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**January 2, 2022**

**The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**



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and the success of our mission.

By **Witnessing** our love for God  
and neighbor.

By our weekly **Presence** at Mass for  
mutual support and the grace God offers.

By **Support** through sharing our gifts  
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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### **Our Clergy**

Rev. Joseph Davanzo, Pastor  
Rev. Martin Adu Gyamfi, Associate  
Rev. Gregory Breen, Associate  
Deacon Ricardo Garcia  
Deacon Brian Miller  
Deacon Irwin Saffran (Retired)

### **Our Pastoral Staff**

Jeanmarie Florio, Day Care Director  
Peggy Harnisch, Faith Formation Director  
Ann Kristoffersen, Parish Social Ministry  
James Pisano, Facilities Manager  
Terence Purtell, Music Director  
Tischa Stanley, Angel Care

### **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

## Pastoral Council

Lee Abseck  
Mary Ellen McEntee  
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Kathleen Scheid  
Ralph Fiorillo  
James Nevins  
Lucy Sanchez  
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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 January 2, 2022

### Rose for Life

In Memory of Charles & Antoinette Lyons

### 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 every month.

All are welcome.



## For Your Reflection

### **Biden Administration Rolls Back Key Federal Religious Liberty Protections Dec. 3, 2021; [firstliberty.org](https://www.firstliberty.org)**

The Biden administration has shown disdain for the Constitution and the sincerely held religious beliefs of millions of Americans. A high-profile attack on religious liberty came when the President mobilized the Department of Labor's (DOL) Occupational Safety & Health Administration to impose a vaccine and testing requirement on businesses with 100 or more employees a policy that threatens the freedom of millions of people of faith. The policy was met with a wave of legal challenges, including First Liberty filing lawsuits on behalf of 3 prominent national religious organizations: Daystar Television Network, American Family Association, and Answers in Genesis, asking federal appellate courts to review the rule. Recently, the DOL took yet another alarming step announcing plans to rescind a rule that broadened religious exemptions and prevent discrimination against religious organizations who contract with the government. Additionally, the U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services (HHS) revoked authority delegated to the Office of Civil Rights, an agency created to prevent religious liberty violations.

While these actions are troubling and harmful, they do not come as a surprise. Days before Biden's inauguration, First Liberty's legal experts took inventory and warned of 10 religious freedom policy advances that could be reversed. As we witness the slashing of regulations and religious protections, our warnings were correct, such as making it harder for religious groups to contract with the federal government. The DOL rule the Biden administration is seeking to cut, entitled "*Implementing Legal Requirements Regarding the Equal Opportunity Clause's Religious Exemption*," has been in place since January. Its adoption ensures religious organizations seeking to contract with the federal government would be free to do so on equal terms as others. It clarified that faith-based organizations do not have to abandon their religious character and mission to be eligible for federal contracts. Though it appears like regulatory jargon, it served to protect faith-based ministries, charities and nonprofits across the country. Not only did it prevent discrimination against religious organizations, but was beneficial by providing assurance that religious organizations would not face discrimination due to their religious exercise. However, once Biden rolls back the rule, religious contractors and subcontractors could be deterred from partnering with the government to provide important public services.

HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, no friend of religious freedom, recently repealed initiatives that protect the rights of conscience and religious freedom. This directive included better enforcement of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and handling of free-exercise and religious-discrimination claims. But with Becerra's announcement, HHS will no longer operate under these guidelines. This reversal could be dangerous for religious organizations and charities, as religious freedom complaints may not receive thorough investigation. Worse, HHS regulations could be used to trample people's rights. This isn't the only troubling policy. In May, Becerra's HHS expanded the definition of "sex" to include orientation and gender identity. Under this policy, faith-based hospitals or religious providers could be forced to participate in medical procedures that violate their conscience, like sex-change surgeries or cross-sex hormone treatments for minors. This could lead to faith-based healthcare facilities and providers being excluded from the marketplace or going out of business if they provide care consistent with their religious beliefs. If Biden purports to "Build Back Better," rolling back regulations that protect religious freedom will not help our nation flourish. On the contrary, getting rid of these protections will only be harmful to millions of religious Americans.

