

# **Our Lady of Grace**

# Roman Catholic Church January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# We Change Lives through the Risen Christ!

By **Praying** for our intentions 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

#### **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 Ralph Fiorillo Mary Ellen McEntee James Nevins Maria Russello-Chetti Lucy Sanchez Kathleen Scheid Concetta Whelan

#### Finance Council

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

#### Mass Intentions

<u>Unannounced</u> 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 16, 2022

#### Rose for Life

In Memory of Maria & John Chao and Maria & Enrique Cheng

#### Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of Maria & John Chao and Maria & Enrique Cheng

> **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 Opportunites**

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

#### Low Gluten Hosts

For those who cannot receive the normal hosts please see our sacristans, 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. ++++++++

Confession/Reconciliation

Every Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45pm in the church or call for an appointment. ++++++++

Anointing of the Sick

For those facing surgery or with major disorders, should call the Office. ++++++++

**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

#### A Beautiful New Beginning Heartbeat International Lifelines; December 2021

Each "Abortion Pill Rescue Network" story is unique, yet there is a consistent thread of hope, empowerment, and for those who succeed in reversing their chemical abortion, great joy. Like many women who call the Abortion Pill Rescue Network, Kennedy became pregnant at a time that wasn't the most convenient. She felt overwhelmed with uncertainty and desperation. Kennedy recalls, "I contemplated taking the abortion pill more times than I could count. It seemed like the easy thing to do, but when the day of my appointment actually came, it was exactly the opposite of easy. However, I still took the pill. I cried the entire way home." She turned returned to the abortion mill to share her regret only to be told that her baby may be born with deformities and she would live with that guilt every day. They advised her it would be best to finish the remaining pills and complete the chemical abortion. But Kennedy knew they had to be a way she could save her baby. She looked online and found the Abortion Pill Rescue Network. Her questions were answered immediately, and Kennedy was referred to a provider who nurtured her throughout her pregnancy. Understandably, she was worried throughout the pregnancy because of what the abortion clinic had told her. Her Abortion Pill Rescue Network provider brought Kennedy reassurance and factual information about the health and well-being of her growing baby. Kennedy delivered a healthy 9 lb. 2 oz. baby girl in December 2020. She said, "I have never regretted my decision to go to the Abortion Pill Rescue Network. I am overjoyed at the fact that my daughter is able to live."

The Abortion Pill Rescue Network offers something the abortion community argues for every day in the media: **CHOICE**. Kennedy represents just one of thousands of brave moms who had regret after starting a chemical abortion. She found Abortion Pill Rescue Network online and had a chance to save her daughter's life because we could reach her through our advertising efforts. Abortion pill reversal is the last chance for women, who have already started a chemical abortion, to choose life. And yet, we are in a battle against Big Tech as they intentionally censor this life saving protocol and hide it from women who desperately search online for a way to undo their chemical abortion decision. Google banned Heartbeat International from reaching women with hope by halting all ads regarding abortion pill reversal while allowing ads for abortion pills. They claim the abortion pill reversal is an "unreliable claim." Tell that to the more than 2,500 women whose statistics show us they have saved their baby's lives with the reversal protocol. Women deserve to know the whole truth. We will continue to find ways to serve these women because they need us. If not us, then who? When women like Kennedy are in crisis, they want help. They want support. They want to know an unexpected pregnancy isn't the end of the world; it can instead be a new beginning. For Kennedy, her daughter is a beautiful new beginning.

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### Respect Life: College Professor Wins Right to Use Accurate Pronouns

On March 26, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit issued its opinion on Meriwether v. Hartop, a 2018 case involving a philosophy professor at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio. Formally reprimanded in 2016 for repeatedly refusing to address a student by the desired transgender pronoun, Dr. Nicholas Meriwether cited religious conviction and "biological reality" as the basis for his refusal. Attorney John Bursch of Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), the law firm representing Meriwether, announced that the court ruled the professor may sue the university since the school did violate his First Amendment rights. Circuit Judge Amul Thapar noted that Meriwether was caught in a volatile social issue and punished for his personal stance without sufficient evidence. "If professors lacked free-speech protections when teaching, a university would wield alarming power to compel ideological conformity," wrote Thapar. "A university president could require a pacifist to declare that war is just, a civil rights icon to condemn the Freedom Riders, a believer to deny the existence of God, or a Soviet émigré to address his students as 'comrades.' That cannot be."

afaJournal; June 2021



#### **Pray for our Recent Deceased**

Arthur A. Nuss

Weekly Collection January 9, 2022: \$9,112 Christmas: \$3,335 WeShare: \$6,235

# 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.

### The Religious Article Counter

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

#### Long Island / Metro Retrouvaille

Another marriage saving Retrouvaille weekend will be offered January 21 - 23, 2022.

For information and/or to register, please visit the website:www.helpourmarriage.org or call 1-800-470 -2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island / Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

Location: Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

#### 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.

## **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.

# **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. Anthony

**Jan. 17** 1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mk 2:18-22

8:00am Carol Zabinsky

9:00am Raymond Wadsworth (6th Anniv.)

