



Our Lady of Grace

Roman Catholic Church

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord



We Change Lives through the Risen Christ !

By **Praying** for our intentions
and the success of our mission.

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

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

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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Faith Formation Office (631) 661-9353

Parish Social Ministry Office (631) 661-9354

Day Care Office (631) 422-4681

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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)

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

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

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
Maria Russello-Chetti
Kathleen Scheid
Ralph Fiorillo
James Nevins
Lucy Sanchez
Concetta Whelan

Finance Council

Richard Korcz (Trustee)
Leonardo LoCricchio
Robert Scharf (Trustee)
Joseph Salzone
Debra Nicosia
Thomas Villella

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 9, 2022

Rose for Life

In Memory of Mary Hind

Sanctuary Lamp

Not Taken

Bread & Wine

In Memory of Jane & William Peysson

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 Opportunities

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 or Scott for what you must do.

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, Jan. 9th at 11:30am in room 109. If you are unable to join us, please contact Gale in the parish office or you send her an email at: 2irishsisters@gmail.com. We hope to start Bingo in early 2022 and need your help! Thank you and have a blessed holiday season.



Procedure at Communion

For liability & safety reason, please follow the instruction of the ushers regarding exiting the pews to receive Communion

For Your Reflection

The Real Reason Americans Do Not Have Friends

By Gary Bell; www.returntoorder.com; Nov. 23, 2021

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13 Would you lay down your life for your friends? Would they do so for you? If the answer to either is no, a better understanding of real friendship would make such meaningful relationships possible. Sadly, many Americans have been deformed by Hollywood’s idea of friendship. The Internet and social media also depict friendship as casual acquaintances with others. The Facebook “friend” denotes superficial friendship activated by a click. However, real friendships are based on virtue and only acquired through hard work and sacrifice. They cannot be based solely on a chance encounter, joint activities and personal interests. People do not just meet and instantly become best friends for life. Likewise, friendship cannot be reduced to shared interests of business relationships because they are quid pro quo. There is no disinterested charity involved. Thus, sociologists point out American have few friends.

The root cause of lack of friendship is most relationships are based on the benefits gained by the link. These relationships involve interest in gains, not people. This warped vision of relationships easily leads to hostility and not kindness in crisis. Relationships can also result from being in a common school or work environment. Without a higher motive, these common-place links can produce rivalries, intense competition and even hatred. Another factor leading to lack of friendship is a culture organized around self-gratification. American society is organized like a co-op enterprise. Everyone seeks to make money and enjoy life by contributing to the co-op and working with others for a profitable return on their investment. Differences in religion, principles and cultures takes a back seat to pleasure and profit. As long as this co-op society prospers, relationships thrive. But, when times get rough, they fall apart. The Hollywood mentality that promotes shallow relationships also teaches Americans to reject sacrifice. So, when it’s time to sacrifice for friends, people see them as liabilities. Tragically, many see these co-op friends as a means to an end. Thus, such friendships are shallow and short-lived. They put ego in the center of a relationship. Once the direction of the link strays outside this center, it can be terminated because the idea of sacrifice is distasteful.

True friendship needs higher ideals that hovers above the parties involved. The Christian idea of friendship is based on faith in God, who provides the motive for sacrifice and love. Thus, Catholics love their neighbors out of love of God not personal benefits. They become capable of sacrificing themselves for their friends as a means of showing their love. A friendship based on virtue and love of God places a high ideal at the center of the relationship and displaces the ego that destroys Christian charity. Sacrificial relationships are commonly forged in war. They are enduring friendships that come through mutual sacrifice motivated by ideals. Today there are ever fewer friends and ever greater hatred among people that should be friends, even within families. The lack of friendship is pushing society into advanced disintegration. The root cause is selfishness and lack of charity. Covid aggravated this problem. Recent reports show loss of friendships and loneliness increased during the lockdowns. Some say they have not made a single new friend in 5 years. Others say they have no friends. Loneliness, aggravated by few or decreasing friends, is causing increases in suicides and depression.

On the surface, the reasons vary; however, the root problem is the same. It is easy to blame social media, lack of common interests, introversion, moving, busy family concerns for social isolation. But, behind these reasons lies the desire for benefits and gratification of ego. An old saying says, “*To have a friend, you need to be a friend.*” Friendship is work and requires sacrifice. However, it is richly rewarding when based on virtue and love of God. Until Americans suffer like the prodigal son, they will not see the real cause for the lack of friends. Selfish individualism and lack of Christian charity is destroying the nation. It is time to return to the Father’s house.

Respect Life: Men Can Get Pregnant according to Biden’s Dept. of Justice

Biden’s Attorney General, Merrick Garland, included in a legal challenge to Texas’ abortion law a line stating that “*the allegations of this complaint encompass any individuals who become pregnant and seek an abortion, regardless of gender identity.*” The line, a reference to the transgender movement, was followed by thousands of comments mocking the footnote, stating that Biden has opened the door to allow men to finally have opinions on abortion.

