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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5, 2023 - 5TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

### **MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **2/5 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16**

Saturday, Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Rosa, Vincenzo, Joseph & Anthony Balbi

Sunday 9:00 AM Josephine Lupo, Salvatore & Antoinette  
Marino, Nicholas J. Iommarini, Domenico Scotto.  
Josephine Cardone

11:00 AM Michael DeStefano

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

#### **2/6 Monday Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

**Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56**

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society

7:30 PM Spanish Mass

#### **2/7 Tuesday Genesis 1:20--2:4a; Mark 7:1-13**

8:30 AM Josephine Cardone

#### **2/8 Wednesday Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita**

**Genesis 2:4b-9,15-17; Mark 7:14-23**

8:30 AM Barbara Sinatra

#### **2/9 Thursday Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30**

8:30 AM Marianna, Carmela & Santo Scimè

#### **2/10 Friday Scholastica, Virgin**

**Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37**

8:30 AM Giovanni & Carmela Cuzzolino

#### **2/11 Saturday OL of Lourdes**

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

**Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10**

8:30 AM Holy Name Society: Living & Deceased Members

### **THIS WEEKEND SPECIAL COLLECTION: BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS**

The funds from this collection are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease

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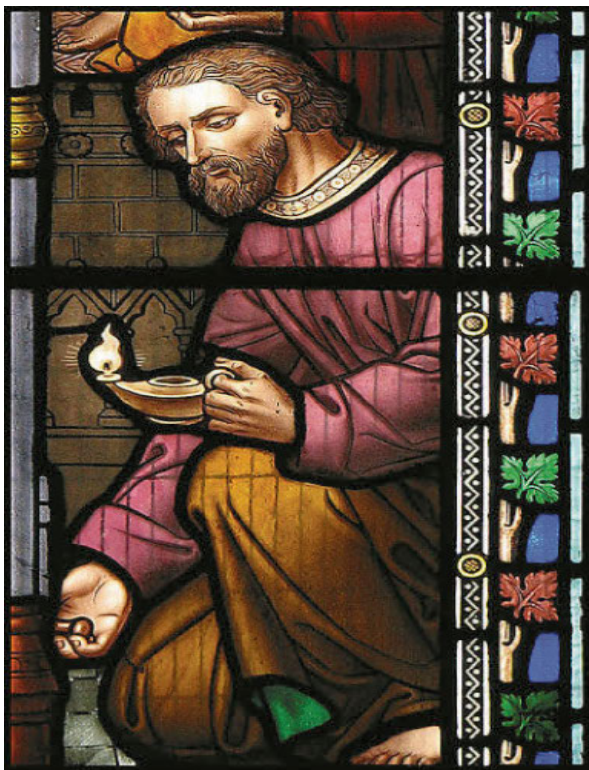
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Patti Lanni, Mary DiDio, Lucy Anemone,  
Frankie Davis, Bernadette Mamakas

### **PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

### **OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION** **JANUARY 29TH**

1ST COLLECTION	\$3,173.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$468.00
MAINTENANCE	\$426.00
ON LINE GIVING	\$470.00





We are gathered here today in the Holy Spirit to learn to “stir the pot”, so to speak. We are to be *salt, light, a city on a hill*. We were baptized to be another Christ in the world, to be priest, prophet and king. Today we are called to be prophets. We pray that our baptismal grace and our Eucharist will strengthen us for the tasks ahead.

The light of Christ shines brightly in our Scripture readings. As at our Baptism when we were given the light of Christ and told to “*keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts*”. Today we are told not to hide this light but to use it to transform the darkness of the world. “*To let the light of Christ shine brightly in our lives*”. We do this in the words of Isaiah: “*share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.*” Our treatment of others manifests the quality of our relationship with God. Right behavior makes our light shine “*like the dawn*”, an image that connects this passage with the Gospel where Jesus calls his disciples “*the light of the world*”. With the Word of God, the Light of Christ and the Sacrament of Jesus’ Body and Blood we are strengthened for our earthly pilgrimage and for the glorious radiance of the Kingdom that is to come.



