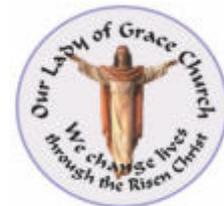




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December 27, 2020



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Saturday 8:00am

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Rev. Joseph Davanzo, Pastor

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Rev. Gregory Breen, Associate

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Deacon Irwin Saffran

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.

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

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.

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

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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.

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Memorials for Week of Dec. 27, 2020

Rose for Life

Living & Deceased Members of DiGiacomo & Nankervis Families

Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of
Michael Sansalone

Bread & Wine:

Antoinette & Charles Lyons

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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.

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Thank You for your Concert Donations!

We've raised \$480 toward next September's \$625 performance license renewal!

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.

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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.

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We have open slots for all ages. Call for a tour: 631-422-4681.

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Guitar Concert, Jan. 3rd @ 6:00pm

Bernadette Tornabene, our Saturday weekend guitarist performs "*Popular Music from Stage & Radio: the great American songbook & beyond.*"

With degrees in Jazz, Commercial Guitar and Music, Bernadette has volunteered here since 2012. Concert also features Youth Choir singers Aliya John and Talia Maio. A \$10 suggested donation.

For Your Reflection

From Bishop Chad Zielinski of the Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska

We all have our favorite scriptures or scenes from the Gospel. One of the most powerful for me comes at the end of John's Gospel, when after the resurrection, Jesus finds Peter fishing. I find it amazing that after Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples were confused about their mission. Jesus had already appeared to them twice, but they still returned to their familiar livelihood of fishing and had caught nothing. Yet, Jesus remains present amidst this confusion and fruitless work. He gives the disciples simple instructions to toss the net over the other side of the boat and that results in a tremendously abundant catch of fish.

Peter no doubt wanted to keep Christ at a distance, being so ashamed of having denied Him three times. But Jesus looks at Peter man to man, piercing his soul with a forgiving and hopeful gaze. He invites Peter to embrace his capacity for goodness with a simple question: do you love me? Each question penetrates Peter's wounds and reveals his feelings of unworthiness. Peter could have again said, "*depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,*" but Peter is instead empowered by the Risen Christ to leave and to serve God's people, having just encountered his own enormous capacity to love.

In this Gospel scene, Jesus demonstrates His unrelenting desire to be close to Peter and to all of us. Every Christmas, we are reminded that God desires to be so close to us He became flesh and dwelt among us (John:14.) Christ draws near to us even now, especially in the sacraments, and above all, in the Eucharist, where we truly encounter Him and are transformed. The marvelous truth of the Eucharist is that in choosing to commune with us, Christ announces the goodness of God's sacred design etched into our very being. Christmas is an invitation to draw closer to Christ, and embrace Him, be transformed, and go help others recognize their capacity to love, because goodness lives within all of us.

You see this especially at Christmas when even non-religious people desire to be generous and kind to others. There is an instinct within each person to move toward the good. God's desire to show us what is good breaks forth into our world in the Incarnation of His Son Jesus Christ. Yes, there is a quietness in the birth of Christ, but there also is a cry to the world that our creator has given us the gift of gifts. As the angel Gabriel proclaimed to the Shepherds, "*I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people. To you is Born This Day in the city of David a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.*" God is always crying out His love, if we have ears to hear. Our world is wounded and crying out. God allows us to choose good or evil and sadly, too often we choose sin and violate the human dignity of others and ourselves. Despite the abuse, violence and oppression so prevalent today, however, deep down people still desire and encounter with true goodness. At the root of the most personal and social problems is an unrequited desire for the one who is all good, Jesus Christ. We sense we are capable of greater love than our sins reflect.

When we hear Christmas carols and reflect on manger scenes, do we hear Jesus's question? Christ asks us, "*Do you love me*" because our lives and purpose are important to Him. I suspect most of us would like someone to ask us that question directly, so we can look within ourselves and confirm that deep capacity to love. Maybe our ability to love is wounded in some way, but Christ's birth brings hope and healing. As disciples together on the journey, may we take a moment this season to courageously ask one another, "*Do you love me?*" Let us also assist others to hear and answer this important question. In doing so we acknowledge that Christ has given all people and incredible capacity to love, with Him as our model. May the spirit of a Happy, Holy and Merry Christmas remain with you as we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season!