Tues. Weekday

**Jan. 18** 1 Sm 16:1-13 / Mk 2:23-28

8:00am Enrico Pirraglia

9:00am Christopher Dunn

Wed. Weekday

**Jan. 19** 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 / Mk 3:1-6

8:00am Terry Day

9:00am Angela & Bob McCally

Thurs. Ss. Fabian & Sebastian

Jan 20 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Mk 3:7-12

8:00am Joseph Assante (Living)

9:00am Dorothy M. Lynch

Fri. St. Agnes

**Jan. 21** 1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19

8:00am Marigrace Kyles (Living)

9:00am Arne Olsen

Sat. St. Vincent

Jan. 22 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 / Mk 3:20-21

8:00am Vincenta Sancho

5:00pm David James Lerner, Jim Murphy,

Maryann Matarese (Living)

Sunday 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 23 Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 /

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

8:00am People of the Parish

10:00am Rado Ina Kostic

12:00pm Florence Aubin

## **Mass Intentions**

Many Masses are available for intentions.

Please contact the Office.

### Parish Social Ministry - 631-661-9354

#### Pope Francis, Midnight Mass, 12/24/21

Standing before the crib, we contemplate what is central, beyond all the lights & decorations. We contemplate the child. In his littleness, God is completely present. Let's ask: can we accept God's way of doing things? This is the Christmas challenge: God reveals himself, but we fail to understand. He makes himself little in the eyes of the world, while we seek grandeur, perhaps even in his name. God lowers himself; we try to become great.

## 49th Annual March For Life-January 21st.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is organizing buses from Nassau County to the Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C., Buses will leave Nassau County 5AM from Massapequa, then stop at VFW Hall for South Shore riders. All are welcome as room allows. Email Jack at AOH11@Live.com.

#### **Need Vaccine? Confined to Home?**

Call 311 & Suffolk Country Dept of Health Services will send a nurse to answer questions & administer Pfizer vaccine.



# 2022 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Emergency benefits are available to assist households with a heating or heat-related emergency. Only one Emergency benefit of each type is available per household. Regular benefits must be utilized first to resolve heating emergencies. To be eligible, applicants must meet all criteria:

- A Regular HEAP benefit must not be available and/or any credit remaining on an account must be insufficient to resolve the emergency
- applicant must face heating or heat-related domestic emergency
- applicant's utility service is terminated or to be terminated
- applicant's electric service necessary to operate primary heating equipment is terminated or to be terminated
- Applicant is without fuel or has less than ½ tank; or less than 10-day supply of other fuel
- Applicant households must not have more than \$2000 (or \$3,000 if household contains member 60 or older) in available liquid resources.

For questions or help call Parish Social Ministry 631-661-9354 Monday-Thursday

## **Families Anonymous Virtual Meetings**

12-Step support group giving Hope & Strength to parents, family & friends concerned with a loved one's destructive behavior by Alcohol, Drugs or Behavioral problems. Meeting Virtually. e-mail or call: www.FamiliesAnonymous.org or call Donna (631) 589-3790.

## **Emotional Support During COVID**

NY Project Hope offers free, anonymous & confidential help, education, emotional support, resources, virtual presentations, children's needs & recognizing COVID reactions in English & Spanish. Call 631-481-9700 – 8:00am t- 9:00pm Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm Sat-Sun.

## Keep Returning Empty Bottles & Cans!!

The bottle receipts help Outreach & Pantry.
Thank you!



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

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

# Important Notice

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

#### 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.

#### **Bingo News - Update**

Thank you to everyone that attended our first meeting.

We still need to volunteers and we will have 2nd Meeting on: Sunday – February 13, 2022 at 11:30 AM. The meeting will be held in Room 109.

If you are not able to join, please reach out to Gale in the main office or you may send her an email (2irishsisters@gmail.com) with your contact information.

We are hoping to get this started in May 2022 and need your help!

Thank you.

Our CP7 and CP8 students have been working on Christian Service during the months of November and December. They made Christmas Cards for residents of hospitals and Nursing homes. With their hard work we were able to send a large box of cards to three Nursing Homes and St. Catherine's Hospital. They were all beautifully made by the students and families. Also many helped out at Wreaths Across America often with their families. This organization works to put wreaths on all of the graves at our National Cemeteries for our deceased service men and women.

All of our classes were urged to bring in food for our pantry during the holiday season and they did a great job. They are learning to follow the example of Jesus with these Corporal Works of Mercy!

In January our classes have gone virtual for at least part of the month and the great part about that is we get to see faces again! Virtual learning is a challenge but thanks to the wonderful volunteer catechists we are making it work! I think virtual learning is a great tool we now have to use for many reasons!

Our Level 2 students are receiving their First Reconciliation during the month of January and it is such a wonderful experience to see them receive this Sacrament for the first time. Please pray for them on their journey toward First Holy Communion!

#### 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.



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

1/10/22	1/11/22	1/12/22	1/13/22	1/14/22	1/15/22	1/16/22
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