

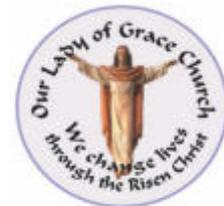


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Roman Catholic Church

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord



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** worshiping 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

Deacon Ricardo Garcia

Deacon Brian Miller

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

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Terence Purtell, Director of Music

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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
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Robert Scharf (Trustee) 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 Jan. 10, 2021

Rose for Life

In Memory of Robert W. Olanick

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Anthony Cipolla

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.

Thank You for your Concert Donations!

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

Low Gluten Hosts

Available for those who cannot receive the normal hosts. See our sacristans, Anthony or Fran, who are happy to accommodate.

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 IS OPEN!

Slots for all ages. Call for a tour: 631- 422-4681.

Flute Concert, Feb. 6th 6:00pm

The parish monthly concert series continues in church with flute music from Extra Chi: "Classical traditions, jazz influences." All welcome. \$10 suggested donation.

Watch Mass Online

For those who are not comfortable attending Mass on Sundays & Holy Days go to onto the YouTube website & type in:

**"Our Lady of Grace RC Church
Faith Formation"**

We tape these Masses weekly.

For Your Reflection

In today's Gospel on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, after Jesus was baptized, God's voice proclaims, "*You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased.*" At our own baptism, God said the same. This feast is a day for us to reflect on baptism as the entryway into the Church. We are always pleased when parents want their child baptized. For us to baptize a child, a parent must present the child promising he/she will be raised Catholic. Before baptism, as with all sacraments, there is preparation. Parents attend a meeting with other parents led by our ministers. Some refer to this meeting as a "class," but today, there is no reason to have a "class" to present information that can easily be read or downloaded online. It is a "meeting" because parents are "meeting" other parish members, other parents seeking baptism. Their ceremonies may take place on the same or a different day, but these are the parents of their child's future peers. Many parents say they first met the parents of their child's friends at the preparation meeting, or at the baptism ceremony, and they see them again at Church, in stores, at school and children's sports. For many parents, the bonds of community begin at the baptism preparation meeting.

A very critical aspect of baptism is the "sponsor" or godparent. "Sponsor" is the more correct term because this Catholic is sponsoring the child's entry into this organization which is the Catholic Church. It is like someone joining the Knights of Columbus where a full-fledged, practicing member sponsors a person desiring to become a new member. It is critical that a child's sponsor be a full-fledged, practicing member of the Roman Catholic Church, otherwise being a sponsor is simply an honor that lasts about 1 hour, but after that, it is meaningless. The child being baptized must always and for the rest of his/her life be able to look at his/her sponsor and confidently say that he/she must model their Christian life on the life of their sponsors, who are modeling their lives on Christ and His Church. This honor and responsibility must not be bestowed upon a person "*to keep peace in the family,*" or "*she was my maid of honor,*" or "*we need someone from his side.*" Such reasons reflect stupidity. I am impressed when parents say they will only have 1 sponsor because no other person among family and friends goes to Mass, fully practices the Catholic faith, participates in the life of the Church, and believes what the Church teaches and believes.

When there are 2 sponsors, 1 must be male, and the other female, just as parents are male and female. They are called godparents. They cannot be 2 males, 2 females or 3 persons. As for the sponsor, the person must be Catholic, at least 16 years old, and have received all 3 of their sacraments of initiation: baptism, communion and confirmation. The sponsor may be a single, but if married, the marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church. A Catholic married in the Catholic Church, and then divorced, and then remarried without an annulment, is not eligible to be a sponsor. A Catholic who no longer practices the Catholic faith, or who worships in another faith, is also ineligible as a sponsor. (All the above also applies to a Confirmation sponsor.)

Just as I have, you too may have come across persons who were sponsors, but who are not Catholic or even Christian, or they were 3 people or 2 males or 2 females, or people married outside of the Catholic Church, or who no longer or never did practice the Catholic faith, or any combination of these. It's not the fault of the parents that some parishes did not clearly and accurately give them correct information and that their child's sponsor is now invalid. At Our Lady of Grace we are very clear about the eligibility and role of the sponsor because baptism is a very holy, serious, and lifelong undertaking. Our hope and prayer is that all children baptized will become fine examples of Catholic living rooted in Christ and His Church.

May the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism inspire us to renew our baptismal promises of faithfulness to Christ and His Church. And if we've not been the best godparent to the child whom we've sponsored, it's never too late to change and be the best Catholic model that Christ and the child needs us to be.

Respect Life: Planned Parenthood Celebrating White House Cabinet

Planned Parenthood's (PP) influence is seen in U.S. cabinet posts. (Remember: Kamala Harris is a PP supporter and even refused to do her job as California attorney general in 2015 when PP was caught selling baby body parts.) Of all posts, none is more valuable to PP than Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS). Through HHS, PP controls the U.S. abortion business and operates to yield the biggest profits for PP and the biggest salaries for PP executives. The choice of California attorney general Xavier Becerra to lead HHS brought surprise and shock because Becerra has no experience in the health field. As noted in the National Review, he has "*plenty of experience marshalling the forces to crush religious dissenters, pro-life pregnancy counselors, and independent journalists...*" and in violation of federal law "*defending abortion coverage in church insurance plans.*" Dr. Vivek Murthy, long-time PP supporter, was nominated as Surgeon General. He proudly declares that abortion and birth control are essential components of health care. Antony Blinken and Linda Thomas-Greenfield as Secretary of State and Ambassador to the United Nations signal a prioritizing of same-sex rights and a softer approach to promoting religious freedom. We must prepare ourselves for the continuing and escalating fight against PP. Our children, born and preborn, are counting on us to never give up.

