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July 18, 2021



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Saturday Evening: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 Noon
Monday - Friday 8:00am & 9:00am
Saturday 8:00am

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Our Clergy

Rev. Joseph Davanzo, Pastor
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Our Pastoral Staff

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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:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every First Monday of the Month, 2- 4:45pm.

Our Lady of Grace Prayer Group
Every Tuesday, 9:30-10:30am, in Room 109.

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 Weekly Online

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"

Our Parish Communion

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Mass Intentions

Unannounced Mass Intentions:

Offered almost immediately & do not appear in the bulletin & 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 July 18, 2021

Rose for Life

In Memory of Nunzio & Giuseppa DiLorenzo

Sanctuary Lamp

Not Taken

Bread & 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.

Church Memorials

OLOG has several items for memorializing. If you are interested in honoring your loved one with a memorial, inquire in the Parish Office.

BINGO NEWS

We need a couple of more volunteers to be able to resume Bingo. Please call the office if you can help.

Lost & Found

We have a 'Lost & Found' If you or your child may have lost or misplaced something, stop by the office during regular hours to look at what we have. All articles not claimed will be disposed.

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.

OLOG ANGEL CARE

... services 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.

OLOG DAY CARE

Need childcare help? We have availability for all ages & offer tours after 6:00 PM on weekdays & on Saturday mornings. Call (631) 422-4681.

Employment positions available; send resumes to daycare@ourladyofgrace.net.

Kids of the Kingdom

Summer Program through August 20th, 8:30am - 4:30pm, with a before-care starting at 7:30am & after-care until 5:30pm. For children 5 - 12 yrs old. Call for appointment: 631-893-6564.

Low Gluten Hosts

For those who cannot receive the normal hosts please see our sacristans, Anthony or Fran.

For Your Reflection

Stealing Can Never Be Rationalized - Walgreens Found Liberal Laws Destroys Business

By John Horavt, cnsnews.com; May 25, 2021

If shoppers have an unlimited opportunity to shoplift, the outcome is not difficult to predict. Shoplifters will prosper and shops will close. Seven years ago, California social justice warriors put together Proposition 47, the “*Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act*.” It re-categorized nonviolent offenses, lowered penalties for thefts under \$950, making it a misdemeanor. Areas that have liberally applied the Prop 47 are paying the price. Shoplifting is out of control in the San Francisco area. Walgreens closed 17 stores over the last 5 years; 10 shut since 2019. The drugstore reports huge losses due to theft and warns 53 more stores may close.

Justice reformers claim measures like Prop 47 are a 2nd chance for entry-level criminals and help empty the prisons for violent inmates. The act caters to opportunistic shoplifters who may be “*driven by poverty*” to steal. But reformers are surprised that others have joined in the stealing. The misnamed measure is based on a false and sentimental premise that people are fundamentally good and only do bad things because they are forced. If treated with kindness, people will change their ways. Hence, society needs to understand how people might be driven to steal and the community should facilitate stealing if the circumstances cannot be changed.

Thus, Prop 47 is designed to prevent the occasional shoplifter “*forced to steal*” from developing a criminal record. Shoplifting became a “*nonviolent misdemeanor*” with a maximum sentence of 6 months. In theory, simple shoplifting under \$950 in value results in the offender’s release with a wrist-slap warning not to do it again. In practice, it allows repeat offenders to steal with impunity as long as they stay under the \$950 threshold per store per visit. Merchants who sympathized with this vision have been mugged by reality. Criminals know a good opportunity when they see one. Stores like Walgreens are targets for professional shoplifters, homeless people and drug addicts who game the system by stealing items under the \$950 threshold, and the new shoplifters are not even discreet. Some use a calculator to stay under the \$950 limit. Merchants watch helplessly as people help themselves to items in broad daylight and walk out of the store. Overworked police are reluctant to stop them since the criminals will soon be back on the street after being freed. The arrest is hardly worth the effort or paperwork. Police criticize the measure as “*a get-out-of-jail-free card*” for criminals that trick the system and control their greed to \$950 per store, per visit. Some criminals even use children to shoplift, knowing that they are unlikely to be prosecuted.

Residents are the losers in this dangerous game. The “*Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act*” is making areas unsafe. In San Francisco, the relaxed attitude toward crime is creating “*no-go*” zones. People no longer go to stores where crimes are brazenly committed. “Nonviolent” crime attracts violent criminals and professional thieves. Thus, the elderly, children and poor families stay away from the victimized stores. In the name misguided sentimentality toward criminals, honest people are deprived of places they need to get medications and supplies. The most vulnerable people become victims. Danger prevails even though San Francisco stores spend 35 times more on security guards than elsewhere. Many said it would be hard to document the impact of Prop 47 on crime, but the vacated Walgreens stores are tragic testimonies to what happens when misplaced sentiment trumps reality. The problem is not only a bad policy but a failed worldview. Stealing can never be rationalized as a habit “*driven by poverty*.” Theft is always wrong regardless of who does it. Virtue is the only policy that will keep neighborhoods and schools safe. This practice of virtue presupposes morality motivated by a love of God.