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**1ST PLACE GRADE 6  
OLIVIA NELSON**

**1ST PLACE GRADE 4  
GIOVANNI ASTORE**

**SUNDAY BLOOD DRIVE 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM VELTRI HALL**  
**THRIFT SHOP OPENED 9:00 AM — 1:30 PM**

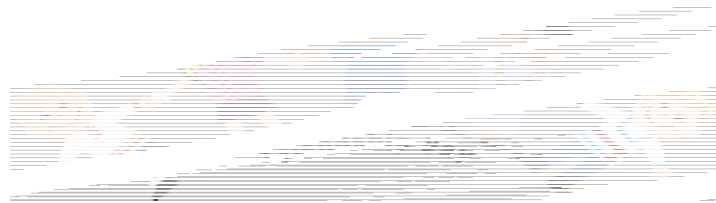
**TUESDAY 12:00—3:00 PM GOLDEN AGE CLUB VELTRI HALL**  
**COFFEE/TEA, CAKE, MUSIC, DANCING, 50/50 NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**THURSDAY ITALIAN LESSONS 10:30 AM — 12:00 PM VELTRI HALL**  
**ROSARY SOCIETY 1:00 PM RECTORY MEETING ROOM**



**FOLLOW BISHOP BRENNAN:** To increase the communication reach of Bishop Robert Brennan, he is using two effective forums to help spread the Gospel message in the Diocese using modern media to inform, inspire and enlighten:

- **PODCAST “BIG CITY CATHOLICS”:** each Friday an episode becomes available. The weekly conversations allow the listener to be a part of the exploration of our faith that impacts our everyday life as a Christian, as a parent, a friend and a professional
- **FACEBOOK:** social media is fundamentally changing how people communicate and Bishop Brennan’s usage of his Facebook forum helps bring the Church’s teachings into what Pope Benedict called the “digital continent”. Follow at: <https://www.facebook.com/bishopofbklyn>



**NEXT SUNDAY AFTER THE**  
**9:00, 11:00 & 12:30 MASSES**  
**FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY HOSTED BY**  
**OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS**

#### **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

All donations can be sent to the School Office

Thank you in advance for your support in making this year’s Card Party a great success,

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- **TICKETS ON SALE AT THE ACADEMY 718-375-2081 \$30,00 PER PERSON**  
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## - Ministerios Hispanos -



11 de febrero de 2023 - 31ª Jornada Mundial del Enfermo

MENSAJE DEL PAPA FRANCISCO PARA

LA XXX JORNADA:

"Cuidar de él, la compasión como ejercicio sinodal de sanación"

En su mensaje, el Papa nos invita a "reflexionar sobre el hecho de que es precisamente a través de la experiencia de la fragilidad y la enfermedad como podemos aprender a caminar juntos al estilo de Dios". Un estilo que es "cercanía, compasión y ternura".

Nos remite a la Encíclica Fratelli tutti, que propone "una lectura actualizada de la parábola del buen samaritano", constatando "un vínculo profundo entre esta parábola de Jesús y las múltiples formas en que hoy se niega la fraternidad". "Todo sufrimiento tiene lugar dentro de una "cultura" y en medio de sus contradicciones. De ahí el "Cuida de él" del samaritano al posadero (Lc 10,35) que Jesús nos dirige a nosotros para que hagamos lo mismo.

El 11 de febrero de 2023, el Papa nos invita a volver "nuestra mirada hacia el santuario de Lourdes como hacia una profecía, una lección confiada a la Iglesia en medio de la modernidad". Porque "no es sólo lo valioso lo que funciona y no es sólo el que produce lo que cuenta". "Los enfermos están en el centro del pueblo de Dios, que avanza con ellos como profecía de una humanidad en la que todos son valiosos y nadie debe ser excluido"

### **Oración por los Enfermos.**

*Señor Jesucristo, que para redimir a los hombres y sanar a los enfermos quisiste asumir nuestra condición humana, mira con piedad a N., que está enfermo y necesita ser curado en el cuerpo y en el espíritu.*

*Reconfortalo con tu poder para que levante su ánimo y pueda superar todos sus males; y, ya que has querido asociarlo a tu Pasión redentora, haz que confíe en la eficacia del dolor para la salvación del mundo.*

*Tú que vives y reinas por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.*

Fuente: <http://www.vicariadepastoral.org.mx>

### **NEW BULLETIN COMPANY**



Our Parish Bulletin will have a new look. The bulletin was printed by J.S. Paluch. They sold our bulletin account and we will be transitioning to a new company, Liturgical Publications Inc. (LPi) starting this week.

