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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 12, 2023 - 6TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

2/12 <u>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u> Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Saturday, Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Raffaele Persechino

9:00 AM Josephine Cardone

11:00 AM Richard Pacifico, Anthony Lupo, Josephine

Cardone, Domenico Scotto, Phyllis DiStefano

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

2/13 Monday Genesis 4:1-15,25; Mark 8:11-13

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

7:30 PM Spanish

2/14 Tuesday Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop/Valentine

Genesis 6:5-8;7:1-5,10; Mark 8:14-21

8:30 AM Josephine Cardone

2/15 Wednesday Genesis 8:6-13,20-22; Mark 8:22-26

8:30 AM Hernando R. Zoleta

2/16 Thursday Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33

8:30 AM Nicholas J. Iommarini

2/17 Friday Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34--9:1

8:30 AM Dorothy Bugliaro

2/18 Saturday BVM on Saturday

Hebrews 11:1-7; Mark 9:2-13

8:30 AM Frank Catalano



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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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED



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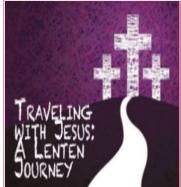
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PARISHIONERS TO CONSIDER MAKING A PLEDGE SO WE NOT ONLY GO OVER

OUR GOAL OF \$44,663.00 BUT WE ALSO GET BACK ALL MONEY OVER THE GOAL



LENTEN FAITH SHARING (VELTRI HALL KITCHEN)

NEXT MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH 10:30 AM NEXT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST 7:30 PM

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

OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION

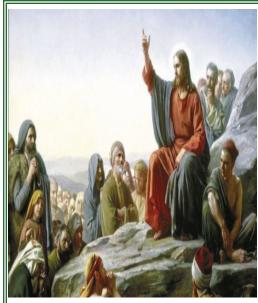
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ur Liturgy urges us to heed God's commandments, both old and new. And the root of these commandments is *love*—love of God, love of our neighbor. As we join in our celebration of the Eucharist this day we reflect on the ways that we live God's commandments

Addressing the crowds that Jesus called "Blessed" and teaching them how to live as the "salt" and "light" Jesus shows us that we are called to embrace the Christian way of life all year round. Our readcalled to embrace the Christian way of life all year round. Our readings remind us today that following the law is only the beginning. The Psalm urges us to look beyond the law to its beating heart: "Instruct me O Lord, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart." As followers of Jesus we live according to the full spirit of the law. For we know that Jesus came "not to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill". In the old covenant we are told: "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before you are life and death, good and evil, whichever you choose shall be given you". God entrusts us with the power to choose, let us pray for the grace to choose wisely the things of God choose, let us pray for the grace to choose wisely the things of God

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023 IS A SUPER SUNDAY! YES, THERE IS A FOOTBALL GAME BUT IT IS ALSO THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Statement of Purpose: World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily, married life.

History: The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, La., in 1981, when couples encouraged the mayor, the governor and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentines Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day". The event was so successful; the idea was presented to and adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's national leadership. By 1982, 43 Governors officially proclaimed the day and celebrations spread to U.S. military and the start of the star tary bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day", designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. WMD celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions every year.



Symbol: Our World Marriage Day Symbol speaks of the role and values we proclaim. Husband and wife are symbolically seen as two candle-like figures, reminding us that married love calls us to help enlighten the world. The couple is joined by a heart, focusing on love as the power that fosters unity within the couple and generates the capacity to be life-giving and inspire others to fruitfulness and

Father, as we celebrate World Marriage Day, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more One in Heart, Mind and Body. Strengthen our communication and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with the church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Brother. Amen



BURYING THE ALLELUIA

Next Sunday at the 11:00 Mass we will have an ALLELUIA PROCESSION before the Gospel to place your Alleluia signs and posters in a box that will be closed until Easter. We do not sing or say Alleluia during Lent. As this will be the last Sunday before Lent begins we will bury the Alleluia. To participate in this procession write the word ALLELUIA on construction paper, cardboard or any type of paper and decorate it. When we begin singing the Alleluia we will walk around the Church to the Sanctuary and place the Alleluia in the box

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



THIS SUNDAY AFTER THE 9:00, 11:00 & 12:30 MASSES FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY HOSTED BY OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS IN VELTRI HALL 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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- PODCAST "BIG CITY CATHOLICS": each Friday an episode becomes available.
- FACEBOOK: https://www.facebook.com/bishopofbklyn

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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Thank you in advance for your support in making this year's Card Party a great success, Mrs. Kelly Wolf Principal, OLGrace Catholic Academy

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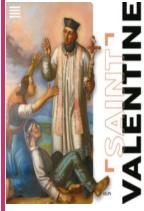
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SAVE THE DATE UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 27TH Life Line Screening See information on page 4
- MARCH (Day and Date to be Determined) Lenten Soup Supper 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 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 Food sponsored by our Scout Troop #376 50/50 Raffles & More
- MAY 6TH Parish Dinner/Dance celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Ordination of Deacon Phil, the 40th Anniversary of Fr. Guy and the 40 years of Fr. Cutrone at OLG. Place and price to be determined
- 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



The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. Who was St. Valentine? One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young — lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter — who — visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints.

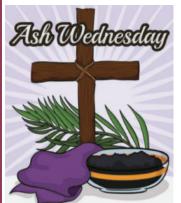
In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century. By the middle of the 18th century, it was common for friends and lovers in all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes. By the end of the century, printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also

Happy Jay

contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700's.





PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is the penitential season of the Church's year. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Lenten Season is a time of penance. It is a season in which prayer, the reception of the Sacraments, charity and almsgiving are emphasized. Lenten Coin Folders are available to aid you in your charitable giving

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

MASS: 8:30 AM, 7:30 PM & 8:45 PM IN SPANISH PRAYER SERVICES: 12:00 & 3:30 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

ENGLISH: FRIDAYS AFTER

THE 8:30 AM MASS

SPANISH: FRIDAYS 7:30 PM



ALMSGIVING: LENTEN COIN FOLDERS & THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY FROM 3:30 - 3:45 PM

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK APRIL 3RD

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.

<u>Fasting</u>: 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.

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