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Our Mission Statement

The Parish of Our Lady of Grace, Gravesend, formed in "A Family Tradition" is a family of faith motivated by love for God welcomes all to join us as we worship in the Roman Catholic tradition. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to form ourselves and our children in the love and truths taught by our Savior Jesus Christ, and to instill a deep respect for all that God, our Father, has created. We willingly share our time, talents, and treasure through diverse ministries in the service of others.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY: 8:30 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: *4:00 PM

SUNDAYS: 9:00 AM, *11:00 AM AND *12:30 PM (SPANISH)

***LIVESTREAMED**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 12:00 PM. Registration is done at the Rectory. Instruction class **required** of Parents & Godparents which will be on the Thursday two weeks before Baptism at 7:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions Saturdays at 3:30 PM. Confessions are also available at other reasonable times by making an appointment at the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Rectory to make arrangements for the Sacrament of Anointing. Please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office to arrange home visitation and Communion.

CHAPEL OF ADORATION: Open 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM daily. Enter on E. 4th St.

DEVOTIONS: After the 8:30 AM Mass Tuesdays *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal* & *St. Anthony Novena* and the *Holy Rosary (Daily)* and 1:00 PM 1st Saturday of the Month. with *Divine Mercy Chaplet* & *Padre Pio Prayers*

MARCH 10, 2024

4TH WEEK LENT

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

3/10 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

Saturday Vigil 4:00 Sofia Sbordone, Evelyn McGinnis,
Anna DiNardo, Anthony Pinnisi Jr., Rose & Steve Eriquez

9:00 AM Nancy Mercurio-Rizzo

11:00 AM Sofia Sbordone, Sal & Ralph Irolla,
Maria Brigidia-Mazzella, Elena Cosentino, Annette Bonvino,
Carmela Foy, Salvatore Giglio

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

3/11 Monday Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54

8:30 AM Sofia Chiodi

7:30 PM Spanish

3/12 Tuesday Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; John 5:1-16

8:30 AM William Aldridge

3/13 Wednesday Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

8:30 AM Chiara Bonvino

3/14 Thursday Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

8:30 AM Daisy Diamonddtopolis

3/15 Friday Day of Abstinence

Wisdom 2:1a,12-22; John 7:1-2,10,25-30

8:30 AM Concetta Ferrigno

3/16 Saturday Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

8:30 AM Mary Ellen Smith

WEEKLY FAITH SHARING FOR LENT (VELTRI HALL KITCHEN)

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH 10:30 AM

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH 7:30 PM

**Praying and discussing the Scripture Readings for the
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

As we draw close to Holy Week, we hear Jesus talk about his approaching death. As Christians, we know that as difficult death is, our true focus and hope is in eternal life, trusting that our Lord is the source of eternal salvation. During this final week before Holy Week we keep in mind that just as our Lenten Journey will not end with Good Friday, but with Easter, so too does our own life's journey end not in death but in eternal life. Jeremiah looked forward to the day when God's covenant with humanity would be internalized in us, when it would be imprinted on our hearts. To prepare our hearts for keeping the covenant, we pray that God would create clean hearts in us. Especially during Lent, our longing for reconciliation and forgiveness can help to prepare our hearts. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks from the heart, questioning why he would ask God to save him from suffering and death when that was the purpose he came into the world, to redeem the world. Let God's Word penetrate our hearts as well as we come to the end of our Lenten journey.



The Bread & Wine

In Memory of

PASCAL EMMANUEL GEORGES

Requested by

FAMILY



The Chapel Candles

In Memory of

FERDINANDO BERTOLOTTI

Requested by

YOLANDA BERTOLOTTI



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maria Palmieri, Patricia Holmes,
Oliver Hughes, Grace Dolitrone,
Isabelle Grenier, Danny Zappulla,
Stephen Liell, Ericka Alvez,
Gloria Isabella, Paula Borrero,
Bonnie Schlegel, Anthony

Barbaro, Margie Thomas, Simone Oliva, Ronnie Centaro, Marco Griffo, Jose Guevara, RoseMary Leporati, Valentina Lucia, Janet Sobolow, Luigi Mancino, Rosemarie Zappulla, Anthony D. Brasco, Joseph Salino, Patti Lanni, Mary DiDio, Lucy Anemone, Frankie Davis, Bernadette Mamakas, Madelon Vittuci, Bi Ying Chen, RoRo Esposito, Debbie Lawson, Darren Gilbert, Amamda Oliva, Graziella Panora, Timothy Mulvey, Joyce & Barry Mione, Timothy Mulvey, Ed Caso, Gianna Bader, Michael Guadagnoli, Maryann Casalena, Jamie DiVenere, Craig Concepcion, Stephanie Martin, Frankie Melendez, Rosanne Paolillo, Annemarie Makowski, Gladys Cangelosi, Mary Ghiraldi, Lou Ann Giannotta, John Bonito, Sally Vitacco, James Connelly, Bridget Buono-Cipparullo, Edwin Davilla, Maggie Avanzino, Nicole Pileggi, Vincent Simone, Michael Fiore, Michelle Rutter-DeVito, Betty Ann Volpe, Louis Cacciouttolo, Jo Ann Conenna, Sal Schiano, Shana Rivas, Louisa Manna, Thomas Foti, Michael Sinatra, Daniel Stracquada, Ella Sclafani, Lauren Dugan, Joyce Delcoro, Maryann Monaco, Nikki Russo

