

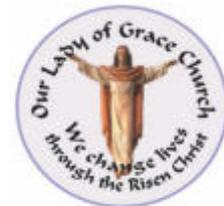


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Roman Catholic Church

January 17, 2021

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



We change lives through the Risen Christ

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& 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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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

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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.

Memorials for Week of Jan. 17, 2021

Rose for Life

In Memory of Antoinette & Charles Lyons

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Gary Foster

Bread and Wine

In Memory of Gary Foster

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.

Flute Concert, February 6' 6:00pm

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

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 Happenings

We hope that you all had a lovely holiday season! As this New Year gets into full swing, we can help you with your childcare needs. We have availability for all age groups and offer tours after 6:00pm on weekdays and on Saturday mornings. Please call (631) 422-4681.



We also have employment positions available; send resumes to daycare@ourladyofgrace.net.

Postponed Concert, January 23!

The postponed "Popular Music from Stage & Radio" will take place on January 23 at 6:00pm featuring our weekly guitarist and two youth cantors. \$10 suggested, a portion to the food pantry.

For Your Reflection

What Happens When We Die? MEETING GOD

by Sr. Fidelity Grace, SV and Sr. Marie Veritas, SV, Sisters of Life, Fall 2020

“Death is the most important act of earthly existence. All life is made to explode, to go farther, to merge with life, with God.” Cardinal Robert Sarah

Love does not end at death. Jesus’ death and Resurrection open for us the possibility of reunion with our deceased loved ones. But even this consolation doesn’t take away the sorrow we naturally feel when someone dies. Jesus knows this, and so He never leaves us alone in times of sorrow. He weeps with us and invites us to take refuge in the tender abode of His heart. Of all of the many experiences of suffering, Jesus chose to speak a promise of comfort particularly to those who mourn: *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted”* (Mt 5:4). He beckons us to come to Him and receive the comfort that only He can give. *“Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.”* St. Thomas More

In His infinite mercy, Jesus turned death upside down and made it the path to life. At the very moment of death, when our souls separate from our bodies, we will each receive our particular, unique judgment from God. Our whole life is a preparation for this moment. Now, we will not be arbitrarily assigned a passing or failing grade by a harsh master; we will receive from our merciful Savior Himself the destiny we choose. And we will not stand before Christ with our report cards and résumés and trophies in tow. As St. John of the Cross put it simply: *“In the evening of life, we will be judged on our love.”*

Jesus the gentleman: Philosopher Edward Feser describes judgement as being like wet clay in a furnace: a moment that locks into place our basic posture, either toward God, or not. Even though He constantly works at every turn for our good, and always gives each soul enough grace for salvation, Jesus is a gentleman. In His mercy and justice, He will not force heaven upon us if we don’t want it. How we’ve let ourselves be formed in love, and what or whom we seek at the moment of our death, will be, in itself, our judgement. Immediately after death, the soul goes either to heaven, hell, or purgatory. *“It is not death that will come to fetch me; it is the good God.”* St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Respect Life: PRESS RELEASE - Operation Rescue; (operationrescue.org) January 5, 2020

45 abortion facilities closed or halted abortions nationwide in 2020, leaving one state without an active abortion facility, according to national pro-life organization Operation Rescue, based in Wichita, Kansas. Missouri has become the first Abortion-Free State for now. The embattled Reproductive Health Services Planned Parenthood in St. Louis was the last abortion facility in Missouri. It remains open, but all abortion appointments are referred across the Mississippi River in Illinois.

Other noteworthy facts revealed by Operation Rescue’s survey of every U.S. abortion facility:

1. There are currently 706 active abortion facilities in the U.S.
2. Since 2009, surgical abortion facilities have decreased by 255.
3. Since 1991, there has been an incredible 79% drop in surgical abortion facilities nationwide.
4. There was a net loss of four U.S. abortion clinics overall in 2020.
5. The number of Planned Parenthood abortion facilities decreased in 2020.
6. 2020 was the first year that Operation Rescue tracked facilities that distributed abortion drugs via telemedicine. 69 locations (9.78 % of all abortion facilities) now operate telemedicine abortion.