(Jim Sedlak, Wednesday STOPP Report, Dec.16, 2020)



Pray for our Recent Deceased

Mary DeSalvo, Arlene Sandoval,
Mirko Grzunov, Gloria Curry, Franca Carcone
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Welcome Our Newly Baptized!

Evelyn Doreen McCauley
Anthony John Pinto
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Our Lady of Czestochowa

Northeast of the ancient city of Krakow, Poland, is the small town of Czestochowa (chess-ta-ho-va). To every person in Poland, the name means just one thing: Mary's Sanctuary. On a nearby hill called the Bright Hill (Jasna Gora in Polish), the monks of Saint Paul the Hermit have a monastery. In their chapel of our Lady, is the famous painting (icon) of the Mother of God holding the Child Jesus in her arms and bears the title, Our Lady of the Bright Hill. The image has also been crowned the "Queen of Poland" It is Poland's holiest and most important relic, Legend has it that the image, which is painted on a panel of wood, dates back to the time of the twelve apostles and that the artist was Saint Luke the Evangelist. Over the centuries, the painting changed possession several times until it arrived in Poland in 1382 where it remains to this day. The painting was damaged in 1430 by arrows and the Virgin's face was slashed with a sword. The monks attempted to repaint and repair the painting, but the arrow marks and the gash from the sword remained and are clearly visible now. The image of Our Lady of Czestochowa is also known as the 'Black Madonna but the true reason as to why her skin and the skin of the infant Jesus are dark remain a mystery. The icon in Poland is regarded as being miraculous because of the many miracles attributed to prayers to our Lady. Some of these miracles have been associated with the victories in wars that have swept through Poland.
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Retrouvaille Weekend

Help Heal Your Marriage

Feel alone? Frustrated or angry with each other?
Argue or just stopped talking?
Does only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in marriage. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.

For confidential information or to register for the upcoming Jan. 22, 2021 weekend please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected confidentially to a couple from Long Island/ Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Upcoming Weekend Location:

Marriott Melville Long Island
1350 Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NY 11747

Worship This Week

Mon. Weekday

Jan. 11 Heb 1:1-6 / Mk 1:14-20

8:00am Maria Cipollone

9:00am

Tues. Weekday

Jan. 12 Heb 2:5-12 / Mk 1:21-28

8:00am Msgr. Michael Curran (Living)

9:00am Saverio John Del Fino

Wed. St. Hilary

Jan. 13 Heb 2:14-18 / Mk 1:29-39

8:00am Christine D'Onofrio

9:00am

Thurs. Weekday

Jan. 14 Heb 13:7-14 / Mk 1:40-45

8:00am Ronald Quartuccio

9:00am

Fri. Weekday

Jan. 15 Heb 4:1-5,11 / Mk 2:1-12

8:00am Vicenta Sancho

9:00am

Sat. Weekday

Jan.16 Heb 4:12-16 / Mk 2:13-17

8:00am Ruben Asencio

5:00pm Gary Foster

Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 17 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 / 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 /
Jn 1:35-42

8:00am Yves Dematura

10:00am Raymond Wadsworth

12:00pm People of the Parish
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Mass Intentions

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

Parish Social Ministry

Thank You! Thank You!

We are grateful to all give to Outreach during the Pandemic. We assist the needy with food and supermarket Gift Cards. Your support has been overwhelming. Gift Cards at Christmas enabled Families to purchase gifts. God will bless you for your generosity.

Fratelli Tutti – Part 9

On Fraternity & Social Teaching

“Complex challenges arise when our neighbor happens to be an immigrant. Ideally, unnecessary migration ought to be avoided; this entails creating conditions needed for a dignified life and development. Yet until progress is made in achieving this, we are obliged to respect the right of all individuals to find a place that meets their basic needs and their families, and where they can find personal fulfillment. Our response to the arrival of migrating persons: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. It is not a case of implementing welfare from the top down, but undertaking a journey together to build cities and countries that are open to differences and know how to promote them in the spirit of human fraternity.”

COVID Rent Relief Program Reopening

NYS has announced that the COVID Rent Relief Program has been reopened for application with expanded eligibility criteria. Applications will be accepted through Monday, Feb. 1, 2021. Those who previously applied do not have to reapply. All denied applications will be re-evaluated according to new criteria and revised determination letters will be issued. Contact COVID Rent Relief Center at 1-833-499-0318 or covidrentrelief@hcr.ny.gov representatives available Mon -Fri 8:30 - 5:00. Applications are available at www.https://hcr.ny.gov/rp

DMV Warning on Scam Text Messages

The DMV warns of text message scams which look like they are from the DMV and include a link to a fake website. It asks to update your information to access your sensitive personal data. If you receive a text message, delete it.

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.



COVID-19 LOCAL TESTING SITES

LI Urgent Care center – 403 Little East Neck Rd., West Babylon (631)716-5463.

Appointment not required. Referral required.

CityMD Lindenhurst Urgent Care -656 N. Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst (631)225-4227.

Appointment not required. Referral not required.

CityMD Copiague Urgent Care – 901 Sunrise Hwy, Copiague (631)230-5772.

Appointment not required. Referral not required.

ProHealth Urgent Care of West Islip – 148 Sunrise Hwy., West Islip (631) 620-3580. Appointment needed. Referral not required. Rapid Test: no appointment; PCR nasal swab: walk in with no appointment necessary.

FREE Covid-19 Drive-Thru Testing by Appointment Only

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 1:00 - 5:00 pm.
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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.

- ◆ 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.

OUR LADY OF GRACE SACRED MUSIC SOCIETY 2020-2021

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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.

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