



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

March 7, 2021

3rd Sunday of Lent



Changing lives through the Risen Christ by

Praying daily for our intentions
& encouraging others.

Witnessing daily our love for God
& others.

Worshipping at Mass for mutual support
& to receive the grace of God.

Supporting our mission with our time,
talent & treasure.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Saturday Evening: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon

Monday - Friday 8:00am & 9:00am

Saturday 8:00am

Contact Us

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Parish Social Ministry: 631-661-9354

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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 & 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

To attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days
from the comfort of your home 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 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 Mar. 7, 2021

Rose for Life

In Memory of Frances Tanzman

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Helen Kucin

Bread

In Memory of Kathleen Governanti

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 are in need of help. If you can help, 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) Communion), please call the Office.

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.

DAY CARE

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 day-care@ourladyofgrace.net.

Pennies Make a Difference!

Take them to the Faith Formation Office mail slot, the Parish Office, or in the Sunday collection (marked "Faith Formation"). 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 So-Called “Equality Act” Must Be Opposed

The “Equality Act” Discriminates Against People of Faith and Threatens Unborn Life

Everyone deserves respect and dignity, but the “Equality Act”, on which Congress will soon vote, does the opposite. Instead of respecting different beliefs, this legislation discriminates against people of faith regarding marriage and sexuality and punishes faith-based organizations because of their beliefs. The Act:

- Punishes Catholic hospitals for refusing to perform abortions. They either lose federal funding or are forced to abort babies. Refusing abortions would be “pregnancy discrimination.”
- Lays the groundwork for eliminating prohibitions on taxpayer-funded abortions.
- Forces people, especially health care workers, to support “gender transition.”
- Expects every religious institution comply with this legislation. Catholic schools would be expected to introduce explicit content and the radical LGBT agenda in school curriculum.
- Punishes Christian-owned businesses that decline to provide services for same-sex ceremonies.
- Purges existing conscience-protections for pro-life individuals and entities in health care.
- Closes the doors on all faith-based foster and adoption agencies.
- Expands the definition a “public” place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs.
- Forces girls & women to compete against boys & men in sports.
- Forces girls & women to share locker rooms and to shower with males who identify as women.
- Gives biological males access to homeless shelters for women.
- Punishes employees who do not address “transgender” persons by their “preferred pronouns.”
- Forces employers to allow “transgendered” behavior at work.
- Nullifies court battles that upheld religious freedom protections, such as the Little Sisters of the Poor, who spent nearly a decade in litigation over Obama’s contraception mandate.
- Forces healthcare providers to provide hormones and surgery for sex changes.
- Pressures struggling children toward experimental cross-sex hormones and surgery. Parents’ rights can be denied.
- Silences anyone who disagrees with any of the above.

The Equality Act is a huge and dangerous federal overreach which promotes the most comprehensive assault on Christianity ever written into law. Democrat leadership **will not allow** any amendments on the Equality Act before voting and no opportunity for Congress to vote on individual threats and concerns within the bill, nor a chance to improve the bill in any way. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops have made it easy to let our members of Congress know that you oppose the so-called Equality Act.

Go to [USCCB Action Center](#) for an email will be sent on your behalf.

To read more visit <https://www.usccb.org/equality-act>

or <https://www.catholicleague.org/equality-act-is-anti-christian/>

or <https://familypolicyalliance.com/equality-act-exposed/>

Respect Life: Sweden Welcomes Vacation Abortions

Sweden is marketing “abortion tourism” in an appeal to Polish women to visit Sweden for an abortion and vacation. Because of its Catholic background, Poland protects the unborn with minimum allowances for abortion. Late last year, Poland’s constitutional court further backed babies by outlawing a 1993 exception that allowed abortion of unborn children with disabilities. Sweden counters that pro-life stance with its bizarre combination of abortion and vacation.

(lifesitenews.com; Nov. 2, 2020)

Pray for our Recent Deceased

Deborah Presinzano,
Frances Ehrlinger



Welcome Our Newly Baptized!

Delilah Cynthia Carofano



“Journeying through Lent & Life”

Join the Friends of the Seminary **Sunday, March 7,** 9:30 am - 3 pm. Msgr. Charles Fink presents a Lenten Day of Prayer with Mass, spiritual reflections, lunch & Stations of the Cross. Attendance limited; masks required. \$50 donation. Reservations required: (631) 423-0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu; www.icseminary.edu

7-Week Lenten Retreat

A 7-week Lenten retreat with Chris Stefanick and bishops from around the nation (including Bishop Barres) has begun. Watch “*The Search*” on the Catholic Faith Network (CFNTV) or on FORMED and experience a Lent like no other. If your faith is solid, “*The Search*” will help you to deepen it. If you feel unsure, it’s for you too. If you’re worried about your kids or grandkids, it’s a great series to share with them! Each week Chris helps you dive deeper into how to use it in small groups during his LIVE show, “*The Life You Were Made For.*” Go to the link below to get notified each week when the show is live and join us for a most meaningful Lent! It’s FREE to be part of the audience, beginning Thursday at 8 pm ET. <https://reallifecatholic.com/live/>

OLOG Talent Show, Mar. 6th @ 6:00pm

Meet our parish’s youngest musicians as they perform “*Our Church Got Talent!*” Bring the family & enjoy a wide array of vocal & instrumental numbers. Free admission and open to the public.