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

WEEKLY COLLECTION

MARCH 3RD

1ST COLLECTION	\$1,808.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$807.00
ON LINE	\$500.00



Jesus and Nicodemus

Crijn Hendricksz Volmarijn
(circa 1601–1645)

Catholic tradition calls this Fourth Sunday of Lent *Laetare*, that is, “*Rejoice*” Sunday, after the first Latin words of the ancient entrance antiphon which bids us all to be joyful and exult, especially those who have been mourning. Although sorrowing for our sins we respond to the Church’s call to rejoice finding our joy in the Gospel’s proclamation of God’s love for the world. We see this love manifested in the gift of God’s Son, who, by Word and Eucharistic Sacrifice, comes to bring us eternal life.

The preview of Easter joy that resonates through the Liturgy shines with special radiance as we read in John’s Gospel the verse that is at the heart of the Christian message, John 3:16: “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*” we are loved unconditionally and everlastingly by God. St. Paul tells us we are “*God’s handiwork*”. The Old Testament covenant story bids us see all things, even historical disasters and human tragedies, as part of God’s saving plan. We need to see the most unlikely people as instruments of God’s will. Let us open our hearts to the joyfully transforming power of today’s Scriptures.

Suggested Lenten Activity for this 4th Week of Lent Make a Gratitude List Every Day and Pray with It

Embracing gratitude as a form of prayer can profoundly deepen our spiritual journey. By taking time to specifically list things for which we

are grateful, we actively recognize and celebrate God’s unwavering presence and blessings in our lives. This practice of gratitude not only fosters a deeper connection with the divine but also shifts our perspective, illuminating the myriad ways God’s grace manifests daily. Creating a gratitude list on this day serves as a meaningful reflection during Lent, reminding us of the abundant love and mercy God extends to us, especially in times of preparation and renewal.



**BRING YOUR CAMERA OR PHONE
AND TAKE YOUR OWN PICTURES**
Easter Bunny will appear during
EASTER EGG HUNT

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH
9:00 AM — 4:00 PM VELTRI HALL

Vendors selling new items & crafts

50/50 Raffles Baskets & More

**BBQ Food sponsored by our Scout Troops
and Spanish Community**



AFTER THE 11:00 MASS ST. ANTHONY GARDEN

*If you are participating in this event please place
\$5.00 per person in an envelope with your child's/
children name and bring it this week to the Parish
Office, the Academy Office or on Wednesday to the
Faith Formation Office*

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

FAITH SHARING GROUPS

**MONDAY MORNING 10:30
TUESDAY NIGHT 7:30**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

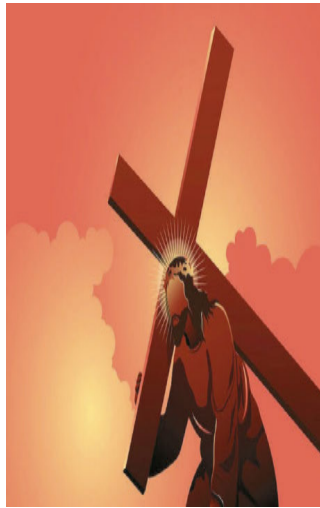
**ENGLISH: FRIDAYS AFTER
THE 8:30 AM MASS**

SPANISH: FRIDAYS 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY FROM 3:30 - 3:45 PM

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK MARCH 25TH



ALMSGIVING:

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC
APPEAL**

**AND ANY SACRIFICIAL GIVING
YOU WISH TO MAKE CAN BE PUT
IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "MY
LENTEN OFFERING" WITH YOUR
NAME & ENVELOPE NUMBER.
THE OFFERING WILL BE USED TO
SUPPORT OUR PARISH FOOD
PANTRY AND HOMELESS
PROGRAMS**



PASTORAL MINISTRY is once again reaching out to our parishioners to help the needy of our community.

We will be collecting food for Easter distribution beginning tomorrow, March 4th to March 25th

We need pasta (no lasagna), crushed tomatoes, soups of any kind, mac & cheese, cereals, juices (apple and grape), tuna fish, canned chicken, canned fruits, canned vegetables, stuffing, cookie tins, coffee and tea

Please bring your donations to the Food Pantry in the Convent Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9:00 — 11:30 AM or to the Parish Office or the Church

God bless you for your generosity and concern!

THIS WEEKEND SPECIAL COLLECTION CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) The revenue from this collection will be sent to support CRS; the US CCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services along with Pastoral Care Ministry and relief work of the Holy Father. Please be generous!