The number of surgical abortion clinics continues to decline with six fewer today than last year at this time. Surgical abortion clinics have decreased each year for the past decade from 713 in 2009 to a record low of 458, a 36% decrease over the past 10 years. In contrast, abortion pill facilities have been on the rise over the past decade, increasing 47.2% in the past 11 years. Today, there are 248 facilities that abort only using chemicals, an increase of only three clinics nationwide in 2020 compared to 15 in 2019. *“Overall, we are grateful for fewer active abortion facilities in 2020 and for the 45 clinics that closed or halted abortions. With all the turmoil in our nation and the impact of the corona virus, 2020 would have been much worse for the unborn,”* said Troy Newman, Operation Rescue President.



Pray for our Recent Deceased

Lillian F. Gregg, Virginia Murphy
Shirley M. Tracy

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Mount Carmel is a biblical place where the prophet Elijah dwelt rising 1,742 feet above sea level and towers above Israel's Mediterranean coast. There Elijah prayed to God for Israel, which was suffering a terrible drought. He sent his servant up the mountain several times to look for rain. On the 7th try, the servant returned with news, "*Behold a little cloud arose out of the sea like a man's foot.*" Soon torrential rains fell and the people of Israel were saved. Elijah saw the cloud as a symbol of the Virgin mentioned in the prophecies of Isaiah. The hermits who lived on Mount Carmel followed Elijah's example and prayed for the advent of the much-awaited Virgin, who would become the mother of the Messiah.

In the 13th century, during the Crusades, St. Simon Stock joined the hermits on Mount Carmel. In 1247, he was elected superior-general of the Carmelites, however, the order had difficulty gaining acceptance and suffered persecution which prompted the monks to have recourse to the Blessed Virgin. On July 16, 1251, as Simon Stock knelt in prayer, Our Lady appeared to him, holding the Child Jesus in one arm and the Brown Scapular in the other. She uttered the following words with the following promise: "*Receive, My beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire...It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace.*" The Brown Scapular is one of the most popular and celebrated of Roman Catholic devotions. Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Feast Day is July 16.

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 January 22, 2021, weekend please call 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. 18 Heb 5:1-10 / Mk 2:18-22
8:00am Artole Family – Living & Deceased
9:00am Angela & Bob McCally

Tues. Weekday

Jan. 19 Heb 6:10-20 / Mk 2:23-28
8:00am Melton Family – Living & Deceased
9:00am Martin O'Neill

Wed. St. Fabian & St. Sebastian

Jan. 20 Heb 7:1-3,15-17 / Mk 3:1-6
8:00am Catherine O'Rafferty
9:00am Honor of St. Padre Pio for the Ciocia family

Thurs. St. Agnes

Jan. 21 Heb 7:25 - 8:6 / Mk 3:7-12
8:00am I'Leen Carr
9:00am Michael Carmine Bifalco

Fri. St. Vincent

Jan. 22 Heb 8:6-13 / Mk 3:13-19
8:00am Vicenta Sancho
9:00am Mark Adams

Sat. St. Marianne Cope, St. Vincent

Jan. 23 Heb 9:2-3,11-14 / Mk 3:20-21
8:00am Ralph Vivo
5:00pm Robert C. Ferris, Gabriel Durante,
Ron Durante

Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 24 Jon 3:1-5,10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31, Mk 1:14-20
8:00am People of the Parish
10:00am Mario Parasmio
12:00pm Kathy Garcia (1st Anniv.)

Mass Intentions

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

Parish Social Ministry

Fratelli Tutti – Part 10

“The true worth of different countries is measured by their ability to think not simply as a country but also as part of the human family. This is seen in times of crisis. Narrow forms of nationalism are an extreme expression of an inability to grasp the meaning of this gratuitousness. They err in thinking that they can develop on their own, heedless of the ruin of others, that by closing their doors to others they will be better protected. Immigrants are seen as usurpers who have nothing to offer. This leads to the simplistic belief that the poor are dangerous and useless, while the powerful are generous benefactors. Only a social and political culture that readily and “gratuitously” welcomes others will have a future.”

“Virtual” National Prayer Vigil for Life

Due to local restrictions on attendance sizes because of the pandemic, the vigil will be virtual. Catholics across the country are encouraged to take part in a nationwide prayer vigil from Jan. 28 - 29, marking the 48th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decisions legalizing abortion. The vigil begins at 8:00 pm EST on Jan. 28 and can be viewed on EWTN. *“Now, more than ever, our nation is in need of prayer for the protection of the unborn and the dignity of all human life”*, Archbishop Naumann, USCCB Committee Chairman on Pro-Life Activities.

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 reevaluated 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/rfp

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.

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

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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)
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- ◆ Angelic chorus (up to \$24)

Please mail or take 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.

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

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