(American Life League News; Oct. 2021)



Pray for our Recent Deceased

Rita Minor, Ronald Zawaski, Barbara Cascio,
Russell Frank, Salvatore Bilello,
Mary Teresa O'Brien, Julia F. Schwenzer,
Dorothy M. Lynch, Eva Jilling, , Grace Albanese

Weekly Collection

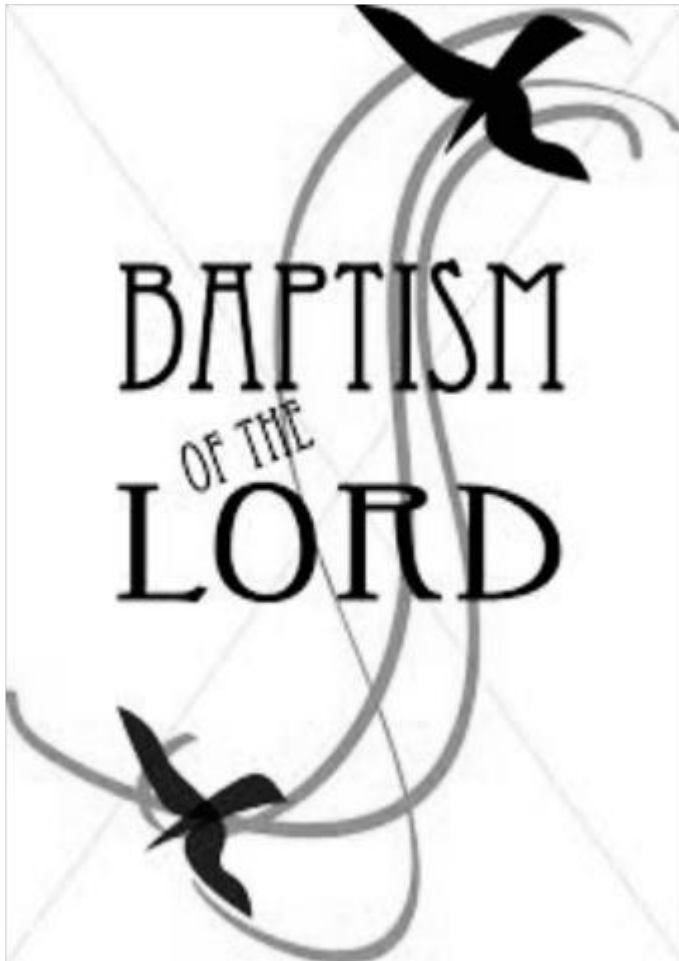
December 26, 2021: \$6,986

WeShare: \$3,395

Christmas: \$33,331

January 2, 2022: \$11,645

WeShare: See you next week



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. Weekday

Jan. 10 1 Sm 1:1-8 / Mk 1:14-20

8:00am Dorothy M. Lynch

9:00am Saverio Delfino

Tues. Weekday

Jan. 11 1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28

8:00am Maria Cipollone

9:00am Sarina Huntington

Wed. Weekday

Jan. 12 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 / Mk 1:29-39

8:00am I'leen Carr

9:00am Pia Gioia

Thurs. St. Hilary

Jan 13 1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

8:00am Msgr John R. Dreasen

9:00am Pasquale Forcino (10th Anniv.)

Philip Forcino

Fri. Weekday

Jan. 14 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a / Mk 2:1-12

8:00am Maria Cipollone

9:00am Barbara Cermola-Cascio

Sat. Weekday

Jan. 15 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1 / Mk 2:13-17

8:00am Vicenta Sancho

5:00pm Kenneth Mahoney

Sunday 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 16 Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

8:00am Giovanni Iemma

10:00am Leon DeMaille

12:00pm People of the Parish

Mass Intentions

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

Move Forward with Hope

Join NY Project Hope's online wellness group about stress & anxiety & long-term COVID symptoms. Confidential, free virtual sessions led by NY Project Hope Crisis Counselor, Mon-Fri, 9am-7pm – 631-471-7242 ext. 1800. Tuesdays at 1:00 pm & Thursdays at 5:30 pm with Zoom ID: 873 7962 9511.

Nassau Suffolk Law Services

Civil Unit and Foreclosure Prevention Project – with the eviction moratorium ending soon.
Public Benefits and Disability Advocacy Project – advocate & ensure clients proper access to financial & service like food stamps, Medicaid, public assistance & Social Security benefits for: Veterans, Seniors, the Disabled, those with Mental Illness, HIV/AIDS, Survivors of Domestic Violence, and Special Needs Students. Call 631-232-2400 or www.nslawservice.org.

Your Help is Needed

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



Help with Applications for Seniors

...for SNAP, SCAT, Medicare Savings Program (MSP) & HEAP

Tanner Park, Copiague, Jan.12, 8:30am-1:00pm
N. Amityville Sr. Center, Jan.19, 10:00am -12 Noon
W. Babylon Library, Jan. 27, 10:00am -12 Noon

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!



Keep Returning Empty Bottles & Cans!!



The bottle receipts help Outreach & Pantry. Thank you!

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.



Altar Servers Needed



Would you or your child like to serve in assisting the Priest at Mass? Our Lady of Grace invites 3rd graders and older to serve as Altar Servers. Please pick up a permission slip in the Parish Office & fill it out. Return it to the

Parish Office or email it to: worship@ourladyofgrace.net & leave you name & phone number.

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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.

Vocal Selections from the Stage & Screen Feb. 5th 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. 5th, after the 5pm Mass. \$10 suggested donation

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 of.

Important Message

Because of the increase in the number of cases of covid we are temporarily suspending Scripture Sharing on Tuesday mornings until further notice.

Important Notice

Due to rising covid numbers we will cancel Children's Liturgy through the month of January. Mass coupons can still be dripped off after each Mass in the basket. We will also cancel our Hospitality breakfast for the month of January. Emails have gone out to all families regarding Faith Formation virtual classes.

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!

Retrouvaille...

Is a lifeline for married couples. Another marriage saving Retrouvaille weekend will be offered January 21 - 22, 2022.

For information or to register for the upcoming weekend, please visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230.

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.

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

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