THE DIOCESAN LENTEN EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE COMES TO OUR AREA THIS MONDAY, AT STS. SIMON & JUDE (Avenue T & Lake Street)

11:00 AM MASS followed by Exposition until 5:00 PM

3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & ROSARY

4:30 PM EUCHARISTIC SERVICE

5:00 PM BENEDICTION

AND TUESDAY, AT ST. MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS (23RD AVENUE & 85TH STREET)

7:30 AM MASS followed by Exposition (all day)

12:00 PM ANGELUS & ROSARY

3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:00 PM HOLY HOUR (English/Italian)

7:00 PM HOLY HOUR (Spanish)

8:00 PM CLOSING BENEDICTION



SUNDAYS THRIFT SHOP OPEN 9:00 AM—1:30 PM **NO DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED**
TUESDAYS GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEETING 12:00—3:00 PM VELTRI HALL
 BINGO, COFFEE, TEA CAKE, MUSIC & DANCING 50/50 NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!
THURSDAYS 10:30 AM — 12:00 PM ITALIAN LESSONS RECTORY MEETING ROOM
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THURSDAYS ROSARY SOCIETY 1:00 PM RECTORY MEETING ROOM PRAYER & ITALIAN BINGO

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Faith Formation Registration 2023—2024

Classes in Religious Education

WEDNESDAYS Grades 1—4 3:30 PM

Grades 5--CONFIRMATION 7:30 PM

Download the Faith Formation Registration Form
 on www.ourladyofgrace-brooklyn.org

All information on the website under For Parents.



Next Sunday is March 17th the Feast of St. Patrick. Since it is on a Sunday we will celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent. In anticipation of the Feast here are some

IRISH BLESSINGS & SAYINGS IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK

- May the Irish hills caress you; may her lakes and rivers bless you; may the luck of the Irish enfold you; may the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you.
- May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go.
- Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

NEXT FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND PARISH & ACADEMY CARD PARTY 6:00 PM IN THE ACADEMY GYM TICKETS \$40.00 INCLUDES COFFEE/TEA & COOKIES PURCHASED AT THE ACADEMY OFFICE PRE-SALE OF PACKETS \$45.00 OR 2 FOR \$80.00 RAFFLES FOR A GRAND PRIZE OF \$1,000.00 ARE BEING SOLD AT THE ACADEMY & PARISH OFFICES (1 TICKET FOR \$5.00 OR A BOOK OF 10 TICKETS FOR \$40.00) CONTINUE TO BRING YOUR CERTIFICATES AND DONATIONS FOR PRIZES TO THE ACADEMY

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO KNIGHT 7:30 VELTRI HALL

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH PARISH BLOOD DRIVE 9:00 AM—3:00 PM VELTRI HALL

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH DISCO UNLIMITED 7:30 PM IN THE ACADEMY GYM

SPONSORED BY OUR PARISH SCOUT TROOP #376B & 673G FORMS TO PURCHASE TICKETS ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

\$80.00 (paid by March 19th) \$90.00 (thereafter) NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR INCLUDES: HOT FOOD, SODA & WATER, COFFEE, TEA & DESSERT. BEER & WINE FOR PURCHASE. BASKET RAFFLES & 50/50

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH & SUNDAY APRIL 28TH AFTER ALL THE MASSES HOLY LAND SALE OF OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ARTICLES



HOLY WEEK



MARCH 23/24: Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

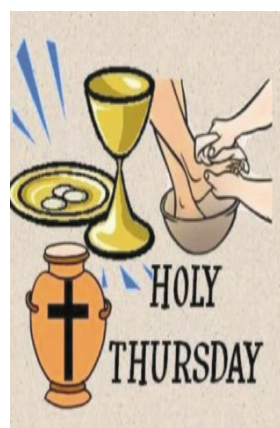
Sunday Mass: 9:00 & 11:00 AM

& 12:30 PM (SPANISH)

Reconciliation MONDAY, MARCH 25: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

WILL BE CELEBRATED FROM 2:00—4:00 PM & 6:00—7:30 PM

THIS WILL BE THE LAST OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION BEFORE EASTER



HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28:

8:30 AM— MORNING PRAYER

7:00 PM— MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

8:45 PM— MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (SPANISH)

AT THE END OF THE 7:00 MASS THERE WILL BE A PROCESSION WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TO THE PLACE OF REPOSITION (VELTRI HALL) FOLLOWED BY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ENDING

11:00 PM— NIGHT PRAYER



MARCH 29:

8:30 AM— MORNING PRAYER

3:00 PM— PASSION OF THE LORD (ENGLISH)

4:30 PM— PASSION OF THE LORD (SPANISH)

7:00 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30:

8:30 AM— MORNING PRAYER

7:30 PM — EASTER VIGIL

BILINGUAL ENGLISH/SPANISH

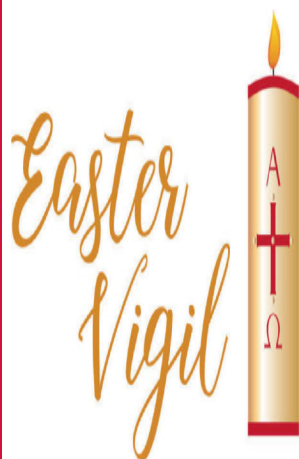
THERE IS NO 4:00 PM MASS

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31:

MASS: 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

12:30 PM (SPANISH)



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