Call 211 or 888-774-7633.

Need emergency shelter during winter? Call Suffolk County DSS Temporary Assistance Unit at 631-854-9547 on Mondays

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.

2/15/21	2/16/21	2/17/21	2/18/21	2/19/21	2/20/21	2/21/21
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