I hope for a smooth transition as we work with LPi for the transmission and delivery of our bulletin

**O**ur Lady of Lourdes is the name used to refer to the Marian apparition that appeared around Lourdes, France. The apparitions began on February 11, 1858, when St. Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old peasant girl from Lourdes admitted, when questioned by her mother, that she had seen a "lady" in the cave of Massabielle, about a mile from the town, while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend. Similar appearances of the "lady" took place on seventeen further occasions that year. On February 18th, she was told by the Lady to return to the Grotto over a period of two weeks. Our Lady said: *"I promise to make you happy not in this world but in the next."* On February 24th the apparition asked for *prayer and penitence for the conversion of sinners*. The next day, Bernadette was asked to dig in the ground and drink the water of the spring she found there. At first muddy, the stream became increasingly clean. As word spread, this water was given to medical patients of all kinds, and numerous miracle cures were reported. Seven of these cures were confirmed as lacking any medical explanations. The first person with a "certified miracle" was a woman, whose right hand had been deformed as a consequence of an accident. On March 25th, Bernadette was told by Our Lady: *"I am the Immaculate Conception"*. On Easter Sunday, April 7th, her examining doctor stated that Bernadette, in ecstasy, was observed to have held her hands over a lit candle without receiving any burns. On July 16th, Bernadette went for the last time to the Grotto. *"I have never seen her so beautiful before."* The Church, faced with nation-wide questions, decided to institute an investigative commission on November 17, 1858. On January 18, 1860, the local bishop finally declared that: The Virgin Mary did appear indeed to Bernadette Soubirous. These events established the Marian veneration in Lourdes. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized as a saint and many Christians believe her apparitions to have been of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius IX authorized the local bishop to permit the veneration of the Virgin Mary in Lourdes in 1862.

The Decree on the Pastoral Care of the Sick, December 7, 1972 says: *"When the Church cares for the sick, it serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body"*.

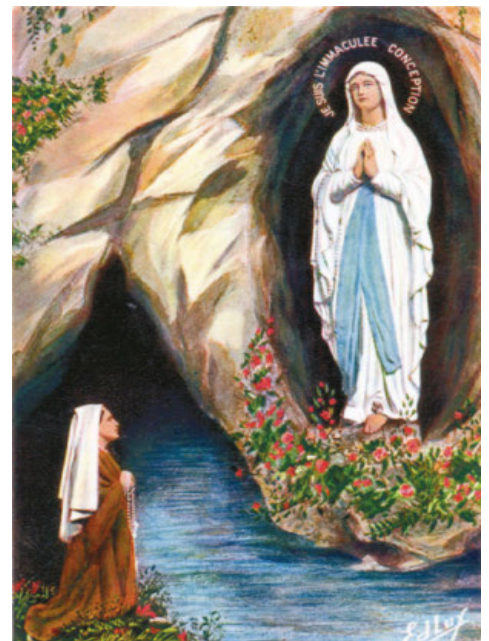
Since 1992, February 11th, the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, has been observed as the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. In the Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick, May 13, 1992, Pope Saint John Paul II wrote: *"it is a special time of sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church, and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind."*

### **Prayer for the Sick**

*Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Blessing for Caregivers**

*Almighty God, you are lavish in bestowing all your gifts;  
your mercy is without measure,  
and the treasures of your goodness without limit.  
We thank you for the ministry of pastoral care  
with which you have graced your Church.  
We thank you for these, your ministers,  
who faithfully give of themselves in caring for their  
brothers and sisters.  
Send your blessing upon them;  
shelter them in the shadow of your wings.  
May they see you in the faces of those entrusted to their care,  
and may they share your gifts with those in need  
out of love for Christ our Lord who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.*





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