Respect Life: Dutch Patients Condemned to Euthanasia Can Be Drugged to Prevent Resistance

A few years ago, Dutch doctor, Marinou Arends, attended to her dementia patient in a nursing home, not to treat her, but to kill her by lethal injection. To make it easier, Arends drugged her patient's coffee in violation of euthanasia rules. But the patient woke up, saw what was happening, and began to struggle. The doctor told the family to hold her down while she killed her. A criminal prosecution was mounted for murder, but the Dutch Supreme Court dismissed all criminal complaints and praised the doctor's good intentions. The Netherlands is "Euthanasia Land," and now the Dutch have created specific rules euthanasia for dementia patients which allow drugging patients to prevent resistance. Doctors euthanizing patients with dementia may slip a sedative into their food or drink if there is concern they will become "*disturbed, agitated or aggressive.*" But in the Arends story, the patient had asked for euthanasia, but she wanted to decide when. She never did. So, the rules were changed to govern that circumstance. The new code says where a patient has advanced dementia, "*it is not necessary for the doctor to agree with the patient on the time or manner in which euthanasia will be given.*" If a patient does not want to die, and the doctor disagrees, the Dutch court permits the doctor to get away with murder. The Dutch are more concerned with ensuring doctors who kill people are not prosecuted than in protecting the vulnerable. (thebridgehead.ca; Nov 26, 2020)

Banns of Marriage



2nd Banns:

Jennifer Hanbury - Thomas Montuori

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Christmas Season Masses

New Year's Eve: Thursday, Dec. 31:

5:30pm Vigil: Church

New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1:

9:00am: Church

11:00am: Church

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Reminder to All

For those who feel that their health and safety require them not to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, please go to our YouTube page:

<https://youtube.com/UCDdbvlk5q8G2-72LMJYF1OQ>

We regularly tape these Masses for your convenience.

Worship This Week

- Mon. The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**
Dec. 28 1 Jn 1:5-22 / Mt 2:13-18
 8:00am Hugh & Maureen Heagney
 9:00am Ray Wadsworth
- Tues. St. Thomas Becket**
Dec. 29 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35
 8:00am
 9:00am Giuseppe Mozzone
- Wed. Sixth Day of the Nativity of the Lord**
Dec. 30 1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40
 8:00am
 9:00am George Dunn
- Thurs. St. Sylvester**
Dec. 31 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18
 8:00am
 9:00am Ivez Demateva
 5:30pm People of the Parish
- Fri. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
Jan. 1 Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21
 9:00am Holy Face of Jesus Living & Deceased
 11:00am Louis L. Fishman, III
- Sat. Sts. Basil & Gregory**
Jan.2 1 Jn 2:22-28 / Jn 1:19-28
 8:00am
 5:00pm People of the Parish
- Sunday Epiphany of the Lord**
Jan. 3 Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12
 8:00am Pasquale & Monica Chiodi
 10:00am William D. Milligan, Sr.
 12:00pm Ralph Scordino

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Mass Intentions

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

Parish Social Ministry

Fratelli Tutti

On Fraternity and Social Friendship - Pt 7

“The needy generally practice the special solidarity that exists among the poor and suffering, and which our civilization seems to forget or would prefer to forget. Solidarity is not always well received; in certain situations, it is a dirty word that dare not be said. Solidarity means more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It means combating the causes of poverty, inequality, lack of work, land and housing, denial of social and labor rights. It means confronting the destructive effects of money. Solidarity, in its most profound meaning, is a way of making history.”

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We are extremely grateful to all who have so generously given to Outreach during this Pandemic. We have been able to continue assisting those in our community with food as well as Gift Cards to the local supermarkets. Because we were unable to have a Giving Tree, your support of Retail Gift Cards was overwhelming. Families were given Retail Gift Cards that enabled them to purchase gifts for their family during Christmas.

We hope and pray that you and your families are well and stay safe, and that God will bless you for your generosity to those in need.

Parish Pantry: Nonperishable Food Items

We need the nonperishable food items for our regular food distribution: canned soups, pasta sauces, pasta, canned vegetables, canned tuna, canned beans, macaroni and cheese, Pasta-Roni, Rice-A-Roni, Tuna Helper and similar products, dried rice, dried beans, canned fruit, dried soup or ramen, breakfast cereals, oatmeal, snacks, peanut butter, fruit juices, jelly, powdered milk, sugar, pudding, gelatin, flour, cake and brownie mix. These items can be brought any time and placed in the food bin in the parish lobby. Thank you for your outreach to those in need.



Pantry Needs: Toiletries, Hygiene & Cleaners



For the people served by our Parish Social Ministry personal hygiene products, such as toilet tissue, shampoo, soap, paper products, tissues, toothpaste & toothbrushes, combs & brushes, deodorant, talcum & baby powders, shaving products, laundry detergent, cleaning products are a blessing. These can be brought any time and placed in the Food Bin in the Parish Lobby. Thank you for helping those in need.

Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation -Time to Register!!!

Virtual options available. Call 631-661-9353 for information

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

I am happy to open the Sacred Music Society for the new 2020-2021 season. With your generosity, we've been able to offer beautiful music for our liturgies, concert and 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 and Pentecost. Acknowledgments are made in our concert programs and special musical offerings and in our bulletin. You can contribute at the following levels:

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

Please mail or bring form below and check payable to "Our Lady of Grace" to the Parish Office: Attn: Terence Purtell. Any questions, contact tpurtell@ourladyofgrace.net or 631-587-5185. God bless you for your generosity and support.

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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.

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