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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*

FEBRUARY 19, 2023 - 7TH WEEK/LENT

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

2/19 <u>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

Saturday, Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Anna DiNardo

9:00 AM Salvatore Gallaro 11:00 AM Giovanna Pisani

12:30 PM (Spamish) People of the Parish

2/20 Monday Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29

8:30 AM Gertrude Mikewicz 7:30 PM Spanish Mass

2/21 Tuesday <u>Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor</u>

Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37

8:30 AM Santo & Santa Gagliano

2/22 <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

8:30 AM Frank, Helen & Frank Jr. Thomas

7:30 PM Robert Wojcicki

8:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

PRAYER SERVICES 12:00 & 3:00 PM

2/23 Thursday After Ash Wednesday/Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

8:30 AM Deceased Members Racanati, DiCecio, Marotta

& Rodriguez Families

2/24 Friday After Ash Wednesday/

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

8:30 AM Anthony LoPiccolo

2/25 Saturday After Ash Wednesday/Casimir

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32 8:30 AM Rocco Natoli



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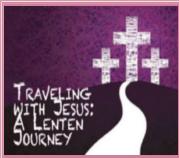
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Ronnie Centaro, Marco Griffo, Jose Guevara, RoseMary Leporati, Valentina Lucia, Janet Sobolow, Luigi & Gloria Mancini, Rosemarie Zappulla, Anthony D. Brasco, Joseph Salino, Patti Lanni, Mary DiDio, Lucy Anemone, Frankie Davis, Bernadette Mamakas, Madelon Vittuci, Anthony Fischetti

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

PEGGY VIVOLO



LENTEN FAITH SHARING (VELTRI HALL KITCHEN)

MONDAY, 10:30 AM TUESDAY, 7:30 PM

We will be praying and discussing the Scripture Readings for the FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Preview of readings: Temptation has been part of the world from the beginning. In the story of crea-

tion, humanity's first home is in the garden in Eden, with the forbidden tree in its center. We hear Adam and Eve succumb to the serpent's wiles in this garden of plenty. In the Gospel we see the opposite, a barren desert where Jesus uses God's Word to resist the temptation of the devil. Paul tells us that Adam and Eve's disobedience brought death into the world, but Jesus' obedience brought life. We reflect on how righteousness of truth can defeat the temptation of lies and begin, in this Lenten Season our journey of conversion.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FEBRUARY 12TH

1ST COLLECTION \$2,834.00 2ND COLLECTION \$460.00 MAINTENANCE \$435.00 ON LINE GIVING \$495.00





Gathered in the Holy Spirit we give thanks and praise to our God of boundless love. The command we hear today is one of the most difficult to keep, love your enemy. We are called to live a life of holiness patterned after the holiness of God. "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy". We must refrain from nursing hatred in our hearts, we must rebuke wrongdoers or we will share their guilt; we must not entertain vengeance and we must love others as we love ourselves. These very demanding directives give us a glimpse into the holiness of God. Furthermore, they are all communal in nature. In other words, our likeness to God is determined by the way we relate to others. Jesus tells us: "If you want to be like God, then love your enemies". Don't expect repayment of loans. Give to every beggar. In showing selfless compassion

to others, we are living according to our true nature, created in the image and likeness of God. As today's Scriptures are proclaimed we pray that these difficult words will challenge us to rethink our actions as we listen closely for what God wants us to become and we are reminded this Sunday, especially as we have our Alleluia procession at the 11:00 Mass, that we sing the Alleluia as an acclamation of joy to greet our Lord as he speaks to us in the Gospel for the last time. On Wednesday Lent begins and we will take our annual opportunity to focus on our sinfulness, our need for forgiveness and the sacrificial suffering and death of Jesus. May the joy of our faith in the risen Lord sustain us during this coming penitential season.



REFLECTION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord God with our whole heart. Now is the day of our salvation, the day on which our merciful and gracious Lord summons us to repentance. As we pray together and listen to the Scriptures we will hear God's invitation to reform our lives. We will mark our foreheads with the sign of our salvation, the sign of the cross, using ashes made from last Palm Sunday's branches as a reminder to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. As we begin our Lenten journey we are mindful of our need to implore God's mercy, seeking clean hearts and steadfast spirits. As Psalm 51 tells us: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned". And the Gospel of Matthew sets the tone as it gives us the disciplines for Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Attentive to the call of the Lord, we humbly open our hearts, receptive to the work God has in store for us during this Holy Season.

"REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL"
"REMEMBER, YOU ARE DUST AND TO DUST YOU WILL RETURN"

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

MASS: 8:30 AM, 7:30 PM & 8:30 PM IN SPANISH PRAYER SERVICES: 12:00 & 3:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1st 2 EVENTS AT OLG

- <u>FOR THE DIOCESE</u>: A DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION BEGINNING WITH THE 8:30 AM MASS AND CONTINUINING IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL UNTIL 3:00 PM CONCLUDING WITH THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
- FOR THE DEANERY AND OUR PARISH: 7:00 PM CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY PARISH OFFICE CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 12:00-3:00 PM GOLDEN AGE CLUB VELTRI HALL

COFFEE/TEA, CAKE, MUSIC, DANCING 50/50 NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

THURSDAY ITALIAN LESSONS 10:30 AM—12:00 PM VELTRI HALL

ROSARY SOCIETY 1:00 PM RECTORY MEETING ROOM PRAYER & BINGO

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The person who sings prays twice! Anyone who is interested

The person who sings prays twice! Anyone who is interested in joining the Adult Choir see Larry at the end of Mass. Choir rehearsals will begin shortly, we are in need of a few more members to make it a full choir. Anyone can join! Rehearsal time and evenings will be determined later. We will meet once per week, It will be great to have you!

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CALLING ALL COOKS YOU ARE NEEDED FOR THE EASTER FAIR!

We need help from the great cooks of Gravesend. Would you consider cooking and donating your favorite Italian/American dish to sell at the Fair by the Scouts? Along with BBQ fare we are looking to sell: meatballs, rice balls, sausage and peppers, chili, rice and beans, chow mein, chicken parmagiana, or any food that is your specialty. When you decide what you will make call Steven Wofse 347-224-3348 so we don't have duplications. A placard will be put in front of your half/whole tray to thank you. We appreciate anything you can donate to the Fair.

A CALL FOR PARISH/ACADEMY PARTICIPATION

As we prepare for our largest fundraiser of the year, THE CARD PARTY, scheduled for 7:00 PM on Friday, March 24th, (Theme: VIVA LAS VEGAS) we are asking for help with the following:

Gift Card Donation Gift Certificate Donations Monetary Donations Prize Donations (New and Unused) Basket Donations to be used for Gift Packing Please ask your Place of Employment for a Donation

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 27TH Life Line Screening See information on page 4
- MARCH IST Adoration & Penance See information on page 3
- MARCH 11TH Confirmation Retreat 1:00 PM (Veltri Hall)
- MARCH 18TH First Penance 11:00 AM

Lenten Soup Supper 5:00 PM (Academy Cafeteria) Chef Ray will make Lentil & Minestrone Soup \$10.00 Tickets at Rectory — speaker from the Women's Safe Start Program

- MARCH 18TH & 19TH Holy Land Sale Olive Wood Religious Articles after the Masses
- MARCH 24TH Card Party 7:00 PM See information on page 4
- MARCH 25TH & 26TH Easter Fair in Veltri Hall Vendors selling new items Saturday Egg Hunt & Pictures with the Easter Bunny BBQ Food sponsored by our Scout Troop #376 & Your Food Contribution (see page 4) 50/50 Raffles & More
- APRIL 30TH Sacrament of Confirmation 3:00 PM
- MAY 6TH First Holy Communion 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM

 Parish Dinner/Dance SIRICCO'S 6:00 PM (13th Avenue & 80th Street)

 celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Ordination of Deacon Phil, the 40th Anniversary of Fr. Guy and the 40 years of Fr. Cutrone at OLG \$75.00 per person
- MAY 21ST Deacon Phil 25th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving, Annual Block Party & Parish Patronal Feast Celebration Ceremony to replace Flags at Msgr. Cafiero Monument sponsored by Scout Troop #376 BBQ in Grotto

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REGULATIONS FOR LENT

Abstinence: All of the faithful who have reached the age of 14 years are required to Abstain totally from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all of the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: All of the faithful who are between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are required to Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day. The Church also requests that pastors and parents see to it that young persons, who are not bound to follow the above requirements, are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Easter Duty: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season. By special indult in the Dioceses in the United States, the time period for fulfilling this obligation has been extended to include the period from Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) to Pentecost Sunday (May 28th).

