Welcome!

We sincerely hope you feel at home and among friends.
If you are a visitor just for today, we bid you Godspeed on your journey.
If you are seeking a parish community, we will be delighted to welcome you into our church family!
To register, please contact the Parish Office.

The Catholic Community of
Our Lady of Grace
73 Midline Road
Ballston Lake, NY 12019
www.olchurchbl.org

Parish Office - 518-399-5713   Fax Number - 518-399-5761
Rev. John Varno, Sacramental Minister
Deacon Frank Thomas
John Lorenc, Trustee
Polly Van Nostrand, Trustee
Lucille Feeser, Associate for Administration & Finance

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Roberta Quinn, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation
Grace Ellen Fay, Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry
Donna Mayer, Associate for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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Patty Dolezal-Neumann, Music Director
Rachel Bowcutt, Accompanist
Joan Suda, Accompanist

Maintenance - 518-399-5713
James Repice, Pastoral Associate for Property Management

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism is celebrated during all the Masses. Preparation sessions for adults presenting infants for Baptism are held every other month. Please call the parish office for an appointment at least eight weeks in advance of the Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

Adult Initiation: The Church welcomes all inquirers in the faith. Please call the parish office for further information.

Care of the Sick: We would like to bring the Eucharist to our homebound parishioners and would also like to visit parishioners in hospitals and nursing homes. Please call the parish office to make us aware of persons who would like a visit.

Liturgical Ministry

Liturgical Eucharist
Saturday 5:30 P.M.
Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Weekdays 8:30 A.M. (when scheduled)
Holy Days 7:00 P.M.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday before the 5:30 P.M. Liturgy
(or by appointment)

Staff email addresses
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18
5:30 p.m.  For all caregivers

Sunday, July 19
10:30 a.m.  Dante & Virginia Cappiello by Frances Cappiello

Ministers’ Schedule weekend of July 18-19

July 18  5:30 p.m.  Lector: Phil Salm
Bread: Deacon Frank Thomas

July 19  10:30 a.m.  Lector: Dave Cote
Bread: Deacon Frank Thomas

Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all God’s blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent and treasure allotted to us.

Offertory collections by mail or online for the past week amounted to $5,365.

Your continued support to Our Lady of Grace is greatly appreciated and needed.

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish who are sick or suffering in any way, all those in hospitals or nursing homes and our homebound. We pray for all those who have recently died, especially Domenica Trolio, mother of Peter Trolio. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Let us not forget the victims of violence at home and abroad.

We remember the men and women serving in the armed forces and their families along with all first responders and health care workers during this unprecedented time, as we continue to pray for peace and a resolution to the worldwide Corona pandemic.

Through the eyes of a child

Let a child’s wonder about the mysteries of God’s love awaken your own sense of excitement.

In connecting with your children, you may find you are reconnecting with the child in yourself.

Reopening Update

Welcome Back Everyone!
It is a blessing to be back with you all.

Our ability to hold in-person Mass is contingent upon having enough volunteers to complete the tasks as outlined by New York State and the Albany Diocese. We are still looking for volunteers to help with Mass during the reopening phase. We need Greeters, Contact Trackers, Ushers, Hygiene Ministers and people to help record/stream/post the Mass for our friends who cannot come to Mass at this time. Mass reminders:

1. Please be 15-20 minutes early for your Mass time.
   a. The doors to the church will be locked at the start of Mass; 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. No one will be admitted late.
   b. Choose an open area to park in. Six feet of social distancing applies to the parking lot as well in the building.
   c. Masks should be worn from the time you leave your car until you return to it.
   d. Everyone will use the main parking lot. The side entrance is closed. (NYS - only one entrance, exit.) More handicapped spaces will be labeled in the main lot.
2. Every person needs to turn in a tracing form for each Mass they attend.
   a. Tracing forms will be available when you arrive and will be emailed next week for those who wish to print theirs ahead of time. Please bring your own pen as we all try not to touch things that are shared.
   b. Household groups will be shown to their seats by an usher.
      i. For the safety and the successful flow of Mass, everyone will need to follow the instructions of the ushers.
      ii. The seating arrangement has been changed to allow for social distancing. There is no need to move chairs.
3. Per NYS Regulation, only one person is allowed in the restroom at a time. Plan your visit accordingly.
4. The changes in Mass flow will be explained at the beginning of Mass.
5. The ushers will dismiss parishioners row by row.

The suspension of the obligation to attend Mass is still in effect. If you are feeling ill, have a fever or flu symptoms, PLEASE STAY HOME. When the pandemic is ‘over’ we want EVERYONE to be back together again.

To receive the most up-to-date information, signup to be on the emailing list. If you are having trouble receiving mail from OLG, send an email to Polly Van Nostrand at vannostrandp@gmail.com. If you do not have an email address, please call the parish office and let us know so we can mail you the necessary updates. Stay safe, stay healthy, we miss you!
Thoughts on **PRAYER**
from the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center

Independence as a growing child is a good thing, as we learn to stand on our own from our parents. Independence as a nation over 200 years ago, was a good thing. It allowed us to have certain rights, such as the right to pray as we choose. Yet independence is one end of the spectrum and at times we may have lost the fact that we need to be interdependent. What has become more and more clear in these last few months is the necessity of this need to be interdependent: to be mindful of the common good, because simply put, we need each other.

Let us exercise our right to pray:
For our country, that we come to know unity within our diversity
For those who are oppressed by unjust norms, systems, ideas
For those who are trapped by fear of violence, cynicism, judgment
For those who feel they are alone or invisible, isolated because of the virus or other circumstances
For those who feel hopeless or forgotten
For those who have no access to adequate water, employment, education
For those among us who are the most vulnerable
For the earth that we live upon, that we treat it with as much respect as we treat each other

Each religion has some form of “The Golden Rule - Do to others as you would want done to you.” Today, in the many ways that we pray, may we pray for each other and become the prayer that we pray.

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**First Holy Communion** for our second graders will take place on Sunday, September 13 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. A letter will be sent home to the parents regarding the Covid-19 diocesan guidelines for attending Mass.

A Faith Formation registration form is available online. Please sign and make any updated changes and return it to the Faith Formation office. Because of new classroom guidelines, it is even more important to have your child registered as soon as possible. Classes will begin Sunday, September 27 at 9:15 a.m. Further information will be forthcoming.

Robert M. Quinn

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Registrations for next year have been sent out by email. Incoming 6th graders will receive them by mail. If you have not received them, you can find them on the Youth Ministry website: www.olsjym.org.

There is a free online program being offered during July for our young people on **Solidarity**. Emails have gone out about it. If you are interested and have not signed up, please contact Grace.

In an effort to make the Youth Ministry programs more of a hybrid program between technology and discussion, we are wondering if anyone has a flat screen TV they are looking to get rid of and are willing to donate to the program. Please contact Grace if you do.

**Peace, Love and Light - Grace**

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**Setting up “auto pay”** is easy and flexible. Access your 0 account’s online feature and look for “bill pay” or “auto pay.”

Then **set up your payee** - Our Lady of Grace Church, 73 Midline Road, Ballston Lake, NY 12019. If you are being asked for more than this, please call your bank.

**Next schedule your payment**, the amount you want to contribute and when you want to have the money taken out of your account. Be sure to indicate that this is a recurring payment. The bank takes care of the rest. Your contribution will be reflected on your monthly bank statement. You have control over these payments. You can change the time or the amount.

**As always**, thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Grace Church.