Respect Life: Human-Monkey Experiments

Pigs with human hearts? Mice whose brains have some human intelligence? Scientists are cultivating creations by injecting human cells into mice, rats, pigs & cows. The Salk Institute for Biological Studies in California created human-monkey embryos. U.S. and China researchers announced this month they made embryos that combined human and monkey cells for the 1st time. A scientist said, “*We observed live human cells in monkey embryos.*” So far, these human-monkeys are bundles of cells in a lab dish, but the ethical implications are far-reaching. The use of primates related to humans raises concerns about animal welfare and the moral status of hybrid embryos. Human-monkeys are an attack against the human person created in the likeness of God. We must oppose this barbaric practice. Such immoral, unethical and dehumanizing “research” contributes to the Culture of Death and subverts the identity of man created in God’s image.

(www.wsj.com; April 26, 2021) (tfpstudentaction.org; June 17, 2021)

Welcome Our Newly Baptized



Stella Louise Cotter, Christian Carmine DiFiilippo,
Valentina Laura Congionti



Pray for our Recent Deceased

Kenneth E. Nee, Frank P. Olechna,
Peter Gabriel, Rosemarie Gabriel, Jerry Burzo

Weekly Collection

July 4, 2021: \$9,051.

July 11, 2021: \$8,844.

Flute Concert, August 7th 6:00pm

The parish monthly concert series continues as Extra Chi performs "Unfinished Business"—an assortment of favorite flute movements with an eclectic blend of classical traditions, jazz influences, and new age spirit. Takes place here in the church. All are welcome. \$10 suggested offering.

CDC Extend Eviction Stay

The CDC has extended the eviction moratorium until July 31st. This is intended to be the final extension of the moratorium.

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: \$26 donated. Total to date: \$438. Thanks to all who have donated.

Nursing Home Volunteers Needed

Volunteers go to East Neck Nursing Home on Wednesday at 10:15am for about 1 hour to transport residents to the meeting room. We need of Eucharistic Ministers to take Communion to the bed ridden residents. Consider joining these extraordinary men and women. Call the office to leave your name & number. Someone will get back to you.

Volunteers Needed

Our Special Needs Faith Formation program is looking for responsible and dedicated volunteers as catechists for our special needs students. Program runs from October - April on Tuesdays, 4:30-5:40pm. Duties include 1:1 or small group instruction in religious education and the sacraments. Our ministry is extremely rewarding for both students and teacher volunteers. Please open your heart and teach the Word of God to His most special lambs. For more information, contact the Faith Formation office: 631-661-9353.

Worship This Week

Mon. Weekday

July 19 Ex 14:5-18 / Mt 12:38-42

8:00am Maurice Azzopardi

9:00am Michael Graziano

Tues. St. Apollinaris

July 20 Ex 14:21 – 15:1 / Mt 12:46-50

8:00am Joseph Milazzo

9:00am Maria Bazan

Wed. St. Lawrence of Brindisi

July 21 Ex 16:105,9-15 / Mt 13:1-9

8:00am

9:00am Madeline Costello

Thurs. St. Mary Magdalene

July 22 Sg 3:1-4b / Jn 20:1-2,11-18

8:00am

9:00am Steve Palumbo

Fri. St. Bridget

July 23 Ex 20:1-17 / Mt 13:18-23

8:00am

9:00am

Sat. St. Sharbel Makhluif

July 24 Ex 24:3-8 / Mt 13:24-30

8:00am

5:00pm Cathy Garcia, Kathleen Brady,

Carmela Brienza

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 25 2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15

8:00am The Gendusa & Michaels Families (Living & Deceased)

10:00am People of the Parish

12:00pm Ronald E. Menin

Mass Intentions

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

Please Note: UPDATED COVID protocols

· **PLEASE NOTE:** *The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses will end the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, August 14/15, 2021.* Because of the moral importance of this change we will announce it over the coming months. Please help spread the news! **The normal obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses will be back in effect starting on Sunday, August 15th of this year.**

Effective the weekend of August 15, the weekly OLOG "YouTube" Masses will end.

As new information comes in, we will share it with you.

Need Help With Baby Items?

Birthright offers pregnancy test kits, maternity clothes, baby layettes and other baby items, free & confidential. Birthright in Islip: 631-277-3888. 24/7 Helpline: 800-550-4900.



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Pope Francis - World Food Day

Hunger is a tragedy and also a shame caused by unequal distribution of food, compounded by a lack of investment in agriculture, the consequences of climate change and conflicts. Also, tons of food is thrown away. We cannot remain insensitive or paralyzed. We are responsible. The crisis shows that policies are needed to eradicate hunger. At times, discussions distance us from achieving this objective, and we allow brothers and sisters to die. A decision would be to establish a "Global Fund" with money used for weapons and military to eliminate hunger and develop poor countries. Wars and the migration of our brothers and sisters, forced to abandon countries to seek a dignified life, would be avoided.



NYS Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Economic relief for low and moderate-income households at risk of homelessness or housing instability. Provides rental arrears, rental and utility assistance. Do not need to be a lawful immigrant to qualify. Single room renters may be eligible. Go to: www.otda.ny.gov/ERAP or call 844-691-7368. For utility arrears assistance, through ERAP.



Virtual Bereavement and Support Group

...at the YES Community Counseling Center on the 2nd Monday of the month 7:00-8:00pm. To register and receive Zoom invite contact Kathleen Coletta, LCSW-R via email at kcoletta@yesccc.org Website: yesccc.org



Food Pantry Needs

Our Food Pantry needs jelly, canned string beans, mixed vegetables, & carrots (NO CORN PLEASE), mashed potatoes & sides, pancake mix, syrup, cake mix & frosting, Manwich, Chef-Boyardee, creamed soups, tea, canned fruit (especially the small packs), cookies, snacks, and other food items. Thank you for your support!



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