Stations of the Cross

Please join us every Friday after the 9am Mass and again at 7pm for the Stations of the Cross during Lent.



Worship This Week

Mon.	St. John of God
Mar. 8	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30
8:00am	Pasquale & Monica Chiodi
9:00am	Flora Viscuso
Tues.	St. Frances of Rome
Mar. 9	Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35
8:00am	Leonard Catalano, Jr.
9:00am	Vincent Hagan
Wed.	Lenten Weekday
Mar. 10	Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19
8:00am	Daniel Ramos (13th Anniv.)
9:00am	
Thurs.	Lenten Weekday
Mar. 11	Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23
8:00am	Honorio Dematera
9:00am	Ann & Howard Wagner
Fri.	Lenten Weekday
Mar. 12	Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34
8:00am	
9:00am	Derek Delfino
Sat.	Lenten Weekday
Mar. 13	Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14
8:00am	Thomas Starace, Peter LoCascio
5:00pm	Maria Ammirati
Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Mar. 14	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:14-21
8:00am	Giovanni Iemma, James Curran
10:00am	Enrico Pirraglia
12:00pm	People of the Parish

Mass Intentions

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

Parish Social Ministry

Fratelli Tutti - Part 17

The media's noisy facts & opinions is an obstacle to dialogue, since it lets everyone cling to his own ideas with the excuse that everyone else is wrong. It becomes easier to discredit and insult opponents than to achieve respectful dialogue aimed at agreement. This language, usually drawn from media, has become so widespread as to be part of daily conversation. Discussion is manipulated by powerful special interests that seek to tilt public opinion unfairly. This manipulation can be exercised also in economics, politics, communications, and religion. Attempts to justify or excuse it tends to serve one's own interests, but sooner or later it turns against those interests.

OLOG Food Pantry - Thank You!

Thank you for the generous donations of food to our pantry which is overflowing! Tell friends & neighbors that our Food Pantry is available & to call Outreach at 631-661-9354 to schedule a pick up. God bless you for caring .

COVID-19 Legal Helpline

Touro Law has a legal hotline. Call with any legal COVID-related needs & be referred to pro bono partners across L.I. Call: **631-761-7198**.



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!



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

Health Insurance

Open Enrollment Period Extended

The open enrollment period for health insurance plans through the NY State of Health Marketplace is extended to March 31. Health & Welfare Council of Long Island have trained staff clients with completing the application. Call HWCLI at 516-505-4426.

Widow & Widowers Bereavement Support

8-Week Program; Ages 50 & Over

Starts Wednesday, Mar. 24; 3:00 - 5:00 pm

St. Joseph Parish Center, Babylon

Information or to register, call Terry Hoffmann: 631-669-0198.

It's Tax Season

Filing taxes during the pandemic may be the only way to get back money withheld from wages, plus cash in on benefits & stimulus payments not claimed in 2020. If you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit the IRS will allow you to use your 2019 or 2020 income to receive the most credits.

SNAP can help you put food on the table.

More people than every need to apply for food stamps. The Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP) of Catholic Charities can help you learn if you may be eligible and to help submit your application. Call 631-789-9546 or Cell: 631-258-1461 Help is free and confidential.

Congratulations!

St. Anthony's H.S. - 2nd Quarter Honor Roll:
Taylor Burton, Anthony Cascio, Arianna Garing, Maria Leonardi, Hannah Martinez, Aiden Morel, Lyana Morel, Jaclyn Morra, Marissa Romano, Jake Stateman, Alanna Tennant.

St. John the Baptist H.S.

Summa Cum Laude:

Jillian Duci, Emily Duci, Bailey Wrede.

Magna Cum Laude:

Ellen McGrath, Abigail Engrassia, Mia Pizzo.

Cum Laude:

Alexa Rae Trezza, Donovan De La Rosa.

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.



The *Sacred Music Society* is an initiative to support the Music Ministry here at Our Lady of Grace. With the generosity of our patrons, we are able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. We take this time to thank all of our donors to date for their generosity.

Saint Cecilia (350 or more)

- ◆ Csorba Family, *in memory of George F.C. Doeschner & Annette Doeschner*

Cantor's Circle (\$100 to \$199)

- ◆ Christine & Mike Jordan,
In memory of Bob & Eleanor Deacon
- ◆ Jordan Family
- ◆ Longo & Lewis Families
In memory of Barbarann Longo
- ◆ Camille Durante, *in memory of Ron Durante*
- ◆ Anonymous #1
- ◆ Anonymous #2

Schola Cantorum \$200 to \$349

- ◆ Anonymous

Psalmist's Platform (\$50 to \$99)

- ◆ Melany Abrahamsen, *in honor of the Busso Family*
- ◆ Anonymous

Chorister's Guild (\$25 to \$49)

- ◆ Maria Maxwell, *in memory of Edward Maxwell, Jr.*
- ◆ Manzi Family, *in memory of Gwendolyn Manzi*

Angelic chorus (up to \$24)

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

2/1/21	3/2/21	3/3/21	3/4/21	3/5/21	3/6/21	3/7/21
245	424	383	417	288	457	43