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December 26, 2021

The Feast of the Holy Family



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By our weekly **Presence** at Mass for
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and encouraging one another.

We Celebrate the Eucharist

Vigil of Sunday: 5:00pm Saturday Evening

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am (Children's Liturgy of the Word), 12:00 Noon (Choir)

Weekdays: Monday - Friday 8:00am & 9:00am; Saturday 8:00am

Holy Days: See inside

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NEW Parish Office Hours

Mon - Thurs: 9am - 12:00pm; 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 12:00pm

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 1st Monday, 3:00 - 4:00pm

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

Every 2nd Tuesday after the 9:00am Mass

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 December 26, 2021

Rose for Life

In Memory of Irene B. Jones

Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Christine Marie Prince

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.

MORE Church Memorial Opportunitites

OLOG has many more items & opportunities for memorializing. If interested in honoring a loved one with a memorial, inquire in the Parish Office.

The Religious Article Counter

Open Sundays before & after the 8am & 10am Masses. For other times, please go to the office.

Low Gluten Hosts

For those who cannot receive the normal hosts please see our sacristan, Anthony.

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 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 & \$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.

Bingo News - Update

We are forming a committee of volunteers to assist with Bingo. We will have an informational meeting on: Sunday, January 9th at 11:30am in room 109. If you are unable to join us, please reach out to Gale in the parish office or you may send her an email at: 2irishsisters@gmail.com. We are hoping to get this started in early 2022 and need your help! Thank you and have a blessed holiday season.



Eucharistic Adoration

...takes place 3:00 - 4:00pm every **1st** Monday of the month.

All are welcome.



For Your Reflection

Feast of the Holy Family

Rev. Michael Moore, OMI, December 2017

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is true to say the attention leading up and during the celebration of the Nativity is Jesus. This Sunday we acknowledge the whole family! There is a sense of nostalgia and romance about the birth of Jesus. This can be heard and seen in Christmas Carols and Christmas cards. These cards show a crisp winter night, stars in the sky and snow on the manger, but we need to look beyond, particularly on this great and important feast. Mary was called personally by name and asked to take on what would seem an impossible task. However, she was not expected to do what she was asked by herself or to rely on her on own efforts or strength. On hearing she was to be the mother of Jesus, *'she was deeply disturbed and wondered what the greeting could mean.'* Told not to be afraid, she was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was strengthened and encouraged to do what was asked of her. Joseph too was called to take on a role. Like Mary, he too heard the message, *'do not to be afraid.'* God who called them would not ignore or abandoned them as they became the parents of Jesus. Jesus too in his own life and ministry was guided and led by God. He said, *'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, I have been called to bring the good news to the poor.'* Even Jesus does not rely on his own efforts!

On this feast of the Holy Family, it good to pray in grateful thanksgiving for our parents and family. No family is perfect. Our family members, including ourselves, have made mistakes and done wrong. We have all done and said things we later regret. Regardless, we owe our family everything and for this we thanks God. St. Eugene deMazenod, founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, came from what could be called a *'broken family.'* His parent's divorced in 1795 when Eugene was 17 years old. This happened when divorce was rare. Eugene had a far from ideal family life. He is the patron saint of broken families. Prayers to St. Eugene can help and support people experiencing problems in family life. On this feast day, let us pray for all experiencing the pain and difficulty of problems in married and family life. May the Holy Family of Nazareth bless, guide and protect all our families, now and always.

Respect Life: Popular Company Promotes Satanic Child Knifing another Child

Online store, Etsy, is selling *children's T-shirts* with *satanic* and murderous messages. One children's t-shirt says, *"Let's sacrifice Toby."* On the shirt is a young boy laying on his back with legs being held by another young boy. A cute, pig-tailed little girl kneeling to the side holds a large long-bladed knife raised above her head ready to stab down the boy. Nearby is a hissing black cat and children's wooden toy blocks painted with the demon numbers 6-6-6. It's hard to believe how deep society has sunk. Now, we have the shameless promotion of child sacrifice! The image leaves no doubt what they are trying to normalize. Etsy is allowing vendors to sell versions of this shirt. This is dangerous! The *"Let's Sacrifice Toby"* shirt trivializes and promotes child sacrifice and satanic murder child-to-child; many children might think it's a fun thing to do. Another satanic children's shirt says, *"Let's Summon Demons."* Satanic items pose a serious threat to society and are hateful attacks on Christians and children as they inspire violence and hate and stifle the grace of God in souls. These are offenses against God and a direct threat to America and the world. They repel the blessings of God.

In the past, Etsy was found selling *"consecrated hosts"* for satanic practices. Though this item was removed, others items for satanic practices persist. There are images of burning churches on t-shirts and other products. One product, a *"Burning Church Card"* has the description, *"The perfect card to celebrate your most recent church burning."* There are also inverted crucifixes, Satanic *"rosaries"* and other *"religious"* items for immoral use. All this in contradiction of Etsy's policy: *"Etsy does not allow items or listings that promote, support or glorify hatred toward people or otherwise demean people based upon religion."* We must not only avoid evil. Love of God requires us to also fight evil, always peacefully, legally and prayerfully, yet firmly. (americaneedsfatima.org; Oct 10, 2021)

Welcome Our Newly Baptized

John Michael Teufel



Pray for our Recent Deceased

Josephine Verdi, Mary Theresa Coady,
Elaine Pannullo



Weekly Collection

December 12, 2021: \$13,356
WeShare: \$2,870



REVISED NYS COVID DIRECTIVES

New York State has included houses of worship in their recent directives. Since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination to worship God, we ask all parishioners (age 2 years and older) to comply with the mask requirement while on parish grounds. This requirement is in effect through Jan. 15, 2022. We will adapt as new information is available. Your patience and Christian charity towards others is appreciated. **It is NOT the responsibility of any individual to police/enforce State regulations.**

Bereavement Support Group

...begins Sat., Jan 8, 9:30 - 11am & meets 9 weeks.
Call John: 631-874-0210 or Fran at 631-587-1578.

Worship This Week

Mon.	St. John
Dec. 27	1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a,2-8
8:00am	Rosa Chiodi & Giuseppe Castaldo
9:00am	Dominick Pisani
Tues.	The Holy Innocents
Dec. 28	1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2 / Mt 2:13-18
8:00am	Edward Lombardo
9:00am	Raymond Wadsworth
Wed.	St. Thomas Becket
Dec. 29	1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35
8:00am	Msgr. Romualdo A. Sosing
9:00am	Giuseppe Mozzone
Thurs.	6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity
Dec. 30	1 Jn 2:12-17 / Lk 2:36-40
8:00am	Andrew Jacko
9:00am	George Dunn
Fri.	St. Sylvester I
Dec. 31	1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18
8:00am	Rev. Patrick J. Callan
9:00am	Anthony D'Angelis
5:30pm	Adina DeNovellis
Sat.	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
Jan. 1	Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 / Lk 2:16-21
9:00am	Christine Marie Prince
11:00am	Louis L. Fishman, III
5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord
Jan. 2	Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 / Mt 2:1-12
8:00am	Marianne Madden
10:00am	Leon DeMaille
12:00pm	Leonard Zella

Mass Intentions

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

Pope Francis, Angelus, 11/1/21

The Beatitudes are addressed to the poor and afflicted, those hungering for justice. The world says to be happy you must be rich, powerful, young, strong, enjoying fame and success. Jesus overturns this proclaiming true fullness of life is following Jesus, putting his Word into practice. This means another poverty, being poor within, making room for God. Those who believe themselves rich, successful and secure base everything on themselves and shut out God and their brothers and sisters, whereas those who know they are poor and not self-sufficient are open to God and neighbor. They find joy. The Beatitudes are the prophecy of a new humanity, a new way to live: making oneself small, entrusting oneself to God, not prevailing over others; being meek, not imposing oneself; mercy, instead of selfishness; committing to peace, not injustice.



Your Help is Needed

Please do not leave any item(s) that requires refrigeration in the Food Pantry Bin as we **Do Not** have refrigeration. Thank you for your help.