### **Respect Life: "Most Pro-Family State" Awards: #1. Most Pro-Family State: Montana**

What state has the most pro-family new laws? In 2021, it's Montana. Lawmakers passed a #SaveGirlsSports law, tax credit education scholarships, and several pro-life protections including preventing abortions when the baby can feel pain. They require parental permission for sex education and succeeded in religious freedom protections (including the Religious Freedom Restoration Act). "Most Pro-Family State" was a well-deserved title! ([familypolicyalliance.com](https://www.familypolicyalliance.com); Aug. 20, 2021)

## Welcome Our Newly Baptized

Kenzie Rose Drago



### Pray for our Recent Deceased

Rita Minor, Ronald Zawaski,  
Russell Frank, Salvatore Bilello

### Weekly Collection

December 19, 2021: \$17,662

WeShare: \$3,125



### 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

<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Holy Name of Jesus</b>
<b>Jan. 3</b>	1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6 / Mt 4:12-17,23-25
8:00am	Mary Quartuccio
9:00am	Antonio & Domenico Iemma
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</b>
<b>Jan. 4</b>	1 Jn 4:7-10 / Mk 6:34-44
8:00am	Rita Paradiso
9:00am	Barbara Cermola Cascio
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>St. John Neumann</b>
<b>Jan. 5</b>	1 Jn 4:11-18 / Mk 6:45-52
8:00am	Theresa Calcanes
9:00am	Eda White
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>St. Andre Bessette</b>
<b>Jan 6</b>	1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4 / Lk 4:14-22
8:00am	Richard Torres
9:00am	Florence Harsen
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>St. Raymond of Penafort</b>
<b>Jan. 7</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13 / Lk 5:12-16
8:00am	Shirley Tracy
9:00am	Holy Face of Jesus – Living & Deceased
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b>
<b>Jan. 8</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21 / Jn 3:22-30
8:00am	Virginia Murphy
5:00pm	Margaret Feerick
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
<b>Jan. 9</b>	Is 40:1-5,9-11 / Ti 2:11-14;3:4-7 / Lk 3:15-16,21-22
8:00am	Margaret Feerick
10:00am	People of the Parish
12:00pm	Arthur Gallagher (30th Anniv.)

### Mass Intentions

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

**COVID-19 LOCAL TESTING SITES**

**LI Urgent Care Center** – 403 Little East Neck Rd., W. Babylon 631-716-5463  
Appointment required – to schedule go to [www.LIurgentcare.com](http://www.LIurgentcare.com)

**CityMD Lindenhurst Urgent Care** – 656 N. Wellwood Ave., Lindenhurst 631-225-4227  
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148 Sunrise Hwy., West Islip 631-620-3580  
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**Your Help is Needed**

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**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.



**Non-Perishable Food**

Our Food Pantry can always use any and all non-perishable food items for regular weekly food distribution. Just drop off in the lobby bins marked 'Food Only.' All donations are greatly appreciated.



**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](http://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.

### Vocal Selections from the Stage & Screen Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

Our monthly concert series presents "The Bridger Consort" for a night of chamber music from classical to modern & vocal selections from stage & screen. In church on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, after the 5pm Mass. \$10 suggested donation

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**Congratulations** to Connie LoCasia who has won the 'American Girl Doll' and all her accessories.



### Sick List Policy

Names on the 'Sick List' will be removed the last day of each month. If you want a loved one on the list, call the Office. Those asking to be added will be done after the 1st of the following month.

### Lost & Found

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

### Keep Returning Empty Bottles & Cans!!

The bottle receipts help Outreach & Pantry.  
Thank you!

### Please Do NOT Leave Anything Outside Parish Social Ministry Door

These donations cannot be accepted. Our office is only open Monday thru Thursday from 10 AM to 1:00 PM. If office is closed, leave donations in the bin in the church lobby. Thank you for your help.

**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!

## From the Priests, Deacons & Staff of Our Lady of Grace Church

We wish all

A Very Blessed, Healthy and  
Happy New Year

2022

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