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED:

By Divine Law, all the faithful are required to do penance. In view of this, the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially" the penitential days specified by the Church, is a serious one. All other Fridays of the

year remain as days of penance in prayerful remembrance of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. While abstinence, in a true spirit of penance, is commended, the Bishops of the U.S. have indicated that each individual may substitute for that tradition some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance. This may involve acts of prayer or charity.



PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

MARCH 1st ADORATON & PENANCE STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

ENGLISH: FRIDAYS AFTER

THE 8:30 AM MASS

SPANISH: FRIDAYS 7:30 PM

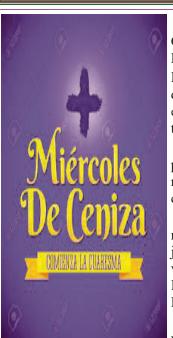


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SATURDAY FROM 3:30 - 3:45 PM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST 7:00 PM
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK APRIL 3RD

- Ministerios Hispanos -



"Vuelve al Señor tu Dios": esta palabra da sin duda el sentido de esta celebración de la Ceniza que abre el tiempo de Cuaresma. Se trata, en efecto, de volver al Señor, nuestro Dios.

Esta invitación se dirige a nosotros, que nos planteamos todas estas preguntas y buscamos dar sentido a nuestra vida. Es una invitación a volver a este Dios que nos busca, que espera en nosotros, que nos ama. Es una invitación a volver el corazón a Aquel que es la fuente de toda vida y la fuente de todo amor.

En el fondo, este tiempo de Cuaresma es un tiempo en el que la Iglesia nos invita a volver a poner a Dios en el centro de nuestras vidas, a devolverle el lugar que debería ser suyo, a mirar hacia Aquel que da un nuevo horizonte a nuestras vidas, que las orienta de nuevo hacia lo que es bello, hacia lo que es grande, hacia lo que es verdadero.

Comprendemos entonces que el tiempo de Cuaresma no es ante todo un tiempo para ser más perfectos, para esforzarnos y demostrar que somos capaces, que somos fuertes. El objetivo de nuestra vida no es alcanzar la perfección moral, porque correríamos el peligro de volvernos orgullosos. El objetivo de nuestra vida es Dios: conocerle, amarle y servirle. Y la Iglesia propone para ello un camino cuaresmal, que se resume en estas tres palabras del Evangelio: ayuno, oración y limosna.

El ayuno, en su sentido más profundo, es una llamada a dejar espacio a Dios en nuestra vida cotidiana. No se trata de privarnos por privarnos. Se trata de renunciar a todas aquellas

cosas que no son esenciales para la vida, para recordarnos a nosotros mismos que sólo Dios puede llenar verdaderamente nuestras vidas. Que sólo Él puede responder a nuestra búsqueda de felicidad, a nuestra hambre y sed de vida.

La oración tampoco es principalmente una hazaña que se consigue recitando una sucesión de oraciones. Orar es tomarse este tiempo de intimidad con Dios que es Padre. Orar es escuchar a Dios que me habla, saborear su ternura y su amor por mí, y luego entrar en diálogo con Él, como un amigo habla a su amigo. Mi Padre está allí, en secreto. Él me llama, Él me espera y eso es suficiente.

La limosna es la forma más hermosa de servir a Dios. Sirviendo a nuestros hermanos y hermanas, servimos a Dios mismo. "Lo que hicisteis a uno de estos pequeños que son mis hermanos, a mí me lo hicisteis", nos dice el Señor Jesús. Sirviendo a los más débiles, abriendo nuestros corazones y nuestras manos a los más necesitados, tanto a los que están cerca como a los que están lejos, nos acercamos aún más a Dios.

Sí, lo que falta en nuestro mundo es Dios. Dios que nos revela la grandeza de la vida y a qué está llamada y cómo puede realizarse verdaderamente. Pero este tiempo cuaresmal quiere invitarnos y ayudarnos en comunidad a volver el corazón hacia este Dios Padre, lleno de bondad, Padre benévolo que sostiene, ayuda, acoge, perdona, salva, con una fidelidad que supera inmensamente la de los hombres.

Amigos míos, entremos, pues, con alegría en este tiempo que nos ofrece la Iglesia para renacer de nuestras cenizas a la verdadera vida, la que nunca termina.

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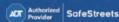
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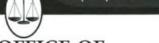
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