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Help for NYS Homeowners

The NYS Homeowner Assistance Fund helps homeowners affected by COVID **stay in their homes**. Homeowners affected and are behind in their housing payments may receive free counseling and legal services, negotiation help with banks or mortgage payments, property taxes, water or sewer bills, condo or coop maintenance fees. Applications open Jan. 3rd. Visit www.nyhomeownerfund.org or call 844-776-9423 Mon-Fri 9AM-5PM.



NYS Low Income Water Assistance Program

... targeted to low income households. Eligibility based on income, household size, amount owed to drinking water and/or wastewater provider(s). Must provide proof of identity, residence, documentation of earned & unearned income, water, wastewater bill listing permanent & primary residence & valid Social Security Number. Visit otda.ny.gov/LIHWAP



Project Warmth

.... starts Jan. 4, 2022. PSEG pays \$200. Restrictions were changed. You must have a ¼ of a tank of oil or less to apply. Call Parish Social Ministry at 631-661-9354 Mon-Thurs, 10am-1pm to apply.



Thank You! Thank You!

We are extremely grateful to all who generously gave to Outreach during the pandemic. We continue assisting those in our community with food & Gift Cards to the local supermarkets. We hope and pray your families are well and safe, and God will bless you for your generosity to the needy.



Pantry Needs: Toiletries, Hygiene & Cleaners

For those served by Parish Social Ministry personal hygiene products (toilet tissue, shampoo, soap, paper products, tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, deodorant, talcum & powders, shaving products, laundry detergent, cleaning products) are a blessing. Bring any time to the Food Bin in the Lobby. Thank you!



Faith Formation

Faith Formation registration **CONTINUES** for grades 1 - 8, and teens & special needs students. Come during office hours or email for appointment. Forms on parish website: www.ourladyofgrace.net or in office. We offer programs for adults needing Confirmation and other Sacraments. Call: 631-661-9353. Office hours: Mon - Thurs, 9am to 4pm, Fri 9am to 2pm. Evenings & weekends by appointment.

Disney's "Frozen" New Year's Day



The sleigh-bell sound of Stravinsky's ballet Petrushka would have made a great backdrop to Disney's snowy hit musical! See if you agree as Terence plays an extraordinarily difficult piano score. Unwind from Christmas rush as our Children's Choir present their favorite excerpts from "Frozen" in church on Jan. 1st after the 5pm Mass. Adults \$5 / Kids FREE.

Final Honor Roll - Kellenberg High School

Michael DePetris, Eleina Pisani, Jessica Sanchez & Matthew Sanchez.

Perfect Attendance - Kellenberg High School

Jessica Sanchez and Matthew Sanchez

Peace
JOY Hope
Love

Faith Formation - our 1st Holy Communion students are preparing for First Reconciliation in January. Pray for them as they continue their journey to First Communion this spring!

Confirmation Levels 7 & 8 students are finding unique and wonderful ways of completing their service and following in the example of Jesus. They made over 400 Christmas cards for Hospital and Nursing Home patients. Many also participated in Wreaths across America and projects like Operation Christmas Child.

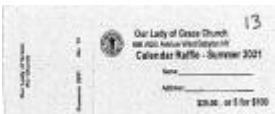
Family Life Ministry has had a wonderful return to our monthly Hospitality Breakfasts! We enjoy seeing everyone & gathering each month. Our January Hospitality breakfast is on Sunday, Jan. 12, after the 10:00 Mass. The Knights of Columbus have helped each month. Come down & meet them! All welcome!

Many thanks to Maria Chetti for her wonderful work on the Christmas Pageant! It was great to be live again and enjoy this wonderful yearly event!

Keep Returning Empty Bottles & Cans!!

The bottle receipts help Outreach & Pantry.
Thank you!

Calendar Raffle Tickets Are Now On Sale For Winter 2022



Since the 'Calendar Raffle' is the one and only fund raiser for Our Lady of Grace, we are reaching out to all to help in anyway you can. Tickets are \$25 each and/or 5 for \$100. Each ticket has the potential to win each day for 6 months, anywhere from \$20 to \$100.

We have plenty of extra tickets waiting to be bought. They are great stocking stuffers as well as gifts throughout the year. What better way to support your parish and buy a gift at the same time. Remember these tickets are going to be drawn in the next couple of weeks so that they will be in time for the bulletin, so hurry in and get your tickets